

THE TWAIN TIMES

Mark Twain Elementary

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

PTA MEETING @ 7:00 p.m.	10/11
NEA/OEA DAY NO SCHOOL	10/14
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR	10/17 through 10/20
ACHIEVEMENT RECORDS AVAILABLE	10/18
SCHOOL CONFERENCES NO SCHOOL	10/19 and 10/20
FALL PARTY/PARADE @ 2:00 p.m.	10/31



OCTOBER 19th AND 20th

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES are at the end of the month! These are VERY important for you to attend as it is a time for you and your child's teacher to talk about his/her progress. Communication between parents and teachers is VITAL to a student's success. One of the biggest predictors in a student's success is parent involvement with education. If you have not scheduled a conference with your child's teacher, please contact the office at 614-797-7200.



Oct 14th
 NEA/OEA DAY
Oct 19th & Oct 22nd
 SCHOOL CONFERENCE

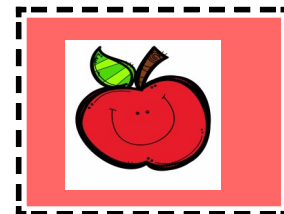
FALL PARTIES AND PARADE

Weather permitting, our parade will start at 2:00 PM, Tuesday, October 31st

Costumes: NO weapons, NO fake blood, NO violence, and NO scary masks! Please make sure they're school appropriate. ONLY Kindergarteners are to wear their costumes to school. All other students will be given the opportunity to change.



YEARBOOK ART CONTEST



OCTOBER 3rd OCTOBER 17th

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USEFUL INFORMATION



Clinic News

Below is some guidance about when we should make sure students are washing their hands with soap and water and when it's okay for them to use hand sanitizer. It's important to understand that washing your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds is more effective and should be the preferred method of keeping our hands clean. Hand sanitizer can be used throughout the day, but students should also be encouraged to wash their hands frequently with soap and water.

When to wash hands with soap and water:

1. Before eating
2. After going to the bathroom
3. If your hands are visibly greasy or dirty
4. After recess when hands are likely dirty from playing outside



When to use hand sanitizer

1. If soap and water are not available
2. When switching from one area of the building to another

Additional Information:

1. Antibacterial soap is not more effective than regular soap and is not recommended for use in the school setting
2. Hand sanitizer **CANNOT** be used when hands are visibly dirty- it is not effective to clean dirt or grime off hands
3. Using warm water does not increase effectiveness- cold and warm are both acceptable

Jenna Martin RN BSN LSN
School Nurse

LOOK

Did you lose something?



Lost & Found

Are you missing a shoe, a lunch box or a coat? Please remember to check the Lost and Found for misplaced items before the end of the month. All unclaimed items will be donated to W.A.R.M.

Doctor Notes

Are you headed to school after a morning doctor or orthodontist appointment or leaving early to get to an afternoon appointment? Please remember to ask for a doctor's excuse so that the absence or tardy can be properly coded as a medical excuse.

Don't forget!

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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:

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2022 WALK-A-THON RESULTS

100 % of all donations directly benefit all students by providing classroom materials and supplies, playground equipment, enrichment programs, spirit wear, field trips, assemblies, clubs, family events, and more !! We are pleased to say our Mark Twain kids did not let us down. They raised \$9,635!!! This will help greatly to get our kids the things they need this year. A huge thanks to the AMAZING teachers and staff who helped and supported our students for this great walk-a-thon event!

--your PTA

PTA

MEETING

October 11

7:00 P.M.

You are
capable of
AMAZING
things

Scholastic Book Fair



OCTOBER 11 THROUGH OCTOBER 20



NEWS AND INFORMATION

MARK TWAIN ATTENDANCE



Reporting an Absence

If your child is going to be tardy or absent from school, please remember to call SafeArrival.

This line is available 24 hours a day. Please report all absences by 9:00 a.m.

Doctor Notes

Headed to school after a morning doctor or orthodontist appointment or leaving early to get to an afternoon appointment? Please remember to ask for a doctor's excuse so that the absence or tardy can be properly coded as a medical excuse.

Encouraging Good Attendance

The 2022-2023 school year has begun and our teachers and staff have exciting learning opportunities planned and high academic expectations for all of our students. We are committed to supporting all students to achieve their dreams and to experience an excellent school year. I am seeking your commitment to support your child's educational growth by making sure your child attends school every day possible this year. Good attendance starts early.

The evidence is clear: children with good attendance are more likely to be successful in school. High attendance rates correlate to high student achievement. This is true for every grade. Regular school attendance is essential to successful learning.

Every day counts. Missing school for any amount of time can have a negative impact on academic achievement. Students with good attendance perform better academically. Research has shown that the attendance habits established early have lasting effects on students throughout their education. Your child needs to be in school and engaged in learning to reach his or her full potential.

I realize that every family faces challenges. Please let your child's teacher, counselor or me know if you are dealing with a challenge affecting your child's good school attendance. Your school family will help to ensure that your child's school attendance stays on track.

Thank you for all you do to support your child's school success and well-being. I look forward to working with you this year and to having your child learn and grow. Best wishes for a safe, respectful, responsible and successful school year.



Please accept this as a gentle reminder that if something is going on with your child that makes you question their education (in any way) please start by communication with your child's teacher. The teacher is the one that spends the most time with your child and can offer more insight. If more intervention is needed then the situation will be further addressed and re-directed as needed. We are a "team" staff here and encourage open communication between parents and members of the teaching staff.

FAMILIES

Report absences using the
SafeArrival app or calling

1-844-431-0874

www.WCSOH.org/Attendance

TRANSPORTATION

TEXT MESSAGE

Text Y to 67587 to receive text messages from the Westerville City School District transportation department. You will receive text messages for any delays or bus issues.



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OTHER INFORMATION

School Library Update by Mrs. Todd

Welcome back to another great year at Mark Twain. The Library is open and anxious to share new books with our students. Thank you to the PTA for providing funds to purchase new books for the library. The students are excited to see bright, shiny, new books to read! We love our new books!



Your child has library every week on the same day. Check the chart below to see your child's teacher library day, so you can return books on time.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Frashier	McCoy	Glaser	Burkhart	Ivery
Lysaght	Mantenieks	Lee	Martin	Walker
Seabury	Strain	Hynes	Louden	Garrett
Calhoun	Matchack	Hostetler		

WESTERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARY LINK..... Books delivered to you at school!

Students and teachers, save yourself a trip to the library! Request free delivery of books, movies and music to your school.



How does it work?

Who Students, teachers, and staff can receive items.

What Pick up or return Westerville Public Library items at your school, including books, audiobooks, movies, and more.

When Weekdays during school hours.

Where To any school building in the Westerville district.

How With your Westerville Library card, [reserve an item](#). Select your school as your location.

To be eligible for deliveries, you must have a Westerville Library card account in good standing. Contact the Westerville Public Library, to apply for a library card or resolve issues with your account.

How do I pick up or return an item?

When your item's status appears as "ready for pickup", you will receive a notification. Your item will then be checked out to you and delivered to your school, usually within 1-2 business days.

To find out where to pick up and return items at your school, contact your school office, your school library, or the Westerville Public Library. If you do not pick up your item within 7 days, it will be returned to the library and checked in.

Contact Us

Questions? Contact us at 614-259-5034 or schools@westervillelibrary.org.

