

THE TWAIN TIMES

Mark Twain Elementary

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

PTA Skating Party	03/23
3rd grading period ends	03/10
Early Release @ 2:30 p.m.	03/16
St. Patrick's Day	03/17
Spring Break—No School	03/27 through 03/31

HAPPY
ST. PATRICK'S
DAY!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



BEGINS

Sunday, March 12th

WCSD PARENT PREP WORKSHOP series March 4

SAVE
THE
DATE
MARCH 4 2023



LEARN MORE @
www.wcsoh.org/ParentPrep

Westerville City School District's Parent Prep workshop series is returning to an in-person event March 4 at Westerville North High School.

The event, which was virtual for the past two years, features sessions where parents can learn about various topics across all grade levels: mental health, wellness, school safety, technology, college and career readiness, study skills, organizational skills and family resources.

Sessions are for adults only due to topics addressed and content shared; no students or other children. Registration and specific session information will be available in January at www.wcsoh.org/ParentPrep. Registration information will be available in February.

The district's Student Well Being and Mental Health team organizes the event, which is sponsored by Westerville Education Challenge with support from the Westerville Parent Council.



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USEFUL INFORMATION



Clinic News

Some days it feels like spring is just about the corner, but we still find ourselves in winter and with winter, comes sickness. If your child is ill in the morning (fever, vomiting, diarrhea, feeling too ill to participate) please let them rest at home. Our goal is to keep children in school, but we will notify you if they truly are not feeling well during the school day. If your child is diagnosed with an illness, please let the attendance clerk know what the diagnosis is when calling your child's absence in.

Here is a quick reminder of our guidelines for sending student's home from school:

1. Fever of 100 degrees or higher
2. Vomiting
3. Diarrhea
4. Undiagnosed rash
5. Remember: If your child is sent home with a fever or wakes up with a fever, the student needs to stay home for 24 hours after they are fever free without the help of medication. Remind your child to wash, wash, and wash their hands with soap and water to help reduce the transmission of germs. Let's make 2020 the best!



Also: If your student has borrowed clothes from the clinic, please remember to wash them and have your student return the clothes as quickly as possible. The supply of clothes is quickly dwindling and the clinic needs all the clothes returned promptly.

MARK TWAIN SCHOOL SKATE PARTY

Thursday, March 23rd

6:00—8:30 pm

Free admission

\$3.00 Skate Rental



SPRING BREAK

March 27th through March 31st

Classes resume on Monday, April 3rd

well hello,
march

River Pilot Pledge

I will be the best that I can be by:

Respecting myself and others

Listening and following directions

Keeping hands, feet, and objects to myself

Using positive words and actions

Being prepared to learn

I choose to be a leader at all times!



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INFORMATION

Pajama Day Friday, March 24, 2023

Did you know every school day, 47 children are diagnosed with cancer? As one can imagine, cancer treatment is not a quick or easy process. These children spend from weeks to months at a time in the hospital as they undergo chemotherapy, radiation therapy, surgery, and other procedures. They are often unable to attend school and participate in many childhood activities. For a large portion of time during their treatment, these children are usually in their PAJAMAS.

In honor of all the children battling cancer right now, we will be hosting "Pajamas for Kids with Cancer Day" on Friday, March 24. This event is a way to raise money in exchange for the ability to wear pajamas to school for the day. While this is a fun way to raise money, it's also a symbolic way to show support for the children who have no choice but to be in their pajamas all the time.



BRING A DOLLAR WEAR YOUR PAJAMAS TO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY, MARCH 24

All funds collected will benefit the Friends of Faith Pruden Foundation, Faith Pruden Memorial Scholarship for WESTERVILLE SCHOOLS, and "cancer warrior kids" at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Faith was a first grader from Westerville who lost her battle with cancer in 2010. The Faith Pruden Memorial Scholarship is offered to Westerville Seniors every year.
www.faithprudenfoundation.org

PayPal.me/FFPF or text PajamaDay to 4-4321

ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

FAMILIES

Report absences using the SafeArrival app or calling

1-844-431-0874

www.WCSOH.org/Attendance



MARK TWAIN SCHOOL SKATE PARTY

Thursday, March 9th

6:00—8:30 pm

Free admission

\$3.00 Skate Rental

School Fees are Due!

