



The Emmons Lake Scots Spotlight

Emmons Lake Elementary

Aug. 28, 2026

Educational Excellence... Every Day, Every Child!

THE WEEK at a glance

MON.	TUES.	WEDS.	Thurs.	FRI.
8/31	9/1	9/2	9/3	9/4
				No School
9/7	9/8	9/9	9/10	9/11
No School				

A note from the Principal:

What a wonderful first week of school!

Our students are settling into their routines, learning their classroom schedules, learning the various ways to SOAR around the building, and connecting with new friends. It has been wonderful to see them grow more comfortable and confident each day!

As we head into next week, we will begin assessments with students to collect baseline data. This information will help guide our work and ensure we are providing the best possible support for your child's learning and growth.

Attendance is very important during this time and allows us to complete the assessment process efficiently. We also know that getting a good night's rest and enjoying a healthy breakfast in the morning helps students arrive ready to learn and perform at their best.

Thank you for your continued partnership and for supporting your child's education. We are so excited for all that this school year has in store!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Tricia Maday

Contact Us:



Maranda Pellerito

Angela Royce



616-528-8100

Upcoming Events:

Emmons Lake Calendar

9/4 No School

9/7 Labor

9/16 Picture Day

9/29 Dental Screening

Import Information

Safety, Ongoing Kindness, Act Responsibly, Respect

Table Talk :

Ask your child how they are S.O.A.R.ing at school this week.



School Hours:

Start of Day: 8:45am

Students may not be dropped off before 8:35 am

Unless they are having Breakfast at 8:30

End of Day: 3:40pm

Half-Day Dismissal 12:00 pm

[Emmons Lake Website Here](#)

Mobile App Support

PowerSchool

Breakfast

Lunch

[School Breakfast & Lunch Program](#)

End of day Pick UP?

Make sure you have your Parent Pick Up number.

If you need one, check in with the office.

Early Pick Up?

Call the office when you are on your way.

ALL early pick ups must be done before 3:15pm



Late/Absent:

Please contact the school whenever your student will be late or absent.

You can call the office 616-528-8100.

Or by emailing the teacher and both secretaries.

Please remember to include the reason for the being late or absent.

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We Are a Hand2Hand School



hand2hand
because a hungry child hurts

EMMONS LAKE ELEMENTARY HOME OF THE FIGHTING SCOTS CAR LINE 101

A QUICK GUIDE FROM YOUR SAFETY PATROL MOMS

★ NEW TO THE CAR LINE? WELCOME! • BEEN HERE FOR YEARS?
A QUICK REFRESHER NEVER HURTS! ★

1 PULL ALL THE WAY FORWARD



Follow the car ahead and pull all the way to the end of the sidewalk by the dumpsters. Filling the whole sidewalk lets several cars load or unload at once.



2 READY BEFORE YOU PULL UP



Shoes on • Coat on • Breakfast finished • Backpack ready. Need more time? Park, get ready, then walk your child to the door.

3 SIDEWALK SIDE ONLY



Students always enter and exit from the sidewalk side. Arrange seats or car seats ahead of time so no child steps into the traffic lane.

4 NEED TO BUCKLE? PLEASE PARK.



If your child needs help with a car seat or seat belt before or after school, pull into a parking spot. Please don't get out while in the car line.

5 NEED A LITTLE EXTRA TIME?



Hard morning or long goodbye? We understand! Park and walk your child up once they're ready so they get the time they need without stopping the line.

6 SAFETY FIRST



Watch for students and families using the crosswalk. Stay alert, follow the car ahead, and don't pull around another vehicle unless directed.

A NOTE FROM YOUR SAFETY PATROL MOMS

These procedures apply to EVERYONE. We're parent volunteers, and if we give you a reminder or direction, please be patient and kind - we're simply helping keep students safe and the line moving. Questions or unsure what to do? Just ask - we're happy to help!

