Welcome Back Emerson Students and Parents! I want to thank all of you that came out to our annual Back to School Night! The staff and I are excited to have the students back and start a brand new school year! It was fun to see and meet many of the students and families roaming around Emerson during the Back to School Night.

We have a theme that we will be using for the 2013-2014 school-year. Our theme this year is C.A.R.E. which stands for Courtesy Attitude Respect and Enthusiasm. You will see this theme interwoven into many activities in the coming year.

There are some new faces at Emerson this year. Venturing onto our awesome staff is Dean of Students, Ms. Julie Croy. Ms. Croy is really not that new to Emerson. She began her teaching career at Emerson as a Physical Education teacher. Ms. Croy will be formally introducing herself in next week’s Parent Letter. Welcome, Ms. Croy to one of the best places on Earth!

There will be a Rock-n-Run (the new fundraiser) meeting next Tuesday, Sept. 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center at Emerson. This will be an opportunity for anyone that would like to be involved with the new fundraiser to learn about and express interest in the many areas it takes to make a donation-based fundraiser. I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday evening.

We will be sending a paper copy of the Parent Letter this week as well as next week. After that, if you wish to receive the Parent Letter, please log on to the www.owosso.k12.mi.us. Once you are there, select Schools towards the top of the page and under that drop down, select Emerson. On the bottom left hand side of the Emerson page, there is a link titled, “Notify Me”. Click that and you will then be signing up for school-related items that come from Emerson.

I am very excited about the new school year! I look forward to interacting with as many of you as possible. I encourage you to stop in anytime, I have an “open door policy”. I would love to discuss with you the many ways that you can become involved at Emerson.

Here’s to a GREAT year ahead. Thank you in advance for being a part of our terrific Emerson T.E.A.M. that C.A.R.E.’s about others!

Celebrate!

Please visit the Owosso Public Schools website to view the Celebration Video. The video highlights the accomplishments of OPS students thru-out the 2012-13 school year and the summer improvements made to the building and grounds of our district. http://www.owosso.k12.mi.us/
Help Us Out……..
In order for Emerson Elementary to keep your child safe, we are asking you to please help us with the following rules:

♦ Please help your child to get a quality education by helping them arrive on time and ready to learn.
♦ Arrive on school grounds no earlier than 8:30 a.m. Children then go to the gym and are met there by their teacher at 8:40. Adults are to say their good-byes at the gym doors.
♦ Do not block the bus lines on the west side of Dewey St. Drop them off on the east side and escort them across the street. Alternative drop offs can be used such as the tennis courts or Oliver St.
♦ All doors will be locked at 8:50 a.m. You may enter Emerson Elementary from the west entrance doors where there is an intercom and buzzer in operation.
♦ You must be in 3rd grade or older to ride your bike to school. Locks for bikes are recommended.
♦ Designate an outside meeting place for you to meet your child after school dismisses.

Parent Homework!
Please return all necessary forms to your child’s teacher ASAP.
This includes:
♦ Image/Name Release
♦ Technology User Agreement
♦ Volunteer Screening
♦ Handbook Review
♦ Parent/Student/Teacher Compact
♦ Pesticide/Herbicide
♦ Health Care Plan (If needed)
♦ Administration of Medicine (If needed)
Also, please label all personal items such as, lunch boxes, coats/sweaters, and backpacks.

Gym Shorts
Dear Parents,
Hope everyone had an enjoyable, active summer. I’m looking forward to a year of excitement and growth for all of the students. You may find the schedule a bit confusing, however, try to make sure your students have shoes for gym. One suggestion would be to put an extra pair of socks in their backpack, that way, if they forget their shoes, they can still borrow shoes from our shoe bank.

This marking period we will be focusing on basic strength and conditioning as well as fall sports. We will also be including IB profile traits and Global Studies as much as possible. Feel free to contact me with any questions and concerns.

Sincerely,
Mr. Eugene S. Davis
989-729-5450

Safety and Security
The safety and security of our students is our number one priority at Owosso Public Schools. We are fortunate to enter into a partnership with the Owosso Police Department which will provide two additional (the OPD already provides one, Officer Mike Olsey) trained School Resource (liaison) officers in our schools who will share our commitment to enhancing the safe learning environment we presently have for all students. Beginning this fall, Officer Mike Ash and Officer Mike Wheeler will have a presence in each of our schools, working closely with the building administrators. This collaboration is funded out of At-Risk funds from the State of Michigan that have been earmarked for safety endeavors. Additionally, we are grateful for the Owosso Police Department’s commitment to covering the costs associated with the officers’ uniforms, equipment, and transportation. Working together for the continued safety and security of our students and community is our number one priority.
Students were trained in the expected behavior for:
Hallways, Bathrooms, Cafeteria and Playground.
Students will see Officer Ash throughout the building and playground. He will also be conducting classroom lessons during the year.

Landon and Morgan welcome Officer Ash to the lunchroom!