April 14, 2015

Dear Emerson Families,

Lower School teachers will soon begin the important task of placing children in 1st grade through 5th grade classrooms for the coming year. Many different factors are considered in placing each child, including age, gender, friendships, learning styles, special talents and interests, and individual needs for extra support. Current teachers at each grade level meet with each other and consult Specials teachers and other classroom teachers as they try to ensure that each new classroom will be balanced and that each child will be in a learning environment that will best support him/her. Classroom teachers at Emerson know their students exceptionally well and take the responsibility of placement very seriously. If you would like to offer supplemental information for them to use as they make placement decisions, please respond to the following questions, keeping in mind the following:

- **Completion of this form is optional.**
- **Please do not make specific teacher requests.**
- **If you decide to complete this form, please return it to the Lower School office no later than May 1st. We may not be able to consider input offered after this date.**

Child’s Name ___________________________ Current Grade/Teacher __________________________

What special strengths do you see in your child?
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__________________________________________________________________________________
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What, if any, challenges does your child have?
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Is there any information about your child’s peer relations that you would like to share?
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Are there any other circumstances about which we should be aware?
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Placement lists will be mailed in the middle of August when we send out information for the start of the year.

Sincerely,

Jerry Loewen
Head of School

Peggy Wilson
Assistant Head of School