

# *The Raider Times*

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*Emmons is students, staff, parents, and community working together to prepare our students for a successful future through excellent experiences and growth opportunities.*

***Emmons PTO Family Fun Fest this Weekend...*** We are holding our annual FREE community carnival tomorrow night, February 21<sup>st</sup>, from 6:00-8:00pm in the Tabar Gymnasium and multi-purpose room. The night will feature some of your favorite Fun Fest traditions, such as the Cake Walk, face painting, and food. We may also have a few new surprises this year. Parents are asked to bring their baked goods for the Cake Walk to school between 4-6pm tomorrow. The PTO is also looking for volunteers for this event – if you are interested in helping us, please contact Mrs. Melanie Glander at (847) 838-5751 or via e-mail at [gelx5@aol.com](mailto:gelx5@aol.com). Thank you for making this event possible!

***Anti-Bullying Workshop...*** Parents of all Emmons students are invited to participate in an anti-bullying information workshop here at school. This informal, interactive session will take place from 5:00-6:30pm on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Over the course of these 90 minutes, we will present:

- The definition of bullying
- Facts about bullying
- Exposing bullying myths
- Warning signs of victims and bullies
- Parent tips for keeping kids bully-free
- Bringing out the best in our kids
- Teaching your child appropriate means of communication
- The role that bystanders play in bullying
- An opportunity for parent questions and answers

Our conversation will be joined that evening by Detective Andrea Usry of the Lake County Sheriff's Police Department. We hope that all of our parents will be able to attend this important presentation. Interested parents should contact Mrs. Carla Pratt in the school office to RSVP (847-395-1105 x210) no later than Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.

**March Parent-Teacher Conferences...**A letter will be coming home soon with instructions for using our online service to register for Parent-Teacher conferences next month. Each Emmons teacher will be available for three hours of conference time between March 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Teachers will offer 18 10-minute conference slots on one of those days. Before we open up the online scheduler, teachers will be blocking out times for parents of students who are currently struggling or who feel would benefit from participating in a team conference. Please look for more information regarding Spring conferences in *The Raider Times* next week.

**Emmons List Serv Now Available...**Parents interested in receiving notes, mail, and important updates from Emmons School electronically can now sign up for this service on the front page of our website. Once you have subscribed to this free service, you will receive notification of sports/activity schedule changes, newsletters, and emergency closing information via the email address you provide. All of our parents should take advantage of this great new service!

**Back Packs for Open Arms...**Emmons School second graders have planned and will run a Back Pack Food Drive for Antioch’s Open Arms Mission. Now through Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, our second graders will collect, sort, and count a variety of canned and non-perishable food items that we will send to Open Arms’ food pantry for their Back Pack Program. Through this program, the pantry fills backpacks with nutritious snacks and gives them to needy children on the weekends. Currently, 42 elementary-age children participate in this program. Our second graders are going the “extra degree” by collecting items like canned fruit, instant oatmeal, juice boxes, individually packaged cereal, instant soup and macaroni and cheese and then getting them ready for a Friday pick-up we have arranged with the social worker at Open Arms. Please contact Mrs. Smith or Mrs. Blake at (847) 395-1105 if you would like to contribute any items to this program or if you have any questions.

***The Week Ahead...***

<b>Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Study Hall – Library 3:30-4:00pm Library
<b>Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Study Hall – Library 3:30-4:00pm Library 8 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls’ Bball – at Stanton 4:15/5:15pm
<b>Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Study Hall – Library 3:30-4:00pm Library 8 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls’ Bball – St. Bede’s Tournament
<b>Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Study Hall – Library 3:30-4:00pm Library 8 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls’ Bball – St. Bede’s Tournament 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls’ Bball – vs. Johnsburg 4:15pm
<b>Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Study Hall – Library 3:30-4:00pm Library 8 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls’ Bball – St. Bede’s Tournament
<b>Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup></b>	8 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls’ Bball – St. Bede’s Tournament