

THE TWAIN TIMES



Mark Twain Elementary

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Important Dates To Remember...



Spirit Week	05/10 through 05/14
Achievement records available	05/26
Schools out for summer—Last day of school	05/26

**HAVE A FUN
AND
SAFE SUMMER BREAK!**

Fun in the Sun



May 2021

A+ Award

Feven Woldeab & Amanda Breckenridge

A+ Awards are presented to teachers and support staff who distinguish themselves through a single or ongoing demonstration of exemplary performance.

The selection committee's decision is guided by evaluating how each nominee's actions demonstrate:

- Support of the district's Mission Statement, which is, "To prepare students to contribute to the competitive and changing world in which we live;"
- Willingness to go above and beyond normal expectations in support of students; and
- Behavior consistent with one or more of the district's values, including respect, inclusiveness, community, communication, collaboration, innovation, nurturing, trust and accountability.

Congratulations to both of these A+ spring award winning employees!



FIFTH GRADERS

The Staff and students would like to wish you good luck in Middle School!



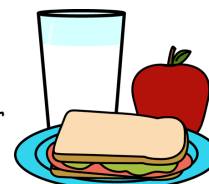
MIDDLE SCHOOL HERE WE COME!

Mark Twain Reminders and Really Useful Information

NEWS FROM FOOD SERVICES

Planning for 2021-2022 school year:

You may access the website directly at www.lunchapplication.com or by visiting the district website at www.westerville.k12.oh.us and following the appropriate links. New free and reduced lunch applications for 2021-2022 school year will not be available until AFTER July 1st, PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY APPLICATION FOR THAT SCHOOL YEAR RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE ODE PROVIDING US THE NEW APPLICATIONS WILL BE DELETED.



Please be sure to apply as soon as possible to insure that your student will have lunch provided. If you have any questions, feel free to call the Food Service Department at 614-797-5993.

Lunch balances (negative or positive) follow the student from grade to grade and school to school.

*****Last Day for Checks to be accepted in Cafeterias will be May 14th****

LOST AND FOUND!

If you have lost it, we have found it! Our Lost and Found is overflowing with coats, scarves, hats, etc... Feel free to come and retrieve your child's belongings. We will have items on tables the week before the end of the school year. All unclaimed items will be donated to W.A.R.M. Thanks!



“The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you’ll go.”
-Dr. Seuss

MARK TWAIN SCHOOL SUPPLY SALE

Let us save you time by finding the best deals on your back to school supplies. Pre-order the exact supplies your child will need for the 2021-2022 school year! Forms will be sent home soon. Orders will be available during Back to School Days in August.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Summer is right around the corner. It is hard to believe that the 2020-2021 school year is almost over. Research shows that most students lose some of the reading gains they've achieved during the school year during summer vacation. In order to encourage our students to continue to read every day during summer vacation we will be offering a **Summer Reading Program**.

Your child will receive a brand new book that has been chosen for them at his/her reading level before the end of the school year. A letter detailing the reading program will be sent home in the near future.

Thanks for encouraging your child to read this summer. There are many exciting reading programs available at the Westerville Public Library and the Columbus Public Library that offer other incentives for our students to encourage them to continue reading during the summer. Make sure you get involved in one of these great programs.



WESTERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUMMER READING PROGRAM



How It Works

Challenge yourself to a summer of reading. Fight summer boredom or reconnect with your favorite pastime and earn prizes along the way.

Can I join?

Yes! All ages are welcome.



When do I start?

The next reading challenge begins on **May 28, 2021**. Check back here again soon for more details.

What should I read?

Read anything. Read everything. Read aloud to others or to yourself. Books, ebooks, audiobooks, magazines...it all counts. Want some suggestions? Request a book fortune.

Why should I participate?

Reading can reduce stress, increase empathy for others and keep your mind sharp. And it's fun!

FIFTH GRADE YARD SIGNS

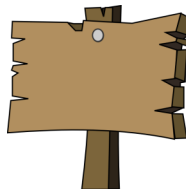
To celebrate the end of their elementary years and to wish them well on the start of middle school, we would like to decorate the front lawn of Mark Twain with "yard" signs for each of the 5th graders on the last day of school. It is a special way to recognize all of our outstanding children.

Please decorate a piece of poster board (recommended size 18 X 24 inches) with your child's name, pictures and encouraging words. Feel free to attach balloons, streamers, stickers, etc. Be creative - the more colorful and festive the better! For added durability, we highly recommend LAMINATING your poster in case of rain.

We have a limited number of yard sign stakes. They will be available to pick up in the office on a first come first serve basis the week of May 13th.

You may begin placing your yard sign in the front yard Tuesday evening May 25th or before 9:00 a.m. the last day of school Wednesday, May 26th Please do not park in front of the school after 9:00 am as the buses will be arriving for the school day.

