



THE TWAIN TIMES



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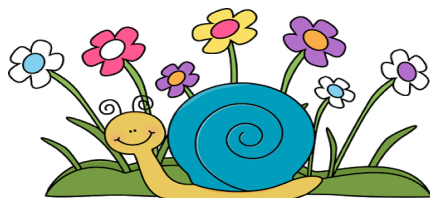
Mark Twain Elementary

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...



School resumes	04/06
Spring break	
Interim Reports Distribution	04/23
PTA Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. Virtual	04/27



2021-2022 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL ANNOUNCED....

For those of you already planning for summer camps and summer vacations, the first day of school for the 2021-2022 year has been announced as Thursday, August 12th, 2021.



GEM AWARD WINNER

Kelley Knapp

The Mark Twain PTA would like to congratulate the 2020/2021 Westerville Parent Council GEM Award winner for Mark Twain Elementary School, Kelley Knapp.

Westerville Parent Council and Roush Honda announced the recipients of the 2020-21 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.

In a joint statement, Westerville Parent Council GEM Chairs **Liz Washburn** and **Tracey King** said the parent council, with the generous sponsorship from our friends at Roush Honda, has celebrated the contributions of staff, volunteers, and community members at each building and across the school district for 18 years.

"These GEMs spread their light, going above and beyond the call of duty to make a positive impact on our schools, our families, and most importantly, our students," they said. "This year, it goes without saying that all the recipients and nominees have overcome the many challenges and obstacles that presented themselves during this highly unusual year. They have cared and supported our students with ingenuity, creativity, and grace."

CONGRATULATIONS



Useful Information

Clinic News

COVID-19 Symptoms List

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported-ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus.

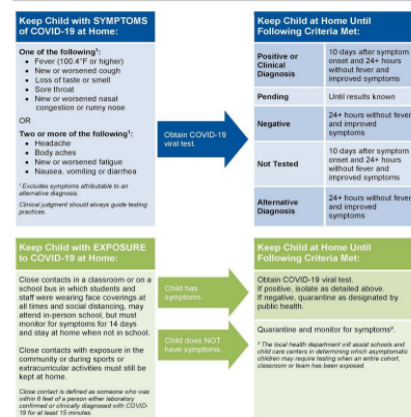
Symptoms include:

- Fever or chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Cough
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headaches
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea/gastrointestinal issues
- New loss of taste or smell

If any of these symptoms are present a health care provider should be contacted.



Child In-Person Participation Algorithm Ohio Public Health Advisory Level 2-4 Counties¹



¹Counties under Level 1 Health Advisory should follow guidance by the local public health department. Please follow Ohio Administrative Code 3701-3-13 <http://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-code/3701-3-13> for exclusion for diarrhea and other infectious diseases.



FACIAL COVERINGS

- When in-person instruction resumes, policy/guidelines require staff to wear face coverings/shields (permitted exceptions identified).
- Policy/guidelines also require students in grades PK-12 to wear face coverings when in halls/common areas and classrooms. "Mask breaks" will be built into the school day per a district protocol under the direction of a staff member.
- Recommendation is for staff and students provide own facial mask; district will have supply on hand.
- Facial masks are required for anyone coming onto school property during the day and/or for school functions.
- Clinic staff will be provided appropriate PPE.



Mark Twain Reminders and Really Useful Information

NEWS FROM FOOD SERVICES

SCHOOL MEALS FOR THE 2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR



Free school meals available through the end of the 2020-21 school year.

The United States Department of Agriculture has extended free meal benefits to all students through the end of the 2020-21 school year. That means school meals students eat at school will be free for the entire school year.

ATTENTION 5TH GRADE PARENTS

SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 29TH AT 7:00 p.m.

Walnut Springs 6th grade teachers will join us on Zoom for a Question and Answer session about getting ready for middle school. Meeting details and option to submit questions beforehand will be communicated in the next few weeks.



Don't forget to
bring your own
bottle to refill



VIRTUAL PTA

March Meeting
Tuesday, April 27
@ 7:00 p.m.



YWCA Kids Place Summer Camp

If ever there was a time kids needed summer camp, it's after a year of remote learning. Give your child the opportunity to connect with nature, engage in hands-on learning, make new friends, and more!

YWCA Columbus Kids Place Summer Camp is ready for another safe, fun summer, with over 20 years' experience offering high quality summer programs for campers grades K-7—from any school district.

This year, we're blending iconic camp activities, like capture the flag and water day, with the new things kids love, thanks to our partners at NASA and COSI.

Our ODJFS-licensed program, expert staff, and flexible scheduling make our program the best choice to make your child's summer amazing. Scholarships are available for qualified families.

All-Inclusive, All-Day Care

For up to 8 weeks in the summer, we offer flexible scheduling between 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM. Sign up for one or all weeks.

We're Prepared

In 2020, we pioneered implementing health and safety practices in a school age environment, as one of the only summer camps to open and operate safely in the midst of COVID19. This summer, we're ready with a revised health and safety blueprint which incorporates ODJFS regulations, Franklin County Public Health guidance, and CDC best practices in order to mitigate the risk.

Here's what you can expect from your experienced Kids Place staff as we work hard to keep your camper safe by with our comprehensive Health and Safety Protocols:

Daily Temperature Checks

Children and staff are required to have their temperature taken daily before attending camp. We also schedule two routine temperature checks later in the day to ensure everyone stays fever-free. If students or staff register a fever, they are asked to remain home for a certain number of days or until they have a doctors' note.

Daily Health Screening

Children and staff must complete a daily health screening before attending camp. The screening takes less than a minute, and helps check for multiple symptoms. If students or staff are exhibiting COVID symptoms, they will be asked to stay home from camp.

Outside Activities

Because being outside reduces the spread of COVID19, we are planning more fun outdoors activities than ever before! We're maximizing our time scheduled outside, with fun games, nature activities, water day, and more.

Hand Hygiene

Although handwashing has always been a hallmark of our ODJFS-licensed programs, we've taken our hand hygiene up a notch with additional scheduled handwashing times and sanitizing checkpoints. We make sure children clean their hands before, during, and after activities.

Pods

To keep children and staff as safe as possible, we're avoiding mixing campers with other groups to mitigate potential spread. Children will stay in their individual cohorts, with consistent staff all day.

Masks

We've expanded our mask-wearing requirements to match expert-recommended best practices.



Fun in the Sun



YWCA Summer Kids Place is ready for a safe, fun summer!



Moved? Moving?

If you have moved or have signed a new lease agreement, please provide the Welcome Center, located on the 3rd floor of the Ohio Health Building at Polaris and Africa Roads with TWO forms of the new Proof of Residency, and update the online forms .

