



THE TWAIN TIMES



MARCH 2021

Mark Twain Elementary

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Kelley Knapp	Attendance
Jenna Martin	School Nurse
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Serena Casale	School Counselor

Important Dates To Remember...



Daylight Savings Time begins	03/14
Achievement Records avail-	03/23
PTA Meeting—Virtual	03/23
Spring Break	03/29 through 04/05
School resumes	04/06

REFLECTION DISTRICT WINNERS

Students placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be moving on to the state competition!



Primary - VISUAL ART
Victoria Rutherford- 3rd Place *

Intermediate—VISUAL ART
Alice Schott- 1st Place *
Layla Saburi- Honorable Mention

Primary—PHOTOGRAPHY
Samantha Stapleton- 3rd Place *

Intermediate - LITURATURE
Alice Schott- Honorable Mention

Primary -DANCE
Samantha Stapleton- 1st Place *

Intermediate—FILM
Eli Werner- 3rd Place *

**CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK
AT THE STATE COMPETITION!!**

MARCH



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME



Sunday, March 14th

Useful Information

CALENDAR & TIMES

March 1-5:

Cohort B students receive in-person instruction;

Cohort A students receive remote instruction

March 8-26: All non-Westerville Virtual Academy students receive in-person instruction

WVA students have committed to virtual instruction through the second semester.

March 29-April 5: Spring Break

April 6-May 26: All non-WVA students continue with in-person instruction through the remainder of the school year

Instructional times will remain as they are for the remainder of the year:

Elementary Schools: 9:35 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.

AM Kindergarten: 9:35 a.m. to Noon

PM Kindergarten: 12:55 p.m. to 3:20 p.m.



DELIVERY OF INSTRUCTION

The health and safety of staff and students remains our greatest consideration when determining our instructional model. This plan to return all students to in-person instruction has been reviewed by health officials from both the Delaware Public Health District and Franklin County Board of Health.

There may be times when local or regional conditions call for a return to blended learning or remote instruction, either on a temporary or permanent basis.

As we have all along, we intend to continue doing our part to mitigate the spread of the virus and will look to our medical experts to help guide our decisions moving forward.

Families of students receiving their instruction through the Westerville Virtual Academy reaffirmed their commitment to this academic option in December and will complete the remainder of the 2020-21 school year through this program.

FACIAL COVERINGS

Policy/guidelines require staff to wear face coverings/shields (permitted exceptions identified).

Policy/guidelines require students in grades PK-12 to wear face coverings when in halls/common areas and classrooms.

Staff and students should provide their own facial masks; district will have limited supply on hand.

Facial masks will continue to be required for anyone coming onto school property at all times.

Clinic staff will continue to use appropriate PPE.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

With all students and staff wearing masks, we will continue to monitor and apply social distancing standards based upon the latest research and guidance from the CDC and other health organizations.

PERSONAL HYGIENE & PROPERTY CLEANLINESS

Staff and students will still be provided the opportunity and supplies to wash and sanitize their hands regularly throughout the day.

We will continue to follow cleaning and sanitization practices in classrooms, lunchrooms, and other common areas, as well as in our fleet of school buses and vans.

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 .



Mark Twain Reminders and Really Useful Information

NEWS FROM FOOD SERVICES

SCHOOL MEALS FOR THE 2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR



Can I opt out of the virtual instruction remote week food distribution?

Yes. Submit your request to opt-out at any time to ThomasRL@wcsch.org



School Fees are Due!

Fees can be paid online through your student's EZPay account; (a nominal fee is charged for online payments). You can also pay fees with a check, cash or money order. If you are unable to pay fees on line, please contact the Mark Twain office for other payment options. Make checks payable to WBOE

Kindergarten	\$18.50
First	\$32.00
Second	\$32.00
Third	\$28.00
Fourth	\$30.00
Fifth	\$30.00

Don't Forget



DISTRICT MAGNET PROGRAM

2021-2022 Information

Westerville City Schools offers a limited Magnet Program in the district that provides an alternative to the traditional delivery of content through the lenses of Math and Science, The Arts, and World Cultures.

