

# THE TWAIN TIMES

Mark Twain Elementary

DECEMBER 2021

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## Important Dates To Remember...



End of the Second Grading	12/17
Holiday Party @ 2:30 pm	12/17
Winter Break NO SCHOOL	12/20 through 01/03



Wishing you a  
Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year!



## HOLIDAY BREAK!

December 20th through January 3rd  
Classes resume on January 4th



Thank you to everyone who came out to volunteer and /or shop at the Mark Twain Craft Bazaar. The event was highly successful and we could not have done it without parent and staff support. We exceeded our goals. We raised money to help support our students and teachers. This annual event is sponsored by the Mark Twain Parent Teacher Association, all proceeds directly benefit the students of Mark Twain Elementary School, allowing their students to enjoy cultural field trips, artist in the school programs, and various other activities to enrich their learning experience.



## 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

## MUD SNOWY DAYS ARE COMING!

The Fall/Winter weather is a perfect time for the students to end up in the clinic covered in mud from head to toe due to a play-ground 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 ATTENDANCE



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



## 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](http://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.

## BECOME A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER OUR SCHOOLS NEED YOU



### Ever considered substituting?

The ESC of Central Ohio Substitute Consortium provides Central Ohio schools with substitutes in both teaching and non-teaching positions. It's a rewarding and flexible job, and becoming qualified is simple!

### Get Started:

[www.escco.org/substitutes](http://www.escco.org/substitutes)

# Clinic News

## Westerville City Schools Clinic Updates COVID-19



Please note if you choose to use a home COVID test, the home test must be observed live while completing the test by a telehealth medical professional provided by the test kit. Official documentation of results completed by the medical professional must be provided to the school nurse prior to returning to school and activities. Please contact the school nurse with any questions.

Please contact your medical provider for any medical concerns or for medical advice.

**\*\*\*\*Call COVID HOTLINE 614-797-5711\*\*\*\***

### CAN YOU SEE ME?

#### Vision and Hearing Screening

Vision and hearing screening by the school nurse began in October for grades K, 1, 3 and 5. If your student wears glasses, please remind them to wear them to school not just in October but everyday. Screening is conducted using the Ohio Department of Health Hearing and Vision Screening Requirements and Guidelines. If you have any questions about screening please contact our school nurse.



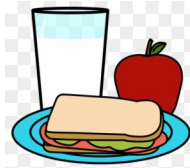
### Doctor Notes

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!**

### 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 printed menu.



### LATE BUS

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



## PTA NEWS AND INFORMATION

### 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@wcsch.org](mailto:kauls@wcsch.org) in a .jpg format. Include in the email, your child's name and his/her teacher's name.



### RUDOLPH 5K RUN

The Westerville Lions are sponsoring the Rudolph 5K Run and the Westerville Children's Christmas Parade on December 5th at 2:00 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 [www.columbusrunning.com](http://www.columbusrunning.com). Click on races and scroll down to the Rudolph Run. All participants receive a long sleeve tee shirt as well as other giveaways.



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!**



### CHRISTMAS SCHOOL MEAL

Roasted Turkey and Gravy  
Creamy Mashed Potatoes Steamed Green Beans  
Whole Wheat Dinner Roll  
Fruit Choice  
Frosted Cookie  
Ice Cold Milk

Happy Holidays from your Food Service Staff!



**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.