



# THE TWAIN TIMES



## Mark Twain Elementary

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## FEBRUARY 2020

### 2020 GEM AWARD

Great Educator Mentor Award

Who is your GEM in Westerville Schools?

Sponsored by Roush Honda and Westerville Parent Council, the annual GEM Awards, which stands for *Great Educator Mentors in Westerville Schools*, honors community members, volunteers, teachers and staff who go **above and beyond** for students in Westerville schools.



Award winners are selected for each school in the district by building committee. Additionally, awards are given for those who serve in an extraordinary way in more than one building or across the entire district.

Online Nomination Form (preferred submission):

[2019-2020 GEM Nomination](#)

Download the Nomination Form & Instructions:

PDF: [GEM NOMINATION 2019-2020](#)

This year's GEM Award recipients will be recognized during a special session of the Westerville Board of Education on **Monday, April 13, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Westerville North High School auditorium**, located at 950 County Line Road. This special session is open to the public, who are encouraged to attend and help us celebrate those who do so much for so many.

Many thanks to our sponsor

**NOMINATIONS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2020**

Thank you for taking the time to  
nominate someone special!



### Important Dates To Remember...



Interim Distribution	02/07
Valentine's Day Party @ 2:30	02/14
President's Day NO SCHOOL	02/17
2nd Rotation Ends	02/25
PTA Meeting @ 7:00 pm	02/25
Spring Picture Day	02/27

## Yearbook Sale

January 31 through February 28th.  
\$17.00 - on-line orders only



book.hrimaging.com  
This is the only opportunity



### PRESIDENT'S DAY



Monday, February 17th

# MARK TWAIN NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

## Clinic News

### A NOTE FROM THE CLINIC

If your student is diagnosed (by a doctor) with Flu, Strep, Pink Eye or any other contagious sickness, please notify the school and send the doctor's note into the main office. It is very important for the school to know how many students have been affected by illness. Kids can have flu-like symptoms that are not the actual flu. Flu must be diagnosed by a doctor with a swab test. Rest, hydration and good handwashing and cough practices are our best defense!

Guideline for Sending a Child Home:

1. Fever of 100 degrees or higher
2. Vomiting
3. Diarrhea
4. Undiagnosed/suspicious rash or head lice



If your child is sent home with a fever, they **MUST** be free from medication and fever free for 24 hours before they return to school.

**Prescription Medicines:** In order for a child to receive prescription medicines at school the office needs a medical release that has been completed by your physician and signed by the parent/guardian. The medication and the label must match the medical authorization form filled out by your physician. If there is a change in the medication dosage, a new form must be sent to school and prescription label on the bottle must match. Over the counter medications can be given at school only if the above guidelines are followed. A form is published in the student handbook, available in the clinic or available online in the parent portal.

### 2020 MARK TWAIN TALENT SHOW



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

SAVE THE DATE!

### DISTRICT CALENDARS ARE HERE!

Don't forget to pick up your 2020 District  
Calendar on the literature rack in the  
school hallway.

### Important Dates



### LUNCH/RECESS

1st	lunch 11:20 - 11:45	recess 11:45 - 12:15
2 <sup>ND</sup>	lunch 11:35 - 12:00	recess 12:00 - 12:30
ADK	lunch 11:50 - 12:15	recess 12:15 - 12:45
3 <sup>RD</sup>	lunch 12:10 - 12:35	recess 12:35 - 1:05
4 <sup>TH</sup>	lunch 12:35 - 1:00	recess 1:00 - 1:30
5 <sup>TH</sup>	lunch 1:00 - 1:25	recess 1:25 - 1:55

Amazing  
things  
happen here

# MARK TWAIN REMINDERS AND REALLY USEFUL INFORMATION!

## 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 [ww.westerville.k12.oh.us](http://ww.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 10:50 a.m. Please do not drop your students off early.



## BRRRRR.....REMINDER

Students go outside as long as it is 20 degrees. Please make sure your children dress for the weather



## NO DROP OFF ZONE!

Please do not drop your child off in the bus turn about. We must keep this area clear for our buses!



## VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

February 14, 2020 @ 2:30 p.m.



## 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.





## NEWS AND INFORMATION

### 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](mailto: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, February 28th  
7:00 P.M.



### 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!



### 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.

### Tardy or absent...

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.

### Baby Pictures

Attention 5th Graders, it's that time to begin thinking about your departure from elementary school and the beginning of your future in middle school! We'd like to remember you as you leave us with a slideshow presentation at the end of the year. To do this, we would like a baby picture of you to submit alongside your 5<sup>th</sup> grade portrait in the slideshow. If you would like to participate, please have your parents send a baby picture of you in a .jpeg format to [kauls@wcsch.org](mailto:kauls@wcsch.org) by March 20, 2020.