Students enrolled in Westerville City Schools are eligible to participate in the Magnet program and their selection to the program is determined by a lottery process. Students must complete enrollment in Westerville City Schools with an Enrollment Specialist no later than March 12 to be eligible for the lottery.

Please review the following information carefully.

Magnet Program Options

The Magnet Program consists of three options: Math/Science, World Cultures, and Arts.

Magnet Program Locations

- Emerson Elementary hosts the World Cultures program, while Hanby Elementary hosts the Arts program and the Math/Science program.

Questions regarding the Math/Science Magnet Program or the Arts Magnet Program at Hanby please call Principal Megan Rose Forman at 614.797.7100 or email her at formanm@wcsch.org. Questions regarding the World Cultures Magnet Program at Emerson please call Principal Chris Poynter at 614.797.7080 or email him at paynterc@wcsch.org.

Magnet Program Applications and Lottery

Parents will have the option to complete an online application for the 2021-2022 school year.

Magnet Program Timeline for 2021 Lottery

- Tuesday, February 16** - Application available online at 9:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, March 3** - Virtual Magnet Fair and Open House
- Hanby, 5:30-6:30 p.m.**
- Emerson, 6:00-7:00 p.m.**
- Friday, March 12** - Application Deadline is midnight. New students must complete enrollment with an Enrollment Specialist.
- Friday, March 26** - Invitation Letter mailed home
- Friday, April 9** - Acceptance of Invitation due

Mark Twain Elementary School Hours

9:35 AM - 3:20 PM

Please do not drop your students off early.
Students may not enter the building until the 9:20 morning bell.



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

NEWS AND INFORMATION

VIRTUAL PTA

March Meeting
Tuesday, March 23rd
@ 7:00 p.m.



SPRING BREAK

March 29th through April 5th
Classes resume on Tuesday, April 6th

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 DAYS ARE COMING!

Spring is a perfect time for the students to end up in the clinic covered in mud from head to toe due to a playground 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.

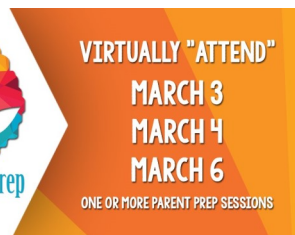


REMINDER

If your student has borrowed clothes from the clinic, please remember to wash them and have your student return the clothes as quickly as possible. The supply of clothes is quickly dwindling and the clinic needs all the clothes returned promptly.



Parent Prep



Registration Now Open!



Westerville City School District officials invite parents and guardians to mark their calendars for March 3, 4 and 6, 2021, and encourage them to virtually "attend" one or more live Parent Prep sessions. Sessions offer valuable information to families of children at all grade levels and will address *Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) topics such as Self-Awareness, Self-Management, Social Awareness, Responsible Decision-Making, and Relationship Skills.

Attendees can choose what sessions to participate in that most interests them. Courses target age-appropriate strategies for Stress Management, Anxiety, Students and Technology, and COVID and changes in the school environment. **Due to the sensitive nature of some topics, sessions are meant for adults only; students or other children are not permitted to participate.**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021

<u>Time Slot</u>	<u>Course</u>
5:00 pm	Operation Street Smart (2-hour session)

THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021

<u>Time Slot</u>	<u>Course (1-hour sessions)</u>
5:00 pm	LGBTQ+ 101
6:00 pm	Confronting Hard History: What students want to know

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2021

<u>Time Slot</u>	<u>Course (1-hour sessions)</u>
10:00 am	Mindful Parenting Workshop: Supporting your child with mi
11:30 am	Keep Calm and Parent On

The Westerville City School District thanks Westerville Education Challenge (WEC) and Westerville Parent Council for their support of this Parent Prep event.

REGISTER

wcsoh.org/ParentPrep

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.

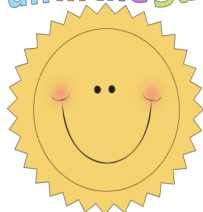
Pods

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!