

Emerson School

A Caring Community



News and Notes

October/November
2022

Dear Emerson Families,

What an amazing start to the year! We are off and running and the first six weeks of school have been spent creating a climate of warmth and safety as well as routine and expectations. Our older students have enjoyed spending time with our younger students and we have been able to have two all school recesses!

As we move forward this month, we will continue to focus on our core values of support and teamwork. When we see students fulfilling these, we take pictures and put them on our all school bulletin board. We have a lot of great things happening.

One of our new and exciting experiences is that when a child has a birthday, they get to go to our book vending machine and they are able to choose a book for free! This has been very fun for each student to enjoy!

We are looking forward to Harvest Night on Thursday, October 20. We will have hotdogs, chips, and family activities for all to enjoy. We are also planning to enjoy an all school Halloween extravaganza on Monday, October 31! More details to follow.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions/concerns. My door is always open!

Sincerely,

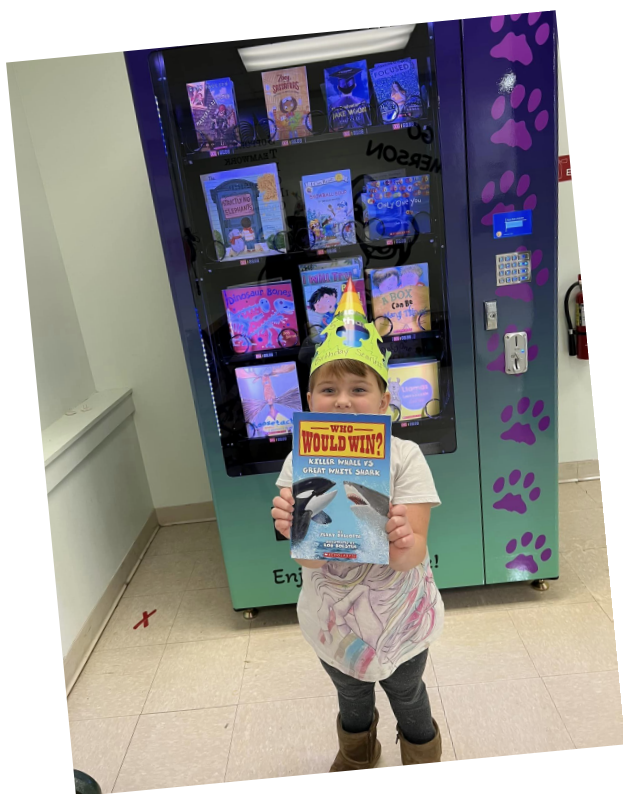
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Hello Emerson Families!

I can't believe we have already been in school for a month! It has been so nice to see everyone and get back in the school routine. The return to school always brings the first colds and sickness of the school year. Like last year, we are asking that if students are sick that they stay home from school. If a student has a fever of 100 degrees or higher they will need to remain out of school until they are fever free and off of fever reducing medication for 24 hours. If students are exhibiting cold symptoms or a fever they will need to test for COVID before they can return to school.

We have a couple of exciting opportunities coming up for students this fall. The first one, is the student flu clinic that is being held on Thursday, October 13th by Dartmouth Hitchcock Keene. Consent forms went home this week for those that are interested.

The next opportunity is the annual vision screening that the Lion's Club provides to our students. The vision screening will be taking place at the beginning of November during the school day. Forms will be sent home in mid October explaining more about the screening as well as information for those that wish to opt-out of the screening.

Please feel free to contact me at any time via email or phone with any questions or concerns.

I look forward to a wonderful year at Emerson!

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Elementary School Renovations

In March of 2021 the district voted for the School Board to develop architectural plans and quotes to renovate and consolidate all of our elementary schools. In the proposed plan we will renovate Troy School, Emerson School, and the Gilsum STEAM Academy. Mt. Caesar school will be expanded with new classrooms and a new multipurpose room. Cutler school will be closed and all Pre-K to 6th Grade students from Swanzey, Richmond, and Roxbury will attend Mt. Caesar.

A year has passed and we have accomplished a great deal! The architectural design for each school is complete, and we have filed our application to the State of New Hampshire's building aid program. If approved, the State could fund up to 50% of the project.

