



THE TWAIN TIMES

Mark Twain Elementary

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Kindergarten 101

Kindergarten 101 is a presentation by principals and Kindergarten teachers. The purpose of the presentation is to inform parents of the process for enrolling their child for Kindergarten, educating parents on the typical Kindergarten day and what is expected of our Kindergarteners throughout the school year, and to answer questions parents may have about the Kindergarten experience.

Kindergarten 101 will be held on Thursday, **January 9 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.** at Mark Twain Elementary School. If you are unable to attend the event at your home school, please choose an alternate site to attend.

Registration Gateway will open on Friday, January 10 9:00 am and appointments will begin on Monday, January 13.

Interpreters will be available as follows:

- American Sign Language (Please call 797-5934 to make arrangements)
- Nepali: Fouse and Mark Twain
- Somali: Mark Twain

Kindergarten Registration Appointments

Parents must pre-register online (which will include scheduling an appointment) before going to the Enrollment and Family Resource Center with the required documentation.

Kindergarten Gentle Start and Kindergarten First Day of School

In August, parents will receive a letter from their child's school with an assigned date and time that their Kindergarten child is to report to school for Gentle Start

ALL Kindergarteners, however, will report to school on August 18th

Welcome to
Kindergarten!

Any family that is unsure of its current home school of attendance may contact any WCSD elementary school or the Enrollment and Family Resource Center at 614/797-7700. The enrollment process begins with pre-registration online and, upon completion of the applica-

Important Dates To Remember...



Class Resumes	01/06
Grade Cards available	01/09
Kindergarten 101 @ 7:00 pm	01/09
K.I.S.S Day @ 8:00 a.m. Kindergarten only	01/17
Martin Luther King Day NO SCHOOL	01/20
Parent Workshop	01/25
PTA Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.	01/28
Early Release @ 2:30 p.m.	01/30



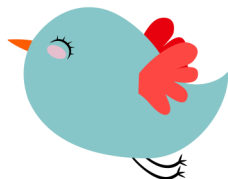
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY



Monday, January 20, 2020

MARK TWAIN ATTENDANCE

YEARBOOK PICTURES



- If you want to contribute pictures to be considered for the yearbook, please submit the photos to the school office by January 29th. Please submit all photos on a flash drive or a CD labeled with students name and the event. Photos may also be submitted to kauls@wcsoh.org.

Home Address & Phone Number Changes

Please notify the school office if you have a change of address or telephone number during the school year.

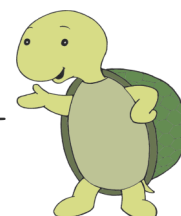
We need your assistance in maintaining current, accurate information in our records. In the event of an emergency, we must be able to contact you.



COUNSELOR CORNER TWIGGLE TIMES



Westerville City School District officials invite parents and guardians to mark their calendars for 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on January 25, 2020, and encourage them to attend one or more Parent Prep sessions that day at Westerville North High School (950 County Line Road). Parent Prep is a new district initiative offering several 45-minute sessions in which participants will learn hands-on strategies in the areas of Mental Health, Wellness & Student Well Being; Technology; College & Career Readiness; School Safety, Culture & Climate; and Study Skills, Organizational Skills & Family Resources. Parent Prep sessions offer valuable information to families of children at all grade levels and will address Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) topics such as Self-Awareness, Self-Management, Social Awareness, Responsible Decision-Making, and Relationship Skills. An electronic registration form is being finalized and soon will be distributed for parents/guardians to select up to six class offerings. Attendees will be able to leave and return as they please throughout the day in order to participate in the classes of most interest to them. Classes will target age-appropriate strategies for Stress Management, Anxiety, Test Taking & Executive Functioning Skills, and Parenting Basics. Law enforcement experts also will provide information about school safety and various issues faced by today's youth. Due to the sensitive nature of some topics being presented throughout the day, this event is for adults only; students or other children are not permitted to attend. Additional details soon will be available at <http://www.wcsoh.org/ParentPrep>. SEL is the process of developing self-awareness, self-control, and interpersonal skills necessary for school, work, and life success. According to the Committee for Children, people with strong social-emotional skills are better able to cope with everyday challenges and benefit academically, professionally, and socially. Children thrive. Schools win. Workplaces benefit. Society strengthens. Learn more at <https://www.cfchildren.org>. The Westerville City School District thanks Westerville Education Challenge (WEC) for its support of this inaugural Parent Prep event. While no lunch break is planned, WEC is providing free box lunches from Canes, which will be available between classes. Water will also be offered, along with a vegetarian option.