Fees can be paid online through your student's EZPay account; (a nominal fee is charged for online payments). You can also pay fees with a check, cash or money order. If you are unable to pay fees on line, please contact the Mark Twain office for other payment options. Make checks payable to WBOE

Kindergarten	\$18.50
First	\$32.00
Second	\$32.00
Third	\$28.00
Fourth	\$30.00
Fifth	\$30.00

Don't Forget



NEWS AND INFORMATION

Magnet Program

Westerville City Schools offers Magnet Programs at Hanby and Emerson. Each building has a unique focus:

Hanby provides learning experiences that focus on:
Math & Science
Fine Arts

Emerson focuses on:
World Cultures
Fine Arts



Students enrolled in Westerville City Schools are eligible to participate in the Magnet program and their selection to the program is determined by a lottery process. **Students who are not currently enrolled in Westerville City Schools must complete enrollment by contacting rankinj@westerville.k12.oh.us no later than March 9 to be eligible for the lottery.**

Please review the following information carefully.

Magnet Program Options

The Magnet Program consists of three options: Math/Science, World Cultures, and Arts.

Magnet Program Locations

Emerson Elementary hosts the World Cultures and Fine Arts (Grade 1-4) programs, while Hanby Elementary hosts Arts (Grade 5), Math and Science programs. For questions about **Hanby's** programs, please call Principal Caley Baker at (614) 797-7100 or email her at bakerc2@wcsoh.org.

For questions regarding **Emerson's** programs, please call Principal Chris Poynter at (614) 797-7080 or email him at poynterc@wcsoh.org.

Magnet Program Timeline for 2023 Lottery

- **Monday, February 13** - Application available online at 9:00 a.m.
- **Thursday, February 23** - Magnet Open House
Hanby, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Emerson, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 10 - Application Deadline is 4 p.m. New students must have completed enrollment.

Friday, February 10 - Deadline to submit requests to remain at Hanby or Emerson for **CURRENT** Grades 1-4.

On or Before **March 17** - Magnet Lottery

On or Before **Friday, March 24** - Lottery notification goes out to families

Monday, April 3 @ 4 p.m. - Deadline for families to respond to Magnet invitation.

MORE INFORMATION



Westerville Intra-District Open Enrollment Applications Available

The program is coordinated through the Deputy Superintendent's Office for families who are enrolled full time in the Westerville City School District. Parents or guardians wishing to apply to have their children attend a school different from their school of attendance must complete and submit an Intra-district Open Enrollment Application. Application forms are available at each school building; at the Early Learning Center (936 Eastwind Drive); or at www.wcsoh.org, where general guidelines can also be found.

Application forms must be completed by parents or guardians and submitted for middle and high school students on or before March 15, 2023. For high school students, priority will be given if an older sibling is currently enrolled in the high school to which the student is applying. A lottery will be held for all remaining high school openings. Applications for middle and high school students received after the deadline of March 15, 2023, will be considered on a case by case basis.

Application forms for elementary school students must be completed by parents or guardians and submitted on or before May 1, 2023. Applications for elementary school students received after the deadline of May 1, 2023, will be considered on a case by case basis. For students who have applied to attend an elementary or middle school outside their assigned attendance area, applications will not be considered if:

1. Enrollment would not allow students who live in the school building attendance area to attend;
2. Appropriate teacher/student ratio is not maintained;

Racial balance among schools within the district is not maintained;
Transportation is the responsibility of the parents/guardians who are requesting a transfer outside of their home school of attendance.

Please call 614-797-5713 or email eisenmak@wcsoh.org with questions regarding the Westerville City Schools Intra-District Open Enrollment program.



MUD DAYS ARE COMING!

Spring is a perfect time for the students to end up in the clinic covered in mud from head to toe due to a playground mishap. Kids will be kids and mud-puddles happen! If your child is attracted to the mud, please send a change of clothes in their backpacks .



Mark Twain Elementary School

Hours

9:10 AM - 3:35 PM

Please do not drop your students off early. Students may not enter the building until the 8:55 morning bell.