



New Lunches: Better or Worse?

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This year Emmons School got new lunches. We have been trying to find whether or not it is for better or worse. Many kids like the new lunches overall but some of them are not very enthusiastic about them. Some kids think that there should be more selection of food. For example, one girl said that they have been serving pizza over and over and she would like something different. Some of the suggestions that we got were to get a

salad bar or maybe order food in from places like Subway or Dominoes once in a while because they are both healthy and taste good.

When we interviewed Dr. Machak he said that it seems like the lunch program has improved and more kids are buying these lunches than the old lunches. His opinion is that the new lunches are good and he thinks that kids enjoy them more because there is better quality and more variety. They chose this lunch company by putting the requirements of what the school wanted

out for bid. Then companies had to reach those requirements and submit a bid to the school. After they found which lunches met the standards, they decided which one to get by looking at the prices.

Overall, the new lunches have been a hit. We hope students get more of a selection and the school gets more buyers.

3rd Grade Gets New Teacher, Mrs. Gehring

Haley Beyer and
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The new 3rd grade teacher Mrs. Gehring, a former police officer of four years gave us some input this month on her new job at Emmons. We asked her how she liked Emmons School so far. She responded by saying that she loves Emmons because it is such a small school. It is like one big family. Mrs.

Gehring chose to teach 3rd grade because the students are at a level where they already know the basics. As Mrs. Gehring said, "The students are reading to learn not learning to read." Mrs. Gehring attended Roosevelt University and has her masters degree in elementary education.

Since she is a new teacher at Emmons, we asked her how her class was treating her and how she liked

working with Mrs. O'Donnell, the other 3rd grade teacher. "Mrs. O'Donnell is a great teacher to work with and has great ideas," Mrs. Gehring answered. She also added that her students are very good to her. They started out quiet and nervous because they heard she was a former police officer, but they have warmed up to her now. So far, Mrs. Gehring loves her new job at Emmons School.

Kindergarten Hard at Work

Jake Regan

It seems that the kindergarten is working to the best of their ability. Mrs. White is helping them so they can become bright, competent students. This group just finished their first MAP tests. They are also learning about rhymes, patterns, the alphabet and how to write their names correctly. Currently they are reading Robert Munch books. They are still trying to get to know their surroundings and each other. They will work hard this year and even harder in years to come.

The Sixth Grade Perspective by Hope Reband and Annie Horner

This year all of last years fifth graders transitioned to middle school. It has been a big change. There is a lot more homework, you change classes every period and you have to fit all your books into your cubby. Some students think middle school is awesome and some wish they could have stayed in fifth grade.

We really enjoy middle school but we also loved elementary school. We both have a lot of good memories. All of us had so much fun when we were there but now we have grown older and so we have to start middle school. All the teachers in grades K-5 were totally awesome to us, they even tolerated us when we were being terrible or way too loud. Another thing we liked about elementary school

was that you got less homework, and you really get used to that. There are so many other things that we loved about elementary school we can't list them all here.

As we said before, all fifth graders transitioned to middle school in sixth grade—scary, we know. It has been pretty awesome for the most part. First of all, you get a lot of homework, about twice as much as fifth grade. It really does take some getting used to and after a while you really do get used to it. We love that we get to switch classes every period so you don't have to sit in the same chair all day! Sometimes you don't get to see all your friends in all your classes but most likely you will see them in the hall between classes.

We really enjoyed elementary school but we know that we'll enjoy middle school just as much. Even if it is way different, we know we will get used to it. We will miss our old memories but we know we will make new ones in middle school!

Interview Emmons New Athletic Director by Nathan Loscher

Mr. Wiegel sat down with me last week to talk about his new job as the Emmons athletic director. He has been the athletic director since July. One of the things he said was most important about his new job is to not make the coaches worry about the games and how they do. When asked about his new job, Mr. Wiegel said it takes a lot of time to organize everything. He does this part of his job not only during the day but after school and

on the weekends. One other important part of his job as athletic director is to make games happen. He does this by scheduling games and getting the referees needed to run the games. As athletic director, Mr. Wiegel thinks that one of the most important part of his job is making sure students and parents know who is eligible each week and who is not. Mr. Wiegel took over as athletic director from Mr. Shepherd. He said Mr. Shepherd did

a great job and he hopes he can exceed expectations as the new director.

