



THE TWAIN TIMES



Mark Twain Elementary

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 School Counselor

Important Dates

PTA Skate Night	03/05
Daylight Savings Time	03/08
3rd Grading Period Ends	03/10
Early Release @ 2:30 p.m.	03/12
Irish Jig	03/16
Report Cards are available	03/19
Spring Break NO SCHOOL	03/23 through 03/27
PTA Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.	03/31

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME



Sunday, March 8th

MARCH 2020

The Westerville Rotary Club's

PICK THE PARADE THEME

Everyone loves the Westerville Rotary July 4th parade. You can play a big part in it by picking the winning theme for this year's parade in Westerville!

All Westerville students in Kindergarten through Grade 5 are invited to enter. Just pick a theme for the parade (10 words or less, no cartoon characters, please.) Turn in your entry by Friday, March 6 2020.

Prize: \$100.00 and a place of honor in the big parade! Also, the classes with 100% participation will be entered into a drawing to win a pizza party!



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 NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

Clinic News

From School Health Services:

Hi Everyone, I hope the beginning of 2020 finds you well and healthy! Some days it feels like spring is just about the corner, but we still find ourselves in winter and with winter, comes sickness. If your child is ill in the morning (fever, vomiting, diarrhea, feeling too ill to participate) please let them rest at home. Our goal is to keep children in school, but we will notify you if they truly are not feeling well during the school day. If your child is diagnosed with an illness, please let the attendance clerk know what the diagnosis is when calling your child's absence in.

Here is a quick reminder of our guidelines for sending student's home from school:

1. Fever of 100 degrees or higher
2. Vomiting
3. Diarrhea
4. Undiagnosed rash
5. Remember: If your child is sent home with a fever or wakes up with a fever, the student needs to stay home for 24 hours after they are fever free without the help of medication. Remind your child to wash, wash, and wash their hands with soap and water to help reduce the transmission of germs. Let's make 2020 the best!

Also: 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.



HAT/HAIR DAY

Friday, March 20th

\$1.00 to wear your hat or silly hair to school!

Dear friends, we would like to invite Mark Twain to once again participate in Hat/Hair Day on Friday, March 20th. We had fun with this event last spring and together we raised over \$2500! Some of you may recall that Faith Pruden was a first grade student who lost her battle with childhood cancer in 2010. She asked that we never let people forget her so a scholarship in her name was established. In 2013, the scholarship grew into the Friends of Faith Pruden Foundation, a 501(c)(3). This foundation now offers two college scholarships and support for Nationwide Children's Hospital "cancer kids" and their families. Our \$2000 Faith Pruden Memorial Scholarship is specifically for Westerville high school students while the second scholarship is for a Central Ohio "Cancer Warrior Kid." Each September, we proudly raise awareness of Childhood Cancer and the GOLD ribbon. We offer support to families on the oncology floor at Children's year round! This support often helps with utility bills, gas and grocery cards, rent, and anything else to help ease the family's burden.

Thank you for your support!



SPRING BREAK

March 23rd through March 27th

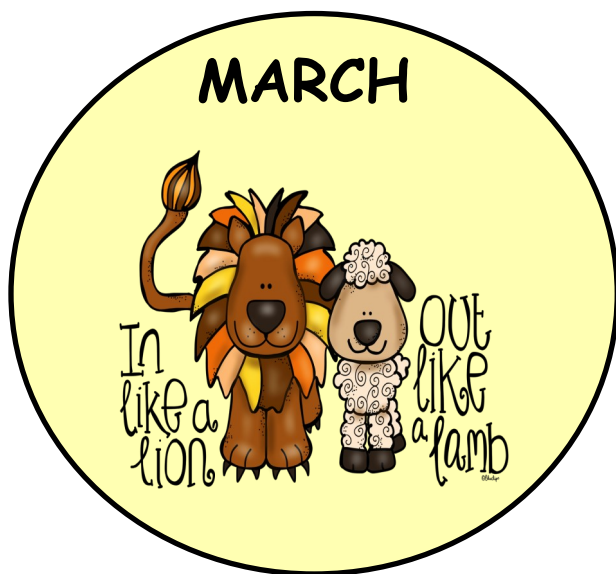
Classes resume on Monday, March 30

ST. PATRICK'S DAY IRISH JIG

Monday, March 16th
3:15 p.m.



