



THE TWAIN TIMES



Mark Twain Elementary

OCTOBER 2020

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Important Dates To Remember...



1st Grading Period Ends	10/14
NO SCHOOL NEA/OEA DAY	10/16
Achievement Records available	10/21
PTA Meeting Virtual 7:00 p.m.	10/27

VIRTUAL PTA MEETING
October 27TH
7:00 P.M.



REQUEST

We have a special request form if you plan on taking your child out of school for an extended period of time. Please contact the attendance clerk at 614-797-7213 for any questions regarding this form.

Library Update by Mrs. Todd



Here's a big "Hello, Mark Twain Parents and Students!" from your school library. Welcome back to the 2020-21 school year! Thank you for all the books that you have returned to the library during materials pick-up and drop off days. We realize that it has been a challenge, and that there are still many books out from last year. Please send them back to school at your earliest convenience.

At this moment, we are not sure what borrowing from the library will look like this year. Detailed information and instructions will be relayed to students through the library Schoology course and in future school updates when procedures are finalized. Remember, in order to borrow books this year, **last year's books need to be returned first**. If you are not sure about your child's library status, or have questions, feel free to email me at toddp@wcsch.org. You may also contact our library clerk, Mrs. Dorne, at dornea@wcsch.org

Finally, library instruction is continuing, even during distance learning. Please direct your students to the library class in Schoology. There is a new lesson for every grade, each week. If you have missed the first lesson, they will continue to be posted so that your student can catch up.

The Westerville Public Library is planning to have school deliveries of books. If everything goes according to schedule, they will resume deliveries to our school on Monday, October 5th. This is a great way for students to get extra books to read on their remote weeks!



Westerville Public Library

Back to School Information in the Blended Model

- Students will be assigned to Cohort A or Cohort B. One week will be in school with teacher instruction. One week will be remote learning from home. Please see the attached calendar for your child's schedule.
- Cohorts will be comprised of a maximum of 15 students.
- Cohort desks will be physically 6 feet apart.
- Regular sanitizing and hand washing will be available throughout the day.
- Masks are mandatory for all students and staff. Teachers will build mask breaks into their day. The mask should:
 - Fit snugly
 - Cover nose & chin
 - Be cleaned routinely
- Arrival and dismissal—physically distanced areas will be marked on the sidewalks and staff will monitor and guide students into and out of the building. Each grade level will enter the building at a separate door. Hand sanitizing stations are available throughout the building. Car riders **MUST** stay in their cars in line until the 9:20 a.m. arrival bell. Parents are **NOT** permitted in the building.
- Cafeteria guidelines—Breakfast will be distributed and eaten in the classroom. Lunch will be served and eaten in both the cafeteria and classrooms to maintain social distancing guidelines. Hand sanitizing stations are available throughout the building. The cafeteria will be sanitized between each group.
- Recess—The playground will be limited to one grade level at a time. Each class within the grade will be limited to an area of the playground on a rotating basis. Masks will be required on the playground.
- Covid-19 Response—If a student becomes sick during the school day, the student will be taken to an isolation room in the building. The student **MUST** be picked up by the parent within 20 minutes. In the event there is a positive Covid-19 test, the district will be notified and will work with the Health Department to determine next steps.
- Buses—Masks will be required while riding school buses. One student per seat. Families may sit together with a maximum of three to a seat.
- Bring a water bottle, water fountains will only be available for water bottle refills!



do
THE RIGHT
THING...
EVEN WHEN
no one
IS LOOKING.

Keep your child at home if they have symptoms:

- Cough or difficulty breathing
- Fever ≥ 100.4
- Headache
- Sore throat, congested/runny nose
- Chills
- Fatigue/Muscle aches
- Nausea, Vomiting or Diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell

Blended Learning at Home

- Your child's teacher will have a schedule for the expectations while at home.
- If you experience technical difficulties, please contact our success coaches:
- Wade Boss boss@wcsd.org

NO SCHOOL

Oct 16th NEA/OEA DAY



MARK TWAIN REMINDERS AND REALLY USEFUL INFORMATION!



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, and being prepared to learn. I choose to be a leader at all times.

NEWS FROM FOOD SERVICES

MEAL PRICE

2020-2021

Elementary \$2.75

Reduced Price Lunches: \$0.40

Milk: \$0.60

Breakfast prices remain the same for the 2020-2021 school year.

Elementary \$1.25



EASY ACCESS TO SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENU

You can access the breakfast/lunch menu at www.nutrislice/westerville on your computer.

To upload to your phone: upload the nutrislice app from your store and it will ask you which menu you want and you upload so choose Westerville City SD. You then pick your school and choose the menu you would like to view (breakfast or lunch).

Some neat aspects about this link is people can see nutrition values, automatically have allergens taken out and it even has the calculations for carbs. It is accurate, all the numbers come right off the packaging and there are no google searches needed.

The cafeteria cannot take credit card payments. You may make credit card payments using EZPay in PowerSchool. You may pay for lunch with cash and checks at the school.

FREE & REDUCED LUNCHES: You must apply every year. Applications are online.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

Clinic News

Below is some guidance about when we should make sure students are washing their hands with soap and water and when it's okay for them to use hand sanitizer. It's important to understand that washing your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds is more effective and should be the preferred method of keeping our hands clean. Hand sanitizer can be used throughout the day, but students should also be encouraged to wash their hands frequently with soap and water.

When to wash hands with soap and water:

1. Before eating
2. After going to the bathroom
3. If your hands are visibly greasy or dirty
4. After recess when hands are likely dirty from playing outside



When to use hand sanitizer

1. If soap and water are not available
2. When switching from one area of the building to another

Additional Information:

1. Antibacterial soap is not more effective than regular soap and is not recommended for use in the school setting
2. Hand sanitizer **CANNOT** be used when hands are visibly dirty- it is not effective to clean dirt or grime off hands
3. Using warm water does not increase effectiveness- cold and warm are both acceptable

Jenna Martin RN BSN LSN
School Nurse

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 FUN FACTS

MARK TWAIN ATTENDANCE- 797-7213

Reporting an Absence

If your child is going to be tardy or absent from school, please remember to call the Attendance Line: 614-797-7213.

This line is available 24 hours a day. Please report all absences by 9:00 a.m.

Doctor Notes...

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.

Encouraging Good Attendance

The 2020-21 school year has begun and our teachers and staff have exciting learning opportunities planned and high academic expectations for all of our students. We are committed to supporting all students to achieve their dreams and to experience an excellent 2019-20 school year. I am seeking your commitment to support your child's educational growth by making sure your child attends school every day possible this year. Good attendance starts early.

The evidence is clear: children with good attendance are more likely to be successful in school. High attendance rates correlate to high student achievement. This is true for every grade. Regular school attendance is essential to successful learning.

Every day counts. Missing school for any amount of time can have a negative impact on academic achievement. Students with good attendance perform better academically. Research has shown that the attendance habits established early have lasting effects on students throughout their education. Your child needs to be in school and engaged in learning to reach his or her full potential.

I realize that every family faces challenges. Please let your child's teacher, counselor or me know if you are dealing with a challenge affecting your child's good school attendance. Your school family will help to ensure that your child's school attendance stays on track.

Thank you for all you do to support your child's school success and well-being. I look forward to working with you this year and to having your child learn and grow. Best wishes for a safe, respectful, responsible and successful school year.



2020-2021

Mark Twain Elementary School

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