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 www.westerville.k12.oh.us and click on E-Communications.



LEARN
something
NEW
EVERY
DAY

SNOW EMERGENCY?

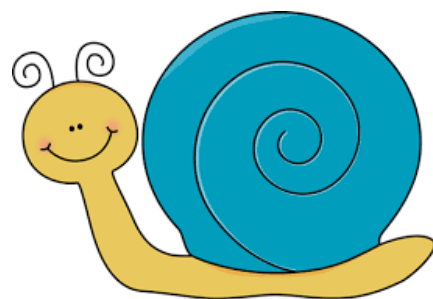
Parents: In case of an unscheduled early dismissal please review with your child(ren) how they are to go home.

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.



IMPORTANT PARENT INFORMATION

- When dropping students off late, you must come into the office with your child to sign them in.
- When picking students up for appointments, we do not call students down until you sign them out in the office. Please allow enough time for this when planning your pickup time for appointments.
- Students are not permitted to enter the building until 8:50am. Please keep this in mind as you are dropping off your students in the morning.



TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

If your child's bus is late or if you have other bus concerns, please contact the WCS Transportation

Department at
614-797-5950.



REMINDER

Students are not permitted to have Cell phone or smart watches out during the school day. If you need to contact your student, please leave a message with the office staff.





NEWS AND INFORMATION

Mark Twain Chess Club

It's Back!!! The Mark Twain Chess Club will be held over the winter season beginning on Tuesday, January 14th, 2020 in the school gym. We are excited to offer this great program for our students once again! Chess Club will meet every Tuesday from 7:50 to 8:50 am. The season will end with a party

to be held on March 3rd. Chess Club is open to all students in grades 3-5. We will accept grades K-2 with a parent/guardian volunteer. All Chess materials are provided courtesy of the PTA. Please contact the following if you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions.

Kelly Mazak @kmazak2002@yahoo.com

Paul Mazak @ pmazak2002@yahoo.com



MARK TWAIN RUNNING CLUB

Sunday, December 8, proved to be a perfect day for the Westerville Lions Club Rudolph 5K Run/Walk, which was sponsored by Nationwide Children's Hospital. The sun shone brightly on all 361 participants, some of whom were there to take part in the Elementary School Challenge, open to students age 12 and under. A cash prize was issued to the Parent Organization of the school with the overall best times. Robert Frost took first place, followed by Whittier in second and Mark Twain in third.

We had 23 people participate in the Rudolf Run this year from our Mark Twain Running Club. Theo Ryjewski, Ryland Lorton, and William Onofrio were our top boy finishers and Olivia Reed, Mia Funk, and MJ Martin were the top girl finishers for the run.

Congratulations to all of our runners! Thanks to everyone who came out to cheer them on!



PTA
January Meeting
January 28th
@ 7:00 p.m.



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

BUILDING SECURITY

Everyone entering the building must come through the front door and stop in the office. If you are taking a student out of school, you will be asked to show a form of identification.

This includes parents who are well known to the office staff.

The new Raptor system is up and running. Volunteers and visitors who stay in the building will be asked to place your driver's license into the Raptor machine. The machine will print a sticker ID that you must wear while in the building.

Please remember to always have your ID with you when visiting any Westerville City School.

