

THE TWAIN TIMES

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

BOOK FAIR	5/01 through 5/05
VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON AT 10:45 am	5/2
4th GRADE CONCERT @ 12:30	5/09
5th GRADE BOWLING PARTY	5/12
SPIRIT WEEK	5/15—5/19
DRESS YOUR BEST AWARDS ASSEMBLY	5/19
POOL DAY	5/22 & 5/23
FIELD DAY	5/24
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	5/24

Dear Mark Twain Families!

Our KLM (Kids Love Learning through Literacy in the Mail) Summer Reading Program has now been extended to be an all year program! Our generous Mark Twain PTA has made funds available for the program to run all year to give EVERY student the access and ability to expand their home library. Your child received a book today that is theirs to keep. As long as we are in session, they are invited to visit the Reading Program to receive a new book when they have finished the one they took. They cannot get more than one book per week. When we near the end of the school year, you will receive the Summer Reading Program letter with dates/times I will be available through the summer.



Thanks for encouraging your child to read this summer. There are many exciting reading programs available at the Westerville Public Library and the Columbus Public Library that offer other incentives for our students to encourage them to continue reading during the summer. Make sure you get involved in one of these great programs.



Happy reading!



MARK TWAIN SCHOOL SUPPLY SALE

Let us save you time by finding the best deals on your back to school supplies. Pre-order the exact supplies your child will need for the 2023-2024 school year! Forms will be sent home soon. Orders will be available during Back to School Days in August.

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USEFUL INFORMATION



Clinic News

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If your child will be taking medication during the 2023-2024 school year, please have any forms completed and returned to your child's school BEFORE the first day of the school year. The forms are attached to this letter.



Please remember that all prescription medications must be in a pharmacy labeled bottle and match the doctor's order.

If the child is taking over the counter medication, it must be in the original packaging, only one dose sent to school at a time and needs to match the OTC form that is signed by a parent.

IF YOUR CHILD TAKES MEDICATION AT SCHOOL, PLEASE ARRANGE TO PICK IT UP BY THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, OR REQUEST THAT IT BE SENT HOME WITH YOUR STUDENT. THIS YEAR'S UNUSED MEDICATION (INCLUDING EPI PENS, INHALERS, AND ANY OTHER MEDICATIONS,) **WILL BE THROWN AWAY** IF NOT PICKED UP BY A PARENT OR THE STUDENT ON MAY 25, 2022, THE CLINIC **CAN NOT** KEEP MEDICATION FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR OVER THE SUMMER.

Spirit Week

May 15th to May 19th

Monday—Crazy Hair/sock day

Tuesday— Tie Dye/Neon Day

Wednesday — Team Sports Day

Thursday— Hat Day

Friday—Dress Your Best Day

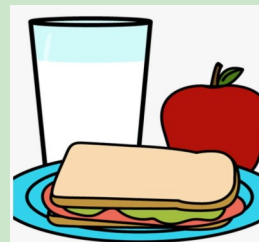
5th grade
Bowling Party
Friday
May 12th



News from the cafeteria

There will be no cafeteria meals served on Wednesday, May 24th. Students will need to bring a sack lunch to school on these last days of school. However, the cafeteria will provide sack lunches for those students who are interested in this option.

Last Day Checks Accepted: Checks, Cash & Money Orders will continue to be accepted in the cafeteria. **The last day checks will be accepted for the school year is May 14, 2023.**



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INFORMATION

2023-2024



For those of you already planning for summer camps and summer vacations, the first day of school for the 2023-2024 year has been announced as Tuesday, August 15th, 2023.

Library Books

Please return all Mark Twain Library books by Friday, May 12th. Please be reminded that you will be responsible for the cost of all lost books.



LOST AND FOUND!

If you have lost it, we have found it! Our Lost and Found is overflowing with lost items. Feel free to come and retrieve your child's belongings. At the end of the school year, all unclaimed items will be donated to W.A.R.M. Thanks!

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

MAY 2, 2023 at 10:45 a.m.

Mark Twain Gymnasium

Our Volunteers are simple the best!

All parent and friend volunteers at Mark Twain Elementary are invited to a special luncheon program to thank you for your hard work, dedication, and time. We realize that much of what we are able to do here at Mark Twain is because of our wonderful volunteers. This luncheon is a small way for us to show our appreciation for all you do!

Please plan to join us. Special performances by 2nd and 3rd grades will begin at 11:00 a.m.

WE LOVE
OUR VOLUNTEERS

NEWS AND INFORMATION



WESTERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER READING

Challenge yourself to a summer of reading...

...and earn a prize when you meet your goal!

1. Register yourself & your family. (May 26-July 31)
2. Set your reading goal. Try to stretch yourself until at least July 1.
3. Read!

Once you meet your goal, stop by to pick up your prize.

Prizes include:

- **Ages 0-17:** Choose a book. Get a coupon for Columbus Museum of Art, Rita's Ice, Sugarbees Fine Confections, and the Ohio State Fair.
- **Ages 18+:** Get a set of 4 historic Westerville postcards. (While supplies last.)

All ages: 1 entry in a grand prize drawing for all participants who met their goal.

Grand Prizes

Earn a chance at grand prize drawings when you meet your goal. *Grand prize drawings will be held after July 31. Winners will be contacted by phone or email.*

Ages 0-17

- \$100 VISA gift card
- Giant stuffed sloth (40 inches)
- Kings Island tickets (4-pack, expires on Labor Day 2023)
- LEGO 3 in 1 Castle
- Picasso Magna Tiles Pack
- Skate Zone 71 tickets (4-pack)
- Zoombezi Bay tickets (4-pack, includes parking)

FAQs

- **Can I join?** Yes! All ages are welcome.
 - **When do I start?** Register and log your progress between May 26 and July 31.
- What should I read?** Read anything. Read everything. Read aloud to others or to yourself. Books, ebooks, magazines...it all counts. Want some suggestions? [Request a personalized recommendation](#) (ages 18+) or [subscription bundle](#) (ages 0-18).

Why should I participate? Fight summer boredom or reconnect with your favorite pastime. Reading can reduce stress, increase empathy for others and keep your mind sharp. And it's fun!



MORE INFORMATION



5th GRADE CLAP OUT

Please join us for our annual Clap Out as our 5th graders exit the building. The Clap Out will be Wednesday, May 24th at 3:15 p.m. on the school playground.



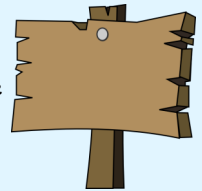
FIFTH GRADE YARD SIGNS

To celebrate the end of their elementary years and to wish them well on the start of middle school, we would like to decorate the front lawn of Mark Twain with "yard" signs for each of the 5th graders on the last day of school. It is a special way to recognize all of our outstanding children.

Please decorate a piece of poster board (recommended size 18 X 24 inches) with your child's name, pictures and encouraging words. Feel free to attach balloons, streamers, stickers, etc. Be creative - the more colorful and festive the better! For added durability, we highly recommend LAMINATING your poster in case of rain.

We have a limited number of yard sign stakes. They will be available to pick up in the office on a first come first serve basis the week of May 15th.

You may begin placing your yard sign in the front yard Tuesday evening May 23rd or before 9:00 a.m. the last day of school Wednesday, May 24th Please do not park in front of the school after 9:00 am as the buses will be arriving for the school day.



**HAVE A FUN
AND
SAFE SUMMER BREAK!**



FIFTH GRADERS

The Staff and students would like to wish you good luck in Middle School!



MIDDLE SCHOOL HERE WE COME!