THANK YOU FOR HELPING OUR SOARING SCOTS ARRIVE & HEAD HOME SAFELY!



Welcome to a New School Year!

On behalf of the PTO, welcome! We are so excited to partner with both new and returning families to make this year amazing for our students and staff. Your ideas, time, and support help build a strong, caring community for our kids.

3 Easy Ways to Get Involved Today:

Scan the attached graphic to see upcoming events and ways to help. Tip: Screenshot the image so you can easily scan the QR codes with your phone!

Enter the Gift Card Drawing: Opt in to the PTO newsletter by Monday, August 31 (5 day extension) to be entered to win a Butcher Block Social gift card. You'll stay updated on all school news, events, and volunteer spots.

Come to Our First Meet & Greet: Mark your calendar for Tuesday, September 22 at 6:30 PM. Stop by to say hello, ask questions, and hear what we have planned for the year!

Join Us in Prayer: We invite anyone who would like to pray for the school year to gather at the flagpole near the front entrance on Monday, August 31 at 8:20 AM.

We look forward to a great year together and can't wait to see you on September 22!

Amanda Jantz, Vice President

Candice Harig, Treasurer

Ashley Marchand, Secretary

EMMONS LAKE PTO

WELCOME TO 2026-27

Same school. Fresh ideas. New energy.



1 WELCOME

A FRESH START FOR PTO.

We love Emmons Lake and this community. This year, we're making PTO more flexible so more parents, guardians, grandparents and caregivers can get involved in a way that works for them.

PTO shouldn't require a lifestyle change. You choose HOW. IF. WHEN.

2 HOW DO YOU WANT TO PTO?

 SHOW UP Meetings, events, family activities	 LEND A HAND One hour, one event, or behind the scenes	 CHIP IN Help fund field trips, programs & experiences	 JOIN THE CREW Ideas, projects, chairs or board roles
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3 OUR FIRST MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 | 6:30 PM

IN PERSON + VIRTUAL OPTION

Come meet the team, hear what's ahead, share your ideas, and see what PTO can look like this year. No commitment required — just come see what we're about.



