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Elementary & Middle School  
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"Students Rise. We All Rise"



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Dear Parents/Guardians

On behalf of the wonderful staff of Emerson K-8, we extend a gracious welcome and a return to the school building for the 2021-2022 DPSCD school year. We are again looking forward to partnering up with you to share a great academic learning experience with you and your child(ren). Please take the time to read this notice carefully and in its entirety. It will provide you and your child(ren) the necessary information that is needed to start the school year out correctly. It is also extremely important that students are on time and in attendance every day, as our teachers will be preparing them for the I-Ready and M-STEP assessments. Our school's academic success is based on our students' yearly academic growth on their assessments, so let's please work together as a team to ensure our students' academic growth and assessments are successfully.

***Emerson's school bell schedule for the 2021-2022 school year is detailed below.***

**The first day of school for students is Tuesday, September 7, 2021. Our school hours are from 7:30am until 2:40pm, Monday, through Friday. The tardy bell rings at 7:35am. On half days of school, dismissal time is 10:45am.**

All students must be present and on time daily. We ask that you pick your child(ren) up on time at dismissal. ***Emerson does not have a late pick-up or latch key program.*** Students that remain at the school after our dismissal is subject to be transported to **Safety-Net**. So, we please ask that you be on time to pick your child(ren) up for dismissal. ***Please try to avoid picking up your child(ren) early during the school day.*** When students are picked up early, they lose valuable instructional time. All students should be picked up outside of their assigned exit door. ***Older siblings will not be permitted inside the building to pick up their younger siblings. Parents and older siblings for only our preschool students are allowed to pick up the student five (5) minutes before the dismissal bell.***

**The entrance/exit doors for our students are as follows:**

- **All student (& Parents) must stop at the entrances of the both buildings to complete a Covid-19 screening per the DPSCD School District and the state of Michigan.**
- Preschool students will enter/exit the school on the *east entrance*.
- All other 1<sup>st</sup> floor kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students will enter/exit through the *glass doors* on the *east entrance* of the school, (across from the original Emerson building).
- All 2<sup>nd</sup> floor students will enter/exit through the *sliver doors* on the east end of the school, (across from the original Emerson building).
- All 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade middle school students will enter/exit through the *first door of the main campus* (across from the Annex building).
- All elementary and ESE students will enter/exit out of the *2<sup>nd</sup> door across from the playscape*.

\*\*\*Please be advised that all parents and visitors can park in the horseshoe parking lot located between the Annex and Main buildings, if space is available. **Parking along the horseshoe drive-thru is prohibited during morning arrivals and afternoon dismissals as these 2 lanes are used strictly for dropping off and picking up your child(ren).** Thank you in advance for your cooperation regarding this policy.

Detroit Public School Community District has adopted a mandatory Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade student dress code policy. All schools in the district are required to strictly enforce the Student Dress Code Policy. Our students at Emerson K-8 School are expected to wear their uniform attire Monday through Friday. Emerson's uniform dress code attire is detailed below.

**Emerson's Elementary School uniform is as follows:**

- **Girls:** Light blue or white blouse (Polo style shirts are permitted, no other form of tee-shirts will be permitted, blue or black skirts/pants (**Blue jeans are not uniform attire**), and black shoes and white gym shoes. Black or blue shorts at or below the knee are allowed during the hot weather (85 degrees or higher).
- **Boys:** Light blue or white shirts (Polo style shirts are permitted, no other form of tee-shirts will be permitted, blue or black pants (Blue jeans are not uniform attire), and black shoes and white gym shoes. Black or blue shorts at or below the knee are allowed during the hot weather (85 degrees or higher). **Shirts must be tucked inside the inside the pants, and students are not permitted to wear their pants below the waist (no sagging). A belt must worn at all times.**

**Emerson's Middle School uniform is as follows:**

- **Boy and Girls:** Red or white, black, or burgundy shirts (Polo style shirts are permitted. No other form of t-shirts will be permitted.
- **Boys and Girls:** Khaki or black pants, (Khaki or Black skirts for girls). Both boys and girls may wear Khaki or Black shorts at or below the knee during hot weather (85 degrees of higher).
- On occasion, the school will have a "Free Dress Day". ***On Free Dress Day you will always receive a written notification from the school in advance in the form of a letter and robo call, that states students can dress out of uniform.***

Please purchased clothing according to Emerson's and DPSCD uniform policy for boys and girls stated above. ***Please note, NO BLUE JEAN PANTS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE BUILDING.***

Breakfast is served every morning in the in the classrooms beginning at 7:30am and will end promptly at 7:45am. The lunch periods will begin at 10:15am to 11:55am, depending on the grade level for the students.

All students attending DPSCD, and Emerson will receive "***Free***" breakfast and lunch. ***However, the free and reduced lunch applications must still be completed and turn back to the school's office.*** Our lunch applications are tied to our school's funding; which is utilized for staff, supplemental curriculum, technology, and students' extra activities.

Educationally yours,

*Alonzo Terry Jr.*

Mr. Alonzo Terry  
Principal