

# EUSD November 2025 Newsletter

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## Message from the Superintendent

Dear EUSD community,

As we enter November, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for our Emery Unified community. Our students have made remarkable progress in the classroom, and this growth is a reflection of the hard work of our teachers, staff, and families who support learning every day.

This month, I encourage everyone to pause and do something kind for someone, whether it's a small gesture for a neighbor, a note of thanks to a teacher, or simply lending a helping hand. Acts of kindness have a ripple effect, spreading warmth and positivity throughout our community.

I also hope you can take time to be with family and friends, celebrating moments of connection and gratitude. Thank you for your continued support of Emery Unified School District. Together, we are helping our students thrive and making our schools stronger every day.

Wishing you a joyful November,  
Dr. Quiauna Scott  
Superintendent



Happy Thanksgiving from EUSD



## Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day

Students proudly participated in this year's Ruby Bridges National Walk to School Day to stand against racism and all forms of bullying, and to reaffirm our commitment to equity and justice. We are proud to honor Ruby Bridges' legacy of courage and justice. Her historic walk in 1960, as the first Black student to attend a previously all-white elementary school in Louisiana, continues to inspire students across the nation.

A big thank you to Ms. Melinee and the Anna Yates staff for coordinating this inspiring event! Special thanks to Ms. Rhodes for preparing our students for the walk with banners and pennants, and to our staff members who walked alongside our students. Check out highlights from the walk!

## Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day



## Food Distribution Success

Our recent grocery pickup on October 31st was a huge success! At least 61 families were able to take home fresh groceries, and we are thrilled by the community's participation.

Following this success, another pickup was held on November 14th, outside the Anna Yates lobby. EUSD staff picked up more than 1,800 pounds of food from the Alameda County Food Bank and distributed most of it to our community that afternoon. 134 individuals attended the event, helping EUSD provide food for 538 people, including 280 children.

On November 17th, with the support of the City of Emeryville, EUSD Staff, Emeryville Police Department, and the Alameda Fire Department, 153 people checked in, supporting 602 reported household members, including 306 children.

That is truly an incredible impact!

We are grateful for the partnership of the Alameda County Food Bank, the City of Emeryville, and Lifelong Medical. We want to give a special shout-out to Hayley Beckett (Mental Health Specialist), Liz Jacob (Lifelong School-Based Program Manager), Tonya Meadows (Wellness Coach), and Deanna Yasaki (Director of Student Support Services & Special Education) for coordinating resources and helping make this event possible.

## EUSD Food Drive



Looking ahead, our next food giveaway will be on November 24. The Emeryville Health Center will also be on-site, offering free flu shots to the community. Please join us!

We are also looking for volunteers! Click [here](#) to sign up.

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Monday, November 24, 2025 | 12 pm - 3 pm  
Anna Yates Courtyard

## JOIN US - FREE RESOURCES

 <p><b>Free Food Giveaway</b> Fresh, healthy groceries for students and families.</p>	 <p><b>LifeLong Medical Care</b> It's flu season. Protect yourself and those you love with the vaccine. FREE flu shots on the spot.</p>
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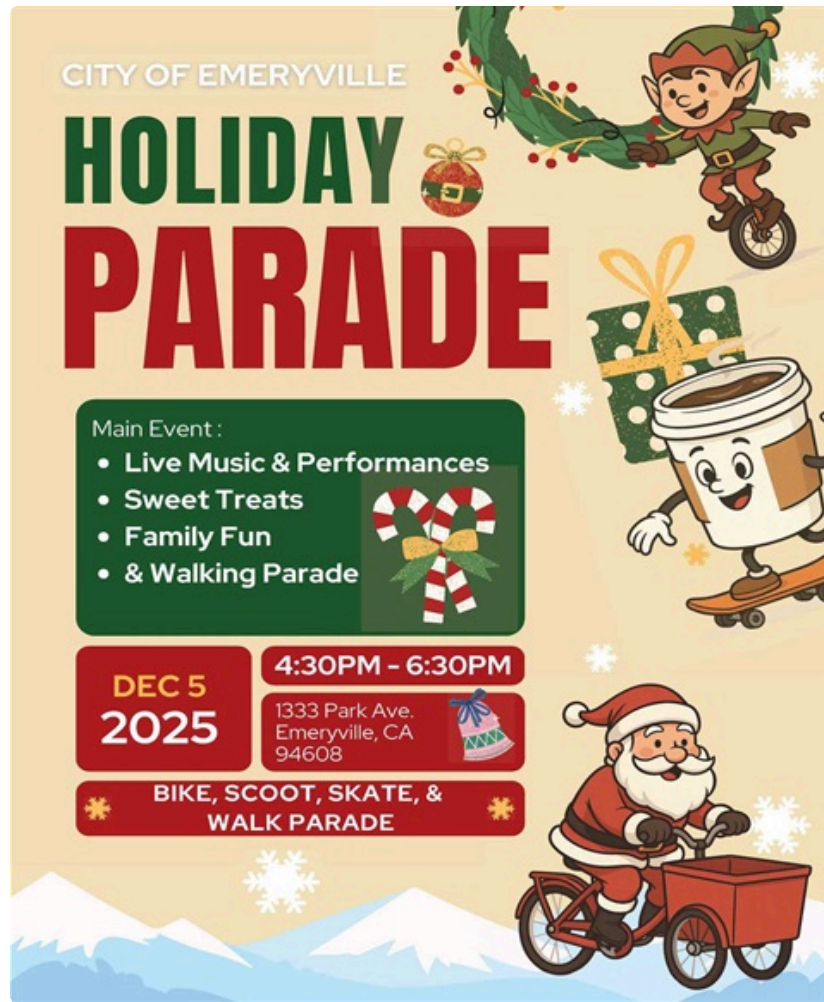
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## Join Us at the Emeryville Holiday Parade!

