



THE TWAIN TIMES



Mark Twain Elementary

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DECEMBER 2020

MARK TWAIN PINK DAY



Important Dates To Remember...



Christmas Break NO SCHOOL	12/21 through 01/04
School resumes	01/05

The IBC Network Foundation wishes to thank Mark Twain Elementary for the donation of \$313.00 on November 10th, 2020 supporting our efforts to fund Breast Cancer research! Every gift is vital, and we greatly appreciate your efforts to help end this fatal cancer. This donation was given in honor of all lives lost by this terrible disease.



Wishing you a
Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!



HOLIDAY BREAK!

December 21st through January 4rd
Classes resume on January 5th

YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST WINNER

Front cover— Marley Olinger
Back cover— Chanler Lykins



Thank you to all students who worked so hard on their cover entries!

Clinic News

Westerville City Schools Clinic Updates COVID-19

When to Stay Home or Be Sent Home

Students Stay Home or Be Sent Home For:

Sick with One of these COVID-19 Symptoms

- Fever (100.4°F or higher)
- New or worsened cough
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- New or worsened nasal congestion or runny nose

OR

Sick with Two of these COVID-19 Symptoms

- Headache
- Body aches
- New or worsened fatigue
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea

OR

Close Contact

If they are a Sibling or Household Contact of/to the Sick Student

- Parents will be asked to pick up siblings and housemates of students with COVID symptoms, whether kept home or sent home from school
- Staff members who have children or household members who are symptomatic will also be sent home

WHEN Can Students Come Back??

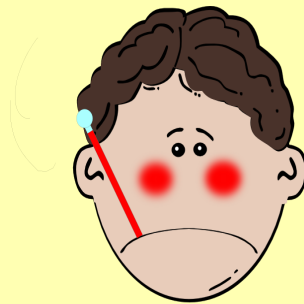
Sick Students May Return With:

- A note from the doctor/or provider indicating a non-COVID-19 diagnosis
OR
- A Negative COVID-19 test
OR
- Completion of 10 days of Isolation
We count 10 days starting with the day after symptom onset as day 1
AND
- Symptoms are improved and fever free without medication for 24 hours.

Close Contact

Siblings and Household Contacts Return When

- A Non-COVID-19 diagnosis has been given for the sick student.
OR
- A Negative COVID test has been received for the sick student.
OR
- They have completed 14 days of quarantine away from the isolated sick student. IMPORTANT: This means the sick student must be isolated in the home away from others.
- If unable to isolate a sick student in the home for 10 days, the sibling could be out of school for up to 24 days.



MANAGING CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19) ANXIETY

For You

- Avoid excessive exposure to media coverage
- Connect through calls/text/internet
- Add extra time for daily stress relief
- Practice self-care
- Focus on your mental health

For Kids

- Reassure them that they're safe
- Let them talk about their worries
- Share your own coping skills
- Limit their news exposure
- Create a routine & structure

For Quarantine/Isolation

- Keep in contact with your loved ones via social media, texts, and phone calls
- Create a daily self-care routine
- Keep yourself busy: games, books, movies
- Focus on new relaxation techniques

Mark Twain Reminders and Really Useful Information

HOLIDAY MEAL

- Tender Diced Turkey and Gravy
- Creamy Mashed Potatoes
- Seasoned Green Beans
- Whole Wheat Dinner Roll
- Fruit Sorbet
- Frosted cookie
- Iced Cold Milk

Cohort A Thursday, December 10

Cohort B Thursday, December 17



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 student!



IT IS GETTING COLD OUTSIDE!

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. If you have an alternative plan in place for your child for going home in inclement weather, please discuss this with your children, and send a note in to your child's teacher. A reminder from the clinic, if your child is attracted to the mud or water, please send a change of clothes in their backpacks.



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 re-
- mind them to wear them to
- school not just in October
- but everyday. Screening is
- conducted using the Ohio
- Department of Health Hear-
- ing and Vision Screening Re-
- quirements and Guidelines.
- If you have any questions
- about screening please con-
- tact our school nurse.



LATE BUS

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



NEWS AND INFORMATION

REFLECTIONS RESULTS

Film:

1st Place - Reflections - Eli Werner

Dance:

1st Place - Believe in Yourself - Samantha Stapleton

Literature:

1st Place - What Matters - Alice Schott

Photography:

1st Place - Little Caterpillar - Samantha Stapleton

Visual Arts - Intermediate:

1st Place - Why I Matter - Layla Saburi

2nd Place - I Matter - Alice Schott

Visual Arts - Primary:

1st Place - Life Love - Hannah Hargrove

2nd Place - Tori 101 - Victoria Rutherford

3rd Place - Rainbow Write - Cooper Schott

All of our students placed this year and will move on to District judging.

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

Doctor Notes

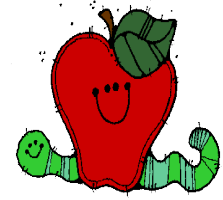
Are you headed to school after a morning doctor or orthodontist appointment or leaving early to get to an afternoon appointment? Please remember to ask for a doctor's excuse so that the absence or tardy can be properly coded as a medical excuse.



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.

NEWS FROM FOOD SERVICES

UPDATE



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@wsoh.org.

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS
BREAKFAST & LUNCH**
AVAILABLE THROUGH THE ENTIRE
2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR
FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

www.wsoh.org/meals

FOOD SERVICES available
for **ALL DISTRICT FAMILIES**

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 and click on E-Communications.

SNOW EMERGENCY?

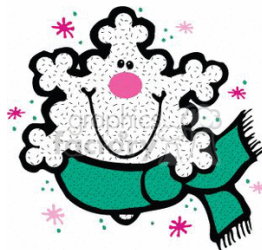
- Parents:** In case of an unscheduled early dismissal please review with your child(ren) how they are to go home.

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 12:50 a.m. Please do not drop your students off early.



PTA

Be sure to visit the Mark Twain PTA website (mtpta.org) for all the up to date information about what's happening with your PTA and to find out how you can participate in the Mark Twain PTA.

