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# Eagle Award

At the beginning of every month, faculty and staff nominate an individual who has gone above and beyond the call of duty in meeting the needs of students or being a collaborative team player. The winner receives a designated parking spot for the month and a small eagle figurine to keep. For the month of November, we congratulate Ms. Benz.

# Consideration

Teachers give their time after school and on Saturdays for your children. Tutoring is not optional. If your child's teacher recommends tutoring, please be on time for tutoring and come back on time to pick him/her up. We want to be a recognized school again for 2008-2009. It's only fair that everyone respect teachers' time. Something to consider!!



# Veteran's Day Celebration

Tuesday, November 11, the Emerson Elementary community took time to say THANK YOU to the men and women who have bravely fought to protect rights and freedoms of all Americans. Faculty, staff and students gathered around the flagpole to honor several veterans in our school community. In addition, several classes took time to display their appreciation as seen below.



## A Word from Title I

50 first grade families went by bus from Emerson to the Children's Museum for Family Math Adventure on November 13th, and had a great time. Ms. Aramayo, Ms. Embid, and Ms. Sonnenberg accompanied the families.



Tuesday, 2nd Cup of Coffee...December 9th...READING DAY CELEBRATION! **Kindergarten through 2nd grade Parents** are invited to visit their child's reading classroom from 8:00-9:30 a.m. Refreshments served on the Patio



## Thanksgiving Safety Tips from Officer Brown

Families sometime entertain strangers. Many travel to visit relatives. Here are a few tips to stay safe.

- Keep documents with personal information, valuables and car keys locked in a designated area.
- Put away all prescription medications
- Talk to family and friends about the dangers of drinking and driving. Use safety videos, articles and internet to assist with the facts.
- Keep close watch on your children.

Have a safe and happy holiday, but remember THINK SAFE!

## Election Results

On Thursday, Oct. 30, our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students voted on their choice for the next president of the United States. The results are as follows:

John McCain	45
Barack Obama	242

Votes were counted by students in our Young Leaders Club.

**Congratulations President-Elect Barack Obama!**

## Box Tops for Education

Continue to collect Box Tops. Each student who brings in 10 box tops by the end of November will receive a Popsicle. Box tops are found on many items, including many cereals and diaper products.

Parents can check [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) for a complete list of items and also coupons that can be downloaded. All money collected from the box tops is used by our school.

Parent Connection

# Websites for Kids

[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)

Starfall is recognized and highly rated by experts as a top educational website.

[www.pbs.com](http://www.pbs.com)

Play, explore and READ on PBS Kids Island.

[www.kidbiz3000.com](http://www.kidbiz3000.com)

As a student of Emerson Elem., your child is already registered on this great interactive website. Username (student ID number) and password (1234).



## Academy Donates 25 Bikes

Academy has graciously donated 25 bicycles to Emerson Elementary! On December 17, the bicycles will awarded to students with excellent attendance and who complete daily KidBiz activities.



## Toy Drive

Emerson Elementary and the Salvation Army have teamed up to sponsor a toy drive December 1 – 15 to benefit children from the Galveston area. Please bring unwrapped toys to school during this time.

Happy Holidays!

## Arthur Visits Emerson!



Emerson Elementary Library Department received a special visit from Arthur courtesy of Barnes & Noble. Arthur and his guest read several of his stories to delighted prekindergarten, kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes.

Thanks Arthur!

## Incoming Events

### Border's Book Drive

- November 16 – December 13

### Parent Involvement Day

- Thursday, November 18
  - Celebrate Reading, 8:00 a.m.
  - Gobble, Gobble Math, 6 p.m.

### Thanksgiving Luncheon

- November 20

### Barnes & Noble Book Fair

- Friday & Saturday, December 5-6

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### Jumpstart's Read for the Record Day

- December 9