MARK TWAIN REMINDERS AND REALLY USEFUL INFORMATION!



MARK TWAIN SCHOOL SKATE PARTY

Thursday, March 5th, 2020

6:00—8:30 pm

Free admission

\$3.00 Skate Rental/\$4.00 Roller Blades



STUDENT EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

This school year, all of your child's contact and emergency information and all parent permission forms are being maintained online. Parents/Guardians need to keep this information updated online throughout the school year so we have accurate contact information in case of an emergency with your child. If you have not done so already, PLEASE LOG INTO THE PARENT PORTAL AND CORRECT YOUR STUDENT(S) CONTACT AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION AND COMPLETE PERMISSION FORMS. Directions for creating a Parent Portal account and/or accessing these forms, you may contact the office at 797-7200.



Baby Pictures

Please send one baby picture to us for the 5th grade graduation video by Friday, March 20, 2020.

Please email a digital picture in a .jpeg format to kauls@westerville.k12.oh.us.

Intra-District Open Enrollment

Intra-District Open Enrollment applications are being accepted for the 2020-21 school year. The deadline for applications for middle and high schools is March 15, 2020. For elementary schools, the cut off date is May 1, 2020. The 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 have their children attend a different school from their home school of attendance must complete and submit an Intra-District open Enrollment application. With this program, transportation to and from school becomes the responsibility of the parent. Parents or guardians will be notified of the decision in writing. 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.wcsd.org, where general guidelines can also be found. Please call 797-5756 or email Jennifer Farris at farrisj@wcsd.org with any additional questions.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

2020 MARK TWAIN TALENT SHOW

Friday, April 24th, at 6:00 at
Westerville Central High

SAVE THE DATE!



Congratulations to these Mark Twain 5th grade students for winning runners up in the C.O.B.A basketball tournament. Players on the team our Magnus Hunter, Xavier Smith Jericho Reamsnider, Jacoby Gruber, and Jude Bromley.

SPRING SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our Spring Scholastic BOGO Book Fair will be held on April 6th through April 9th in our school library. Our students will have the opportunity to make great selections of books to ensure they continue to read during the summer.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to work during the fair. They will help students select books and run the cash register. If you are able to help with the book fair, please contact Katie Simon at kitzler.katheryn@gmail.com.

BUY ONE GET ONE FREE SALE GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO STOCK UP ON BOOKS FOR SUMMER READING!



DON'T FORGET!

PTA Meeting
School Library
Tuesday, March 31st
7:00 P.M.



District announces 2020-21 Magnet Program application dates, open house details

The Westerville City School District (WCSD) Magnet Program offers students in grades 1-5 an alternative to the traditional delivery of content through the lenses of Math and Science, The Arts, and World Cultures.

Only students who are enrolled in WCSD by March 13, 2020, will be eligible for the lottery that determines Magnet Program admission for the 2020-21 academic year. Enrollment in Westerville City Schools is processed at the district's Enrollment Center, located in Suite 3200 of the OhioHealth Medical Building, 300 Polaris Parkway, Westerville. Details about the process to enroll in the district are available at www.wcsoh.org/enroll or by calling 614-797-7700.

Emerson Elementary hosts the World Cultures Program, while Hanby Elementary hosts the Arts Program and the Math/Science Program. Questions regarding the Math/Science or the Arts programs may be directed to Hanby Principal Megan Forman-McCaulla at 614-797-7100 or mccaullm@wcsoh.org. Questions regarding the World Cultures program may be directed to Emerson Principal Chris Poynter at 614-797-7080 or poynterc@wcsoh.org.

Important dates and deadlines for the Magnet Program application process follow:

- ☐ Wednesday, March 4, 2020: Magnet Fair and Open House at Emerson (5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.) and Hanby (6 p.m. -7 p.m.);
- ☐ Friday, March 13, 2020: Application process closes at midnight;
- ☐ Friday, April 3, 2020: Invitation Letter mailed home;
- ☐ Friday, April 10, 2020: Acceptance of Invitation due.

Families unable to attend the Magnet Fair and Open Houses can obtain additional information online at <https://www.westerville.k12.oh.us/magnet>.