How Can We Help This Year? By Brett Mohr

Emmons School has always done things for the less fortunate. Almost every trimester we have food drives, fundraisers and walks to raise tons of money. There is something new every trimester. Mrs. Moser and Mrs. McCameron are the leaders of a group called Kids Coalition here at Emmons that help raise funds and determine where the money will go.

They organize many fundraisers that we have here at Emmons. Some past exam-

ples include: Fortunate Pooches, backpacks with school supplies for kids in need of them and the fundraiser that helped send children in Tanzania to secondary school.

How can we help this year? Hopefully our focus can be close to home with things like the fire department, police department or senior centers. No matter

what we do, it will help someone when they really need it. Remember that and get involved if you can.

New Lunch Program

At Emmons School there are new student lunches. I have asked others how they like the new lunches. Most of them said they like the lunches better than the old school lunches, but still aren't perfect. I asked thirty people if they like the lunches or not. Twenty-two said yes while eight said no.

Braden Ward said he would like there to be a salad bar and a bigger variety of food. I can agree with Braden but I do like the new lunches better than the old ones because they are bigger lunches. I think that they are actually real lunches and they smell way better when they are cooking than the old ones. Overall, most of the middle

school that I spoke with said they like the new lunches but some said there is still room for improvement. What do you think?

By Brandon Faber

Changes in the After School Bus Run

Last year, Emmons School had two bus runs in order to get all the students home. However, this year the school has added a fourth bus to get everyone home in one run. This made the 2nd run unnecessary. I spoke with Dr. Machak to find out about the change. It turns out that the 2nd run was eliminated because parents and students had concerns

about the amount of time it took for students to get home after school. I think the 2nd run should be restored. Some parents are not home when their kids get home from school. Some parents may not like leaving their kids home alone and some kids don't want to be home alone. Some might have depended on the 2nd run so that they could be home when their kids got home. Another reason that the 2nd run should be returned is that kids were able to use a study hall while they waited for the bus and had teachers help them with homework while they waited. When I asked Dr. Machak if the 2nd run could return, he said it is up to the parents, students and staff of Emmons School. I for one, hope that it returns.

By Kylie Hansen

Block Scheduling in Middle School

by Ben Poss

Emmons middle school has made the last three periods of the day into a block schedule. This is where the last three periods get crammed into two and the periods rotate each day of the week so you still have the same amount of class time with each teacher, you just have longer periods. I personally don't like this new idea. It drags out the classes so the second half of your day is really long and boring. I find myself full of energy after recess, and then suddenly feeling tired the rest of the school day. I took a

brief survey of eleven middle school students and talked to many more about the block schedule. Most students I spoke with did not like the block schedule. Out of the eleven I spoke with, only 1 liked it and one other thought it was so-so. When I asked people why they did or didn't like it, many of the answers were the same. For those that did like it, they liked the fact that they only had two classes of homework to worry about and they had more time to get the homework done in class. For those that don't like

the block schedule some of the reasons included too much time sitting and that makes us kids feel squirmy and we need to get up and move around. Another reason was because it's confusing. We want a consistent schedule so we can know what's going on. Also if you don't like a subject you have it for an entire hour. Most students really dislike the block schedule and I hope it gets changed back to normal.

Bleacher Seating for 8th Grade

by Marissa Werba

The right side of the bleachers has been where the 8th grade has traditionally sat for the past 3 or 4 years during assemblies. This year things have changed and we 8th graders don't like it. Sitting on the right side of the bleachers is something we looked forward to when we became an 8th grader and now that has changed.

I was disappointed when I found out that the middle school gets the top two rows of the bleachers, I want to be able to set a

good example for the little kids. I can't be seen by the little kids when I am at the top of the bleachers. I surveyed the 8th grade and 23 other students agreed with me, we should be able to set a good example for the little kids if we sit on the right side of the bleachers.

My solution to this is to allow the 8th grade to sit on the right side of the bleachers again and if we misbehave or don't set a good example then put us back in the top two rows. Another alternative

is to just have the people that are not being a good example sit next to teachers. This addresses any problems to the individual causing them, not everyone. We should be able to have the privilege of sitting to the right until we do something that shows we can't handle it. We need to be given the chance to show we can live up to the expectations of good behavior during assemblies.