Join us for Emeryville’s Holiday Parade 2025, a joyful, car-free celebration kicking off on December 5, 2025, at 4:30 PM (tree lighting at 5:30 PM). Starting at 1333 Park Ave. and making its way to Bay Street, this festive community event features live music, sweet treats, family-friendly activities, and spirited performances, including special appearances by the EUSD band and cheer teams.

Families are invited to bike, scoot, skate, or walk in the parade, enjoying holiday fun along the route and more entertainment upon arrival at Bay Street. This event is hosted by the City of Emeryville and Bay Street. See you there!



**Thank You for Attending Parent Conferences**

Thank you to all the families who attended Parent Conferences! Your partnership and engagement are essential to supporting your child's learning and growth. We appreciate your time, your questions, and your commitment to staying connected with teachers and staff.

## **Spartan Sports Updates**

Physicals are available on campus at the Emeryville Health Center. If your child is interested in playing sports, make sure their physical is up to date. Contact the office at (510) 833-7050 for details or to schedule an appointment. The Health Center is open during winter break to support all students and families.

The Boys and Girls Soccer season kicks off this week and runs through January 2026, marking an exciting chapter for our student-athletes. For the first time in 10 years, Emery is hosting a girls varsity soccer team, while the Emery boys team has shifted to a winter schedule, allowing them to compete against other East Bay high schools. We can't wait to cheer them on as they train hard, build teamwork, and compete with pride. Show your school spirit and come support our players as they take the field!

Emery basketball is also in full swing, hosting two games this week as we celebrate our final season as an independent program. Looking ahead, EUSD is excited to join the Tri-County Athletic League starting in the 2026-27 school year. This move will connect us with 13 schools from Vallejo to Albany, creating natural local rivalries, easier transportation for games, and the chance to compete for league titles. It's an exciting new era for Emery athletics!



## A Friendly Reminder: School Attendance Matters During the Holiday Season

The winter holidays are a special time full of traditions, travel, and opportunities to slow down and enjoy one another's company. We truly value the joy this season brings to our students. However, we want to gently remind all families of the importance of following the designated school vacation days when planning trips or activities.

Even during this festive time of year, consistent school attendance remains one of the strongest predictors of student success. Every day in class matters. Lessons, group activities, and teacher-guided learning continue right up until the scheduled break. When students miss days outside of the official holidays, they often return feeling behind or overwhelmed, something we want to help them avoid.

By keeping students in school on all scheduled instructional days, parents are helping ensure strong academic progress and a smooth transition into and out of the holiday break.

Please try to plan family activities during the school-approved holidays whenever possible. Thank you for partnering with us to keep students on track and engaged. We appreciate your commitment to their learning, and we wish all of our families a warm, wonderful holiday season!



## **Holiday Gift Drive**

This holiday season, let's come together to share kindness and care. Many students at Anna Yates Middle and Emery High School (grades 6–12) face challenges like lacking warm clothing, personal care items, or small gifts that show they're valued.

We're collecting donations to give each student:

- Something warm – hoodie, blanket, gloves, socks, or hat
- Something for hygiene – deodorant, shampoo, soap, lotion, or toothpaste
- Something to inspire – sketchbook, art supplies, journal, book, or small instrument

Every contribution makes a difference. Together, we can wrap our students in warmth, confidence, and creativity this holiday season.

How to Donate:

Items may be brought to:

4727 San Pablo Ave, Emeryville, CA (District Office) or purchased from the **Amazon Wishlist**.

For more information, please contact Elsie Lee, School Board Trustee, at (916) 533-4908 or email **[elsie.lee@emeryusd.org](mailto:elsie.lee@emeryusd.org)**.

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 GIFT DRIVE**  
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 EMERY HIGH**  
 Until Dec 12, 2025  
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## Community Resources

We are committed to prioritizing the mental health and overall well-being of our students and staff. Engaging in self-care activities, spending time with loved ones, and setting limits to cope with stress can all be helpful for families.

## Mental Health Resources

# ECAP Food Bank

## Alameda Food Bank

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### Connect with EUSD!



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