Due to COVID -19 restrictions, please do not gather on the property.



MOVING?

Please contact the Enrollment & Family Resource Center at 614-797-7700 to file a Change of Address or you can visit the district website at www.wcsd.org, Enrolling Tab, for further instructions. Failure to update your address within the first 30 days following your move could result in a delay in receiving back-to-school communications and transportation assignments.



Useful Information

Clinic News

If your child will be taking medication during the 2019-2020 school year, please have any forms completed and returned to your child's school BEFORE the first day of the school year. The forms are attached to this letter.

Please remember that all prescription medications must be in a pharmacy labeled bottle and match the doctor's order.

If the child is taking over the counter medication, it must be in the original packaging, only one dose sent to school at a time and needs to match the OTC form that is signed by a parent.

IF YOUR CHILD TAKES MEDICATION AT SCHOOL, PLEASE ARRANGE TO PICK IT UP BY THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, OR REQUEST THAT IT BE SENT HOME WITH YOUR STUDENT. THIS YEAR'S UNUSED MEDICATION (INCLUDING EPI PENS, INHALERS, AND ANY OTHER MEDICATIONS,) **WILL BE THROWN AWAY** IF NOT PICKED UP BY A PARENT OR THE STUDENT ON MAY 23, 2019, THE CLINIC **CAN NOT** KEEP MEDICATION FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR OVER THE SUMMER.

Please call your child's school nurse if you have any questions, or need to request that your meds go home with your student.



Right to Read Spirit Week

May 10 to May 14

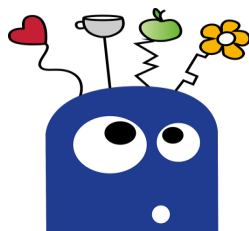
Monday—Crazy Hair/sock day

Tuesday— Tie Dye/Neon Day

Wednesday — Team Sports Day

Thursday— Hat Day

Friday—Patriotic Day



Library Books

The last day to check out books will be May 7th. Please return all Mark Twain Library books by Monday, May 10th. Please be reminded that you will be responsible for the cost of all lost books. Students will not be able to attend the end of the year activities until all books and debts have been cleared in the office.





ORDER *now!*

Go to www.edukitinc.com by June 15, 2021 for best pricing and free shipping.

Mark Twain Elementary PTA offers the EduKit program as a convenient option for busy families to order school supplies for the 2021/2022 year. EduKits include the supplies approved by our school.

Your student's order will be available to pick up at the Back to School Days event on August 4.

Please consider donating to help support deserving students in our school community. Donations can be added to your order online. To purchase a grade level kit for a child in need, simply enter "DONATED KIT" for the first and last name of the student upon checkout.

Extended ordering is available June 16 - July 8 for an additional fee of \$12.95 and will be delivered to the school shortly before school begins.

For questions, contact Melessa Fireovid, melessafireovid@gmail.com

Kits and Items	Price*
Kindergarten Kit	\$38.00
Grade 1 Kit	\$32.00
Grade 2 Kit	\$40.00
Grade 3 Kit	\$39.00
Grade 4 Kit	\$38.00
Grade 5 Kit	\$34.00
Zipper Binder— required for Grade 5	\$21.99
*Prices are valid on orders placed by 6/15/21.	
*Sales tax, if applicable, will be added at check out.	

School Supplies in a Kit—Now that's Smart!™

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WESTERVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

ELEMENTARY MENU

COOK'S CHOICE SELECTIONS - MAY 17 - MAY 26, 2021

Monday, May 17, 2021

Mini Corn Dogs/ Hotdogs

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Twin Mini Cheeseburgers OR
Turkey & Cheese Sandwich OR Bento Box

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

Assorted Chicken (Tenders, Nuggets, Rings, or Boneless Wings) OR
Turkey & Cheese Sandwich OR Bento Box

Thursday, May 20, 2021

Assorted Pizza (Cheese Pizza, Cheezy Breadsticks, Bosco Sticks) OR
Turkey & Cheese Sandwich OR Bento Box

Friday, May 21, 2021

Walking Taco OR
Turkey & Cheese Sandwich OR Bento Box

Monday, May 24, 2021

Breakfast for Lunch (Panakes, French Toast) w/Turkey Sausage OR
Turkey & Cheese Sandwich OR
Pizza Munchable

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Assorted Pasta:(Rotini or Mac and Cheese) w/Garlic Toast OR
Turkey & Cheese Sandwich OR
Pizza Munchable

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

SACK LUNCH ONLY!**

Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Baby Carrots w/Ranch
Craisins
Fruitables Juice Box
Assorted Cookie: (President's Cookies, Gram Bunnies)