Ask Olivia Advice Column

Q: Why don't I have a boyfriend?

A: My response to the question is to perhaps ask yourself that same question. I'm sure there is a lot to like about yourself but to get a boyfriend, isn't just to have a boyfriend. It is about finding someone that can be a friend to you first and to like some-

one as more than a friend who likes you back in the same way. Don't throw yourself out there. If a guy truly likes you, he will like you for who you are. Some tips you can try are to be friendly and outgoing around guys, especially towards the ones you seem to like. There is nothing wrong with being sociable and you are certainly not going to

get a boyfriend by sitting there and not talking to anyone. Be yourself but don't share too much information. Talking and getting to know each other is a great way to start something new!

Do you have a question for Olivia? The question box is in Mrs. Clinton's room. Submit one and see if Olivia answers.

Snaps for Nathan by Nathan Roden



War

The contest of war is wicked,
the fiery ocean of hate and criticism,
this can dangle and journey through
continents and then the world,
some people would say, "Come in!" to war
but some would journey to stop it.

By Nathan Roden



Ward on the World... by Braden Ward

To the people of America, why are door-knobs changing? Think back to the good old days. Remember when your dog couldn't open the door and had to wait for you to let it out? Well, those days are over. Door knobs have variety now and the good old days are over. We shouldn't have a variety of doorknobs.

In my opinion, the round twisting good old door knobs are the best. When you

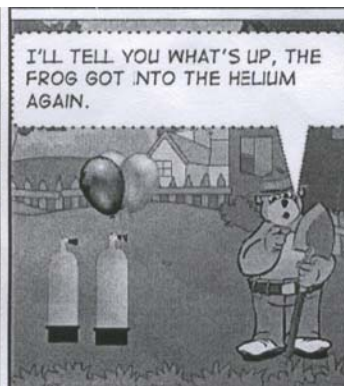
spin it to one side, the knob on the other side spins with it. It works. Simple right?

Other people have opinions too. A lucky Emmons' employee thinks that the door-knobs with the long handles are the best. They think it seems easier to open and you can open them with wet or greasy hands. Another 6th grader at Emmons who will remain nameless thinks the

round knobs are better. He says they are the original and shaped like a round cube. I guess that from my small poll, the twisting round doorknob wins.

I knew that the twisting round doorknobs were better. Besides, I always win these types of agreements. Doorknobs that are round and twist are just better than the others.

by Stone Daughton



Service Points for 8th Grade by Liz Zagorski

Service points. What are they? Service points are what all 8th graders need to earn in order to be allowed to go on the end of the year trip. The 8th grade trip could be to places like Chicago or Lake Geneva or any other place the students suggest with the approval of the superintendent and the school board. Students need at least 125 points and they can earn them by doing extra stuff for the school or out in the community.

At school, there are lots of things to do. At sports events kids can help with concessions, admissions, scoreboard or the score book. Another way to earn points at school is to help with market day. Students who work market day help parents by delivering their orders to the cars or helping pull orders on Market Day

from 3:30 to 5:30 for 25 points. Students in 8th grade can also help at the PTO Holiday House. Holiday house is a place where the little kids can shop for holiday presents for their family. Another option is peer tutoring for other kids at school. Some 8th graders choose to do recycling for 5 weeks for 45 points. They go around to all the rooms in the building and take out the recycling. One other job available is flag raising. This is done before and after school for 5 weeks for 45 points.

8th graders are not limited to earning service points at school, they can earn them in the community too. They can volunteer at many non-profit organizations. Some 8th graders go to Open Arms Mission, do things for the police or

fireman and church activities. There is a form that students need to fill out and have signed by someone who supervises them with the community work. Mr. Smith has the forms and keeps track of the points for all 8th grade students. Community work usually earns 10 points per hour of work depending on what the service is. Service is important and Emmons School provides opportunities for students to participate.

News from Second Grade by Joe Simpson

Mrs. Blake and Mrs. Smith have been doing a unit on frogs and toads in science class. Students are studying the characteristics of these amphibians. Similarities and differences are also discussed. The highlight is when they get to bring in frogs and toads to class. Many kids have gone searching for frogs and toads. They like to call it "ponding". They observe them in class but they need to stay in their habitat. In other words, the lids are sealed tight.

