

# THE TWAIN TIMES





#### Mark Twain Elementary

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### 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



## Winter Weather Watch

Winter weather is HERE and with it comes the possibility of **Delayed Starts and SNOW DAYS!** When inclement weather threatens and it is necessary to close or delay school for the safety of the students, announcements will be broadcast from local TV and radio stations

beginning at 6:00 a.m. Should it be necessary to dismiss students early due to weather or road conditions, your child will be dismissed **as usual**. PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL. Want to be notified when there is an emergency delay or closing? Sign up today! Go to www.westerville.k12.oh.us and click on E-Communications.

#### SNOW EMERGENCY?

**Parents:** In case of an unscheduled early dismissal, please review with your student how they are to go home.

#### CAFETERIA:

The day after a snow day, the hot lunch served will be the one that was scheduled on the snow day! Breakfast will not be served when there is a delayed start to the school day!



When we have a 2 hour delay, our school doors will **not** open until 11:50 a.m. Please do not drop your students off early.



#### NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Rudolf Run Westerville Holiday Parade	12/04
End of second grading period	12/16
Holiday Parties 2:30 p.m.	12/16
Winter Break—NO SCHOOL Classes resume 1/4	12/19 to 1/3



# MARK TWAIN NEWS

## USEFUL INFORMATION



With the cold weather coming soon, this is a reminder that children will go outdoors for recess if it's not raining and the temperature is 20 degrees F or above, including wind chill. Children should wear appropriate seasonal clothing (boots, hats, gloves) for playground activities. A reminder from the clinic, if your child is attracted to the mud, please send a change of clothes in their backpacks.

BRRRR...DRESS FOR THE WEATHER!



#### ATTTENDANCE REMINDERS

Please remember to utilize the SafeArrival system or call the attendance line at 614-797-7213 line if your child is going to be absent or tardy for any reason including doctor and/or dentist appointments.

For health reasons we will ask illness specific questions. If you leave a message, please give us the reason for illness. Such as, does the child have a fever, chills, vomiting, diarrhea, shortness of breath, headache, congestion or runny nose. Have they been exposed to or diagnosed with Covid-19, strep throat or the flu.

It is important that all calls are made to attendance by 9:00 a.m.



# School Closings

School closings due to inclement weather cause a change in the lunch menu. Please note that the day of return after a snow day, the snow day's menu will be used. If we have school closed for successive days because of bad weather, the lunch menu on the returning day will still be that of the first snow day. The following day the school lunch menu will return to the original menu.

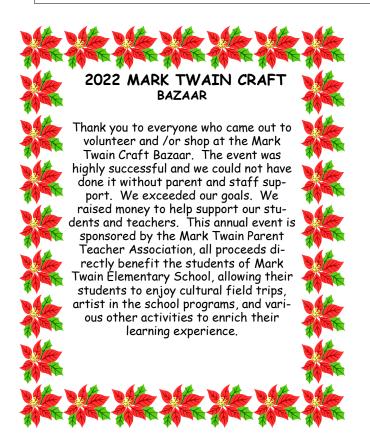




PLEASE .... take the time to mark your child's name on the inside of their winter coat. Being able to identify the owner, makes it easier to return the coat to the proper student!

# MARK TWAIN NEWS

### PTA INFORMATION



#### 2022-2023 Mark Twain Elementary School

#### PTA Board Members

President: Jessica Linek
Vice President: Katie Simon
Co-Treasurer: Kris Shear
Co-Treasurer: Leah Bame
Financial Secretary: Abbey Gibson
Recording Secretary: Judie Barsch

#### GENERAL PTA MAIL is:

marktwainwestervillepta.com



# WESTERVILLE CHRISTMAS PARADE RUDOLPH 5K RUN

The Westerville Lions are sponsoring the Rudolph 5K Run and the Westerville Children's Christmas Parade on December 4th at 2:30 pm. The Rudolph Run precedes the parade and this year will include an elementary school challenge. We are challenging each elementary school to enter a team and the top 10 runner times for each school will be compared. The winning school will receive \$250 from the Lions. Second place is \$200 and third place \$175.

Details of the run and the registration form are at <a href="www.columbusrunning.com">www.columbusrunning.com</a>. Click on races and scroll down to the Rudolph Run. All participants receive a long sleeve tee shirt as well as other giveaways



## NEWS AND INFORMATION

# Clinic News

#### A NOTE FROM THE CLINIC

If your student is diagnosed (by a doctor) with Flu, Strep, Pink Eye or any other contagious sickness, please let the school know and send a note in. It is very important for the school to know how many students have been affected by illness. Kids can have flu-like symptoms that are not the actual flu. Flu must be diagnosed by a doctor with a swab test. Rest, hydration and good handwashing and cough practices are our best defense!



Guideline for Sending a Child Home:

- 1. Fever of 100 degrees or higher
- 2. Vomiting
- 3. Diarrhea
- 4. Undiagnosed/suspicious rash or head lice If your child is sent home with a fever, they MUST be free from medication and fever free for 24 hours before they return to school.

Prescription Medicines: In order for a child to receive prescription medicines at school the office needs a medical release that has been completed by your physician and signed by the parent/guardian. The medication and the label must match the medical authorization form filled out by your physician. If there is a change in the medication dosage, a new form must be sent to school and prescription label on the bottle must match. Over the counter medications can be given at school only if the above guidelines are followed. A form is published in the student handbook, available in the clinic or available online in the parent portal.





## REMINDER

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## LATE BUS

Your bus is late....please contact transportation at 797-5950 if you have a question about a late bus.

STUDENT EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION Don't forget to keep your child's personal and emergency contact information updated throughout the year through your Parent Portal account. This is the only information we have to contact you in case of an emergency. Contact Mrs. Kaul in the school office if you have any questions.