Each of our schools is in sore need of updates. In the past 10 years the district has voted to renovate most of Mt. Caesar, but the other schools have not been updated in as many as 80 years. Like owning an old car, if you keep putting off the repair projects, then the work is more expensive when you finally decide to do it. Currently our schools have over 100 unique projects and it would take almost 20 years to complete all of the work. Each project that gets delayed gets more expensive because of inflation. Rather than continuing that trend of renovating one school at a time (and leaving the others to wait another 5-15 years), the district's plan is to complete the entire backlog all at once.

Some of the key updates to our schools will include:

- Updated heating and cooling systems, new air quality filters, updated windows and doors
- Modern restrooms, ramps, entrances, and elevators that are handicap (ADA) compliant
- Updated secure entrances and visitor areas to honor Homeland Security codes
- Updated fire doors, fire escapes, and alarm systems to honor life safety codes

Sounds expensive, doesn't it? Actually, the District has collected solid evidence that this plan will SAVE the taxpayers money in the long haul. Consider this: if you have to choose between fixing the brakes or replacing the tires on your car, the project you decide to hold off on will cost more next year. For our schools, the alternative to our current method of approving a single project each year (and suffering inflation on all the other projects) is to finance all of the work at once with a bond (like a mortgage). This will create a more predictable tax rate for the life of the loan. The key difference between a bond and a mortgage is that you pay the same amount each month with a mortgage, but with a bond you pay less each year. This project is also expected to save money in our everyday expenses: For example, the cost to heat and cool renovated buildings will be lower than it is today.

Our next steps are to secure detailed quotes and a GMP (guaranteed maximum price) from the construction manager and wait to hear how much the state will award for funding. Both are expected in December/January. These figures will determine the specific cost of the project and what will be on this year's school district warrant.

We will continue to submit newsletters and Facebook posts to keep everyone informed of our progress. Until next time, check out the project website! www.mrsdproject.com

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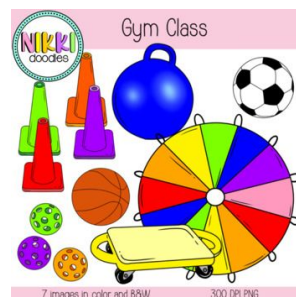
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DR GEORGE EMERSON SCHOOL
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End Date: 10/17

Our annual Meadow Farms fundraiser is in full swing. Proceeds from the fundraiser benefit the 6th grade graduation and our Tree House activities throughout the year. Please return your order forms with money by **October 17th**. Thank you for your support.

Every year, the graduating 6th graders give a gift to the school in June. After months of preparation, our gift has arrived!!! McAnney Fine Carved Signs designed a new Emerson sign for the front courtyard! Be sure to check it out in person when you pick up your children.





6 Day Schedule

Day 1 - **Art** - Tommila, Mitchell, Starrett, Anderson
PE - Welch, Underwood, Buonomano, Meyer

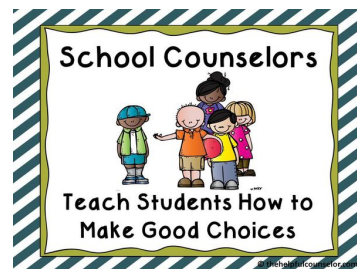
Day 2 - **Guidance** - Tommila, Mitchell, Starrett, Anderson
Art - Welch, Underwood, Buonomano, Meyer

Day 3 - **Library** - Tommila, Mitchell, Starrett, Anderson
Guidance - Welch, Underwood, Buonomano
Music - Meyer

Day 4 - **Music** - Tommila, Mitchell, Starrett
Library - Welch, Underwood, Buonomano
Guidance - Meyer
Makerspace - Anderson

Day 5 - **Makerspace** - Tommila, Mitchell, Starrett, Meyer
Music - Welch, Underwood, Buonomano, Anderson

Day 6 - **PE** - Tommila, Mitchell, Starrett, Anderson
Makerspace - Welch, Underwood, Buonomano
Library - Meyer



Important Dates in October

October 4 - Picture Day

MRSD/SAU 93 School Board Meeting, 7:00 PM

October 5-7 - Book Fair

October 7 - No School, Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 10 - No School, Columbus Day Observed

October 18 - MRSD/SAU 93 School Board Meeting

October 20 - Harvest Night 6:00 - 7:00 PM

October 28 - Truck or Treat

October 31 - Halloween

Important Dates in November

November 8 - No School - Teacher Workshop

November 11 - No School - Veteran's Day

November 23-25 - Thanksgiving Break

November 29 - Picture Retake