Mrs. Blake reading groups are working

on the book *Freckle Juice*. Together students made the juice following the recipe in the book to try and get freckles. The ingredients are gross: mayonnaise, pineapple juice, ketchup, lemon, salt, pepper and vanilla. Students drank it and thought that Logan was getting freckles. Really, Mrs. Blake and Logan were just pretending. Mrs. Blake put freckles on Logan and he went along with it. They all had a good laugh at the end of the day when



the truth came out.

Students in both classes love their Doodle Oops. This is a squiggle line on a piece of paper. They have to draw something out of the shape or line and then write an expository paragraph about it. Students explain what it is, where it came from and what it is used for as well as other details in their paragraph. In Mrs. Smith's class, these are collected and made into a book for the end of the year.

Fourth Grade off to a Good Start by Braden Ward

The fourth grade classes are getting ready to start their immigration unit. In this unit they study countries. They start by picking a country from their background and then research it. They read books on immigration, their country and then do a power point presentation. Finally, they have an ethnic feast. This is where each student finds a recipe from the country they are researching, make it, and bring it in to share with the class. Parents and other classes come to look at displays the students made and share in the feast. Everyone eats and talks and has a good time. "I think that this is one of the most popular things we do," says Mr. Cohn.

Another interesting activity that fourth grade is doing is in science class. The classes are making electrical circuits that will generate light with a light bulb. This is normally fun for kids to do when they connect multiple circuits and have many bulbs light up. This is an easy and enjoyable experiment. These are the most exciting things going on in fourth grade. An excited fourth grade is always a good sign.

Sports at Emmons School



Photo by Mrs. Poss



Photo by Haley Beyer

Cross Country by Samantha Brands

For the 2nd year in a row, Emmons has had a cross country team. This year the Raiders are off to a great start. Our team is small but strong. Our first meet was 1 1/2 miles long at Johnsberg School. Our top individual placers are: A.J. Marsiglio in 1st with a time of 11:26, Andrew Hare in 3rd at 11:40, Emily Poss in 5th at 12:56, Samantha Brands in 12th with 13:56, and Jake Emer in 16th with 15:01. Emmons lost the meet 27-37 but put forth a great effort.

The second meet was at Park Campus for a 2 mile race. Emmons competed against both Park Campus and Stanton. Top racers were A.J. Marsiglio in 1st, Lucas Semitka in 2nd, Andrew Hare in 3rd, Emily Poss in 6th and Samantha Brands in 11th. The Raiders won this event 23-49-49.

The next race was at AUGS. This race was boys vs. girls. It was a 1 1/2 mile course. With 11 members participating, Emmons lost this tough race 19-81.

Our last race to date was on our home track. We have a 1 1/2 mile course. The boys and girls teams both lost 21-81. The team is working their hardest and having a fun season so far.

6th Grade Sports by Weston Fox

The 6th grade is very excited about this year being able to play sports at Emmons. Sixth grade is very competitive, we love our sports. We are always playing football at recess or any other sport that is available. It is always fun in the gym when we play sports because everyone is playing to win and trying their hardest, not just playing around. Our grade has a good reputation as good listeners and that will contribute to our being able to learn

the sports and have some success. Brandon Faber says, "Our teams will be great because we are a very active and fit grade that loves sports. But we don't want to be cocky because we don't know what will happen." I agree with Brandon that we will just have to wait and see what the seasons bring and what will happen. "I believe that we can with our good sportsmanship and school spirit to keep on going, no matter how the game ends," said

Braden Ward. We are all very excited about sports this year and can't wait for the seasons to start.

