



The Emmons Lake Scots Spotlight

Emmons Lake Elementary

Sept 12, 2025

Educational Excellence... Every Day, Every Child!

THE WEEK at a glance



MON.	TUES.	WEDS.	Thurs.	FRI.
9/15	9/16	9/17	9/18 Dental Screening	9/19
9/22	9/23	9/24	9/25	9/26 PTO: Harvest Hustle Carnival

A note from the Principal:

Emmons Lake Community,

It has been a productive and fulfilling start to the school year here at Emmons Lake! Routines are established, relationships are growing, and this week we were able to complete nearly all of our beginning-of-the-year testing. Next week, our team will begin reviewing the data to form intentional small groups so that every student is met right where they are—both academically and socially. We are excited to get this work underway!

This week also marked the first meeting of our attendance team. We reviewed last year's trends and began examining this year's start. If you were with us last year, you know attendance was an area of focus for our school. We made significant improvements in our attendance rate, but we don't want to settle or lose momentum. Our goal is to continue reducing chronic absenteeism.

Chronic absenteeism occurs when a student misses 10% or more of the school year. At this threshold, the ISD and county step in to support families. We want to be proactive in our approach and communication so that no student reaches that point. Our shared goal is for every student to strive for five or fewer absences for the entire year.

One final note: I will be hosting our first "Coffee With the Principal" on Monday, September 29, at 9:30 a.m. These events are an opportunity for parents and guardians to learn more about the magic happening at our school while also creating space for dialogue and partnership as we work together to make Emmons the best it can be.

Topics for this event will include:

- * Attendance
- * Beginning-of-the-year data
- * New systems and structures for this school year
- * Supports available for students

I look forward to seeing you there!

Educationally yours,
Mr. Walters



Lauren Carpenter
Angela Royce



616-528-8100

Upcoming Events:

Emmons Lake Calendar

9/18 Dental Screening

9/29 Coffee with the Principal

10/1 Count Day

S.O.A.R.

Safety, Ongoing Kindness, Act Responsibly, Respect

Table Talk :

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

Things to Know:

SCHOOL HOURS

START OF DAY: 8:45 AM

(STUDENTS MAY NOT BE DROPPED OFF BEFORE 8:40 AM)

END OF DAY: 3:40 PM

HALF-DAY DISMISSAL: 12:00 PM

Helpful Links Below:

[Emmons Lake Website Here](#)

[Mobile App Support](#)

[PowerSchool](#)

Parent Links <https://www.calschools.org/schools/emmons-lake-elementary/for-parents/>

Drop Off and Pick Up Guidelines: When dropping off or picking up your child(ren) please remember if you need to get out of your car, please park in the lot. The drop off and pick up line is only for those who's kids who are getting out of and in the car on their own, in order to help keep the line moving. You can review more details of the guidelines here: [Drop Off and Pick Up Guidelines](#)

End of Day Changes: The best way to communicate a change in your child's plan for getting home has changed is to send a note to their teacher. If you email the teacher, please be sure to also include the office secretaries (in case the teacher is out and has a sub). Life happens, and things change, so if the plans changes during the day, you can always call the office. Be sure to call prior to 2:30pm, this allows the office enough time to communicate the change with your child's teacher.

Breakfast and Lunch Menus <https://calschool.nutrislice.com/>

Bus Information

Need to find your child's bus information? We've got you covered! Visit our knowledge base article for step-by-step instructions on how to access bus details through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. It's quick, easy, and ensures you have all the information you need to start the school year smoothly.

Note: This information is only accessible through a desktop, not the mobile PowerSchool app. If you have any questions about busing, please reach out to our transportation department at transportation@calschools.org.

Strive for Five : <https://www.calschools.org/our-district/attendance/>

Absence: It is important let the school know anytime your child will be absent. You can reach us by calling the office at 616-528-8100 or emailing both secretaries and your child's teacher. If you leave a message please be sure to include your child's name, and the reason why they are out. If your child is absent because they are ill, please be sure to share what symptoms they are having.



Hello Everyone!


Our biggest fall fundraiser, the Harvest Hustle, is just around the corner, on **Friday, September 26th!** Donation forms have already gone home in student backpacks, and you'll be seeing an email soon with more details. We are asking each child to raise \$75 to help us reach our goal this year! **Donations are due Wednesday, September 24th!**

We are so excited to celebrate everyone's hard work with a fun **Carnival following the Hustle that evening at 5 pm.** We will have inflatables, games, and a treat walk! We will also have a food truck and ice cream there for discounted prices to our Emmons families!! We hope you will join us for some fun community time together!

A huge thank you to those who have already signed up to bring treats for the treat walk, or to volunteer at a station during the day and at the carnival—we couldn't do this without you! Interested in helping?



Please join us for our first PTO meeting of the year on **Tuesday, September 16th at 4:00 PM.** We'd love to see new and familiar faces as we kick off another great school year together!

 **Popcorn Day is back next Friday, September 19th!** We're looking forward to smelling that fresh popcorn throughout the building once again. A big shoutout to our amazing popcorn crew for making this beloved tradition happen.

Stay tuned for more fun events and volunteer opportunities happening throughout the school year!



As always, reach out to the PTO with any questions!
emmonsPTO@calschools.org

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Glow Golf & Boombox Bingo

Save the date for the Senior Class of 2026 Fundraiser on Saturday, September 20, 2025, at Tyler Creek Golf Course. The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. and promises a fun night of fundraising to support our seniors. Guests can choose between the Glow Golf Tournament or Boombox Bingo, with food, music, and auction opportunities rounding out the night. Check out the flyer for more details.