4 STAY CONNECTED



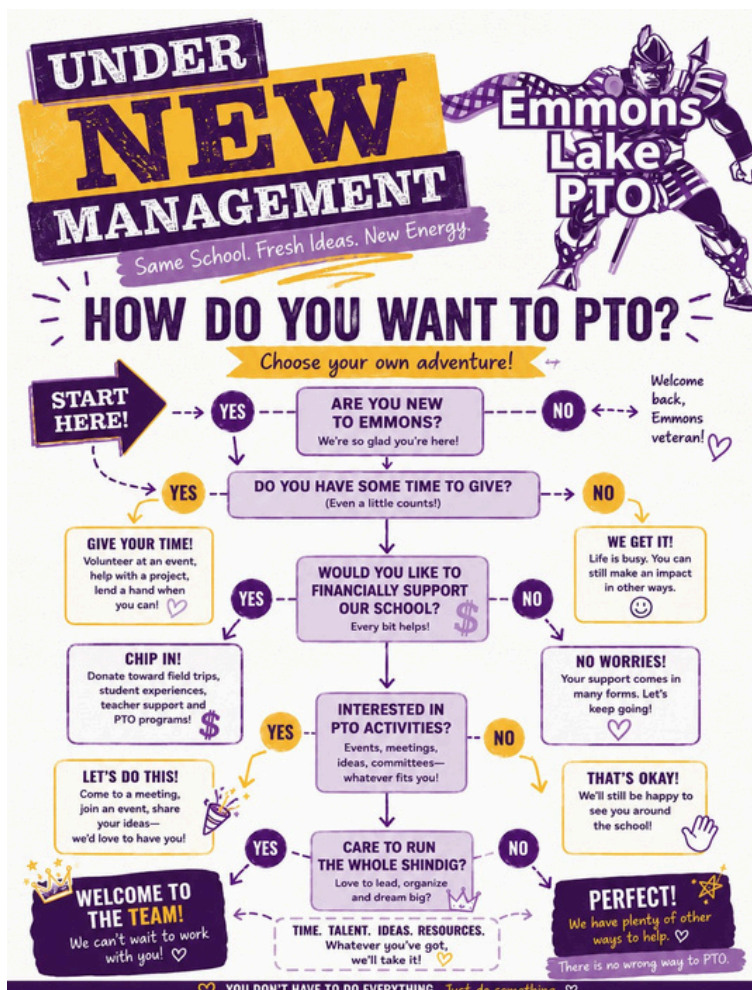
WEBSITE
Home base



NEWSLETTER
Updates + volunteer info



FACEBOOK
Quick updates + community



Start the School Year *Connected & Ready!*

Your resources. Your updates. All in one place.



CCS APP

Your school & community information **all in one place.**

- Calendars
- Alerts & Updates
- School News
- Facebook Posts
- Resource Center News
- Community Events

Choose the schools & groups you want to follow & turn on notifications.



[App Support](#)



MEAL MAGIC

Check meal balances, add money for additional purchases, review account activity, and complete your **Education Benefits/Meal Application.**

[Lunch Menus](#)



Can't Access Your Account?

Before creating a new account, try the **"I need to unlock my account"** option on the Meal Magic login page.



MY RIDE

View your student's bus stop, route, and pickup information and receive transportation updates.

[My Ride Support](#)

Riding the Bus?

- ✓ [Route Information](#)
- ✓ [Pickup Time](#)
- ✓ [Bus Updates](#)



POWERSCHOOL

Complete your **annual forms** in PowerSchool, review student information, and make sure your contact information is current by **September 30, 2026.**

[PowerSchool Support](#)

District Code:

GHDL

Log in Today!



Before You're Done...

CCS APP

- ☐ Download or update the CCS App
- ☐ Choose schools & groups to follow
- ☐ Turn on notifications

MEAL MAGIC

- ☐ Check your Meal Magic account
- ☐ Complete the Education Benefits/Meal Application

MYRIDE

- ☐ If your student rides the bus, check your student's information

POWERSCHOOL

- ☐ Complete your annual PowerSchool forms

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**Together,
We're Ready**

*for a great
year!⁴*

School Meals

Fueling Success Every Day!

Breakfast and lunch is currently **FREE for all CCS students**. Families should still complete the Education Benefits/Meal Application. It helps **support CCS funding** and **may qualify your family for additional benefits**.

6 Reasons to Complete the Free & Reduced Lunch Application:



Increased funding to support your child's school



Discounts on ChromeCare Plans for qualifying families



Discounts for fees associated with college application process



Discounted fees for SAT, ACT & AP tests along with scholarship opportunities



Receive discount on fees associated with credit recovery



Discounts on pay-to-participate fees for qualifying student athletes

How To Apply

Log in to the Meal Magic Family Portal and select **Benefits**.



[Family Portal](#)

BREAKFAST IS SERVED DAILY IN CAFETERIAS

High School North/South: 7:00 AM | Duncan Lake Middle: 7:00 AM | Kraft Intermediate: 7:00 AM
All Elementary Schools: 8:30 AM | Duncan Lake Early Childhood Center: 9:00 AM



ChromeCare

Protect What Matters

Protect your student's district-issued Chromebook with optional ChromeCare coverage.

Cost: \$20 per year per student per device

Purchase by: September 22, 2026

[ChromeCare](#)



Community Events & Flyers

Stay Connected Locally

Looking for activities outside of school? Follow **Community** in the CCS App or visit our **Community Events page** for information on local programs, events, and community activities.

[Community Events](#)

NEED HELP? We've Got You!

Can't access Meal Magic? Need help with PowerSchool? Not sure how to set up the CCS App or MyRide?

Scan the QR Code to access **Resources** on the Caledonia Community Schools website.



[Resources](#)

Step-by-step help and tutorials for families.



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