



THE TWAIN TIMES



Mark Twain Elementary

FEBRUARY 2022

Attendance: 797-7213
Office: 797-7200

Vicki Moss Principal
Susan Kaul Secretary
Kelley Knapp Attendance
Jenna Martin School Nurse
Feven Woldeab Health Aide
Serena Casale School Counselor

Important Dates To Remember...



Interims Available	02/09
Valentine's Day Party @ 2:30 p.m.	02/14
No school	02/18
President's Day No school	02/21
Spring Picture Day	02/24



NO SCHOOL

February 18th

President's Day

February 21st



Intra-District Open Enrollment

Intra-District Open Enrollment applications are being accepted for the 2022-23 school year. The deadline for applications for middle and high schools is March 15, 2022. For elementary schools, the cut off date is May 1, 2022.

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 have their children attend a different school from their home school of attendance must complete and submit an Intra-District open Enrollment application. **With this program, transportation to and from school becomes the responsibility of the parent.** Parents or guardians will be notified of the decision in writing.

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.

Please call 797-5756 or email Jennifer Farris at far-risj@wcsoh.org with any additional questions.



DISTRICT CALENDARS ARE HERE!

Don't forget to pick up your District Calendar on the literature rack in the school hallway.



MARK TWAIN NEWS



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!

REMINDER

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.



SPRING PICTURE DAY



Thursday, February 24th



MR. GROUNDHOG

Mr. Groundhog, Mr. Groundhog,

Take a peek, take a peek

If you see your shadow

The weather will be awful,

For six more weeks, for six more weeks!

Mark Twain Elementary School Hours

9:05AM - 3:30 PM

Please do not drop your students off early. Students may not enter the building until the 8:50 morning bell.

COLD WEATHER RECESS

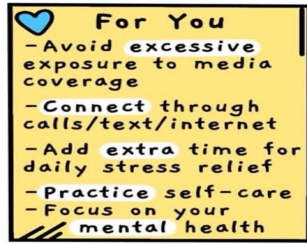
Please remember to dress for recess. Everyone goes out doors if the temperature is 20 and above (with wind chill)!



MARK TWAIN REMINDERS AND REALLY USEFUL INFORMATION!

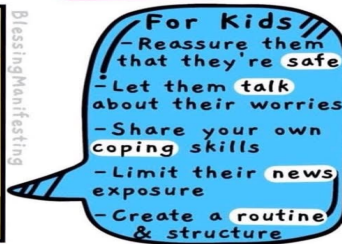
Clinic News

MANAGING CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19) ANXIETY




For You

- Avoid excessive exposure to media coverage
- Connect through calls/text/internet
- Add extra time for daily stress relief
- Practice self-care
- Focus on your mental health



For Kids

- Reassure them that they're safe
- Let them talk about their worries
- Share your own coping skills
- Limit their news exposure
- Create a routine & structure



For Quarantine/Isolation

- Keep in contact with your loved ones via social media, texts, and phone calls
- Create a daily self-care routine
- Keep yourself busy: games, books, movies
- Focus on new relaxation techniques



WCSD COVID-19 NURSE HOTLINE
614-797-5711

REMINDER

Use the Safe Arrival system to report student absences.

Do a well-check each and every day before sending your child to school.

**"You're off to great places!
Today is your Day!
Your mountain is waiting,
So...Get on your way!"** Dr. Seuss

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.

Home Address &

Phone Number Changes

Please notify the school office if you have a change of address or telephone number during the school year.

We need your assistance in maintaining current, accurate information in our records. In the event of an emergency, we must be able to contact you.

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NEWS AND INFORMATION

2022 GEM AWARD

Great Educator Mentor Award

Westerville students, staff and community are invited to nominate district staff and adult volunteers for a Great Educator Mentor (GEM) Award, which is presented to individuals who go the extra mile to make a positive impact in the classroom and schools.

Sponsored by Roush Honda and Westerville Parent Council (WPC), GEM Awards honor recipients from each school building in the district, as well as those who volunteer or work district-wide. Educators and school staff can also recognize local businesses that have made a significant impact in their buildings or across the district with the Terry Gordon Business Award.

The nomination form can be found on the district website/GEM Award nominations

The nomination deadline is Feb. 4, 2022.

OFFICIAL NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

Who is Eligible?

- * Volunteers, Community Members, Parents, District & Building Teachers and Staff or a business.
- * Any adult who goes ABOVE AND BEYOND and makes a positive impact on the lives of Westerville students.
- * Individuals can be nominated for their impact in one building or for a district award when they make an impact in more than one building or across the entire school district.
- * Anyone can submit a nomination - especially students!

**Thank you for taking the time to
nominate someone special**



Attention

5th Grade Parents!

Please submit a baby picture of your 5th grader to the school for the yearbook. The deadline for submission is February 4, 2022 at noon. The submission must be emailed to kauls@wcsd.org in a .jpg format. Include in the email, your child's name and his/her teacher's name.



BE KIND!



LOST AND 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.