Bump, Set, Spike! By Haley and Boudreau

The 7th grade girls volleyball team won their first game! They also did great in their first tournament. These girls are doing very well and hopefully will keep up their winning ways throughout the rest of the season. Eight 7th grade girls make up this team:

Hannah Haley , #28
 Kristin Chivers, #20
 Rachel Lockefefer, #19
 Shannon Zogran, #17
 Kacy Jonites, #6
 Heather Beckman, #18
 Carly McCameron, #24
 Marina Palmieri, #25

The 6th grade girls are also doing very well for their first year in volleyball. Some of the girls have played volleyball before and some have not. All of the girls are doing a great job learning plays and working as a team. The members of the 6th grade team are:

Emily Fischer, #13
 Annie Horner, #9
 Ragen Griffin, #14
 Allie Gelande, #10
 Cassie Deaner, #8
 Stephanie Massie, #15
 Brie Schroeder, #16
 Lauren Slack, #12
 Megan Smart, #6
 Andi Leineger, #7

The 8th grade girls are doing great. They have won most of their games and are hoping to do well for the rest of the season. Most of these girls have been playing volleyball at Emmons for three years. This will be their last year as a Raider. The 13 members of the 8th grade team are:

Natalie Karpel, #4
 Reagan Jordan, #21
 Madeline Johnson, #10
 Elena Kelsh, #8
 Alyssa Dragin, #15
 Emmy Gelande, #23
 Paige Gallimore, #3
 Kaylee Karpel, #22
 Haley Beyer, #2
 Natalie Perry, #7
 Lindsey Horn, #9
 Marissa Werba, #11
 Heather Latakas, #5

Volleyball stats by Dillon Krutzer

8th Grade Girls Volleyball Stats

Date	Scores	vs. School	Results
9/10	25 13 25	Stanton	Win
9/17	25 25 25	North Prairie	Win
9/21	25 11 23	Millburn West	Loss
9/22	25 16 25	Harrison	Win

7th Grade Girls Volleyball Stats

Date	Scores	vs. School	Results
9/8	25 25 25	Grasslake	Win
9/10	20 25 25	Stanton	Win
9/17	17 23 23	North Prairie	Loss
9/21	25 25 25	Millburn West	Loss
9/22	25 25 25	Harrison	Win

Raider Volleyball by Alyssa Dragin

To kick off this season of Volleyball the Emmons Raiders players have had great scores. The 6th grade have had a great season so far of 4-5. They have made many great plays and hope to improve later in the season.

The 7th grade team has a record of 3-2. They are starting off very strong and hope to continue their winning ways.

With a record of 4-1, the amazing 8th grade team is off to a good start. Their one loss was to Millburn West. All Raider teams are doing well and the girls volleyball players hope for a strong finish.



Henry Horner

by Rebecca Tompkins

The 8th graders had a lot of fun at Camp Henry Horner this year. They did many activities that they have never done before but were ready to with the help of all the activities that they did in the past. They were ready to take on any challenge that the instructors had for them. The first day they did some group games that were really fun,. After they were done playing, they got into the hard work. They had to try and boil water so that they could have fresh water in survival skills. They had to work together to get themselves untied with one hand on a rope while pretending the other hand was broken. They did some paddle boating or canoeing where some people got a little wet. Then they all got to cook two very delicious treats. After all the fun they were ready to lie down and go to sleep but the 8th grade this year was unable to spend the night at Camp Henry Horner this year. Most of the kids were looking forward to spending the night. Instead they got on the bus to go back to the school and were picked up by their parents to go home and sleep. In the morning they had to be back at school by 7:15 to go back to Henry Horner. Most students had forgotten about not being able to spend the night when they were all able to climb the rock wall, do the high ropes or do the zip line. When some of the people get up to the platform where an instructor connected them to the zip line they were a little frighten by the height the fact that they would be jumping of a platform to be carried by two ropes down to the other side. So all in all Camp Henry Horner was a great time for the 8th graders.

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Emmons Soccer

by Alex McCameron

The Raider's soccer team dominated their 9/8/09 game, playing against the Grass Lake fifth grade team. A great effort by Conner Gugle, goalie, who scored his first goal at Emmons for a final score of 16-0. On 9/10/09 game against Stanton, The Raiders tied with a great goal by Nick Principe and the whole team did a great job passing back to

the defense. Adding another win to their belt, the Raiders take down Harrison with a score of 9-0. Ending a great game on 9/17/09 with a score of 2-0, Mickey West did a great job scoring both goals on the North Prairie team. The 9/23/09 game was one of the Raiders toughest games yet. Prairie Crossing did a great job but the Raiders pulled through, still undefeated.



Photo by Mrs. Poss

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