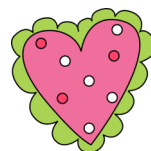




THE TWAIN TIMES



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...



Interim Distributed	02/09
Lincoln's Birthday NO SCHOOL	02/12
Happy Valentine's Day	02/14
President's Day NO SCHOOL	02/15
Virtual PTA Meeting @ 7:00 pm	02/23



NO SCHOOL



Lincoln's Birthday

February 12th

President's Day

February 15th

FEBRUARY 2021

2021 GEM AWARD

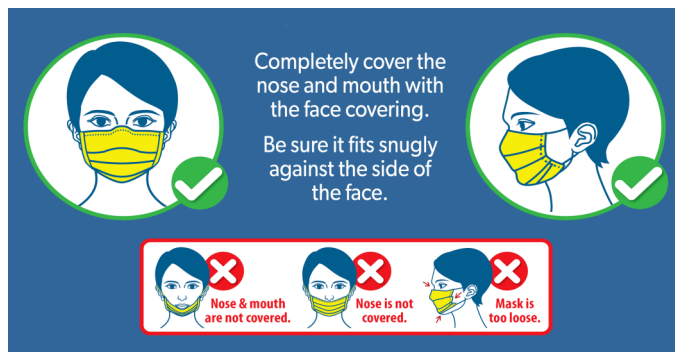
*G*reat *E*ducator *M*entor Award



Westerville students, staff and community are invited to nominate district staff and adult volunteers for a Great Educator Mentor (GEM) Award, 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 who have made a significant impact in their buildings or across the district with the Terry Gordon Business Award. Nomination deadline for annual GEM award is Feb. 5. Visit the Westerville City School website for information on how to submit a nomination.

Thank you for taking the time to
nominate someone special!



Useful Information

BRRRRR.....REMINDER

Student's go outside as long as it is 20 degrees.
Please make sure your children dress for the weather!



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!

ATTENTION FIFTH GRADE PARENTS

We need your help for the 2020-2021 school yearbooks. We are beginning to organize the baby/toddler pictures of our 5th graders. We would like to have these pictures in the yearbook for the 5th grade graduating class.

When submitting a photo for the yearbook, please follow these guidelines to ensure your photo will be included in the yearbook:

1. Email a photo of your child to: kauls@wcsoh.org
2. Please be sure to put the school name in the subject line of the email.
3. You **MUST** include your child's first and last name as well as their teacher's name in the body of the email.
4. Please make sure that your photo is high quality, if it is not, it may not be eligible for use. (it must be 300 dpi/resolution)
5. The image must be sent in jpeg format

DUE DATE: February 17th



Yearbook Sale

January 29th through February 26th

\$17.00 - on-line orders only



book.hrimaging.com

This is the only opportunity to purchase a yearbook

Westerville Intra-District Open Enrollment Applications Available

The Intra-District Open Enrollment 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 apply to have their children attend a school different from their school of attendance must complete and submit an Intra-district Open Enrollment Application. Application forms are available at each school building; at the Westerville City Schools Enrollment Center (300 Polaris Parkway, Suite 3200); at the Early Learning Center (936 Eastwind Drive); or at www.wcsoh.org, where general guidelines can also be found.



Mark Twain Reminders and Really Useful Information

NEWS FROM FOOD SERVICES



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

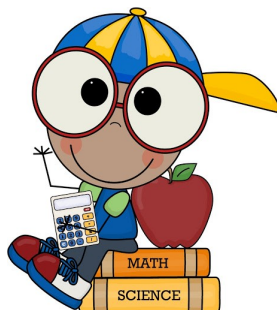
The United States Department of Agriculture has extended free meal benefits to all students through the end of the 2020-21 school year. That means school meals students eat at school will be free for the entire school year.

To receive free meals during virtual instruction, families **NEED** to complete the **Westerville City Schools Opt-In Form for Weekly Meal Bags**. (See below.) This form only needs to be filled out once and can be canceled at any time by emailing Food Services at thomasrl@wcsoh.org.

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.



DISTRICT CALENDARS ARE HERE!

Don't forget to pick up your 2021 District Calendar on the literature rack in the school hallway.



Student Well Being

The Westerville City School District recognizes that children come to school from a variety of circumstances. District officials are committed to meeting the needs of the whole child and understand that student learning is best supported by maintaining positive relationships between family, school, and community within a safe, caring, and supportive learning environment. Such an environment is provided through partnerships with school, community safety agencies, and mental and physical health agencies.

There are supports for student mental health/wellness in each building. We are able to provide social-emotional support services to students and/or refer families to numerous community agencies that can provide short- or long-term support when necessary. The level of service is determined individually and can include support from a school counselor, a student assistance program specialist or a Concord clinician, or any combination thereof.

We encourage any family to reach out and request help to access these services through your assigned school counselor or school administrator. Please follow this link to identify the [K-12 SCHOOL COUNSELORS AND CLINICIANS](#) available at your school.

School Counselors

School Counselors are available in every district school should your student or family need additional support. They also are a point of contact if you have concerns for others who may benefit from additional support. Our counselors are highly trained and will treat every situation professionally and discretely.

Partnership with Concord Counseling

We enjoy a strong partnership with [Concord Counseling](#) and can help families access its various programs should they need support beyond that which our schools can provide. Specialized programs and services are available for children, teens and young adults of all ages. At the middle school level, we have four full-time clinicians who are available to assist students and families on a daily basis. Additionally, Concord offers no-cost assessments for our elementary students and families who need support. This referral comes from the building level administrator or counselor and the subsequent assessment is completed at Concord Counseling offices.



NEWS AND INFORMATION

PTA Meeting

VIRTUAL PTA
February Meeting
February 23rd
@ 7:00 p.m.

Communicate with the Teachers....

Please accept this as a gentle reminder that if something is going on with your child that makes you question their education (in any way) please start by communicating with your child's teacher. The Teacher is the one that spends the most time with your child and can offer more insight. If more intervention is needed, the situation will be further addressed and re-directed accordingly. We are a "team" staff here and encourage open communication between parents and members of the teaching staff.



Clinic News

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope you had a safe and enjoyable holiday break. As we have transitioned back to blended learning, health services still must track COVID-19 related illness at school and home.

Please email our school nurse at martinje@westerville.k12.oh.us to let us know:

If your student is diagnosed with COVID-19

and/or

If your student is a close contact to someone diagnosed with COVID-19.

A close contact is someone who has been closer than 6 feet for 15 minutes or more starting 48 hours before symptoms began, or 48 hours before the test was collected if the person is not having symptoms.



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!

You can
LEARN,
something new
EVERYDAY
If you
LISTEN

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. at the end of the month.