



THE TWAIN TIMES



Mark Twain Elementary

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Important Dates To Remember...



Yearbook picture day	12/03
End of 2nd grading period	12/18
Holiday Parties @ 2:30 pm	12/19
Christmas Break NO SCHOOL	12/20 through 01/03
School resumes	01/06

Wishing you a
Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!



HOLIDAY BREAK!

December 20th through January 3rd
Classes resume on January 6th

REFLECTIONS RESULTS

Music Composition	1st Hannah Williamson
Film Production	1st Kate Becker 2nd Lucy Reat
Visual Arts Division K-2	1st Sophia Johnson 2nd Bethany Winemiller 3rd Layla Saburi
Visual Arts Division 3-5	1st Stella Mader 2nd Zoey Ardinger
Dance	1st Jessica Thapaliya
Literature	1st Charlotte Martin 2nd Wesley Daniels 3rd Alice Schott

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD
LUCK
AT THE
DISTRICT COMPETITION!!



YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST WINNER

Front cover—Alice Schott
Back cover—Roshni Karki



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

MARK TWAIN ATTENDANCE

Clinic News

SCHOOLS AND FLU Resource: www.flu.gov

Seasonal Influenza Information

Influenza (flu) is a respiratory illness that can be serious, sometimes leading to hospitalization and even death.

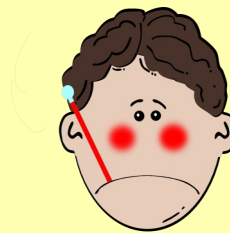
Prevention:

1. Get a flu shot or the nasal mist
You cannot get the flu from the flu vaccine.
You need a flu shot every year. Wash your hands!
1. Cover your Cough! The flu is spread by respiratory secretions.
2. Stay Home when you are sick

Shorten the Duration with Medications such as Doctor Prescribed Tamiflu

Symptoms

- Fever of 100 degrees or more or feeling feverish (not everyone with the flu has a fever)
- A cough and/or sore throat.
- A runny or stuffy nose.
- Headaches and/or body aches.
- Chills, fatigue and Nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea (most common in children)



HOLIDAY MEAL

Tender Diced Turkey and Gravy
Creamy Mashed Potatoes
Seasoned Green Beans
Whole Wheat Dinner Roll
Iced Cold Milk



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. Please be sure that coats, hats, gloves, and lunch boxes are labeled with your child's name so they can be returned if found! Also, 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



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

MARK TWAIN REMINDERS AND REALLY USEFUL INFORMATION!

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.

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 owner!



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

LATE BUS

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



CAFETERIA:

The day after a snow day, the hot lunch served will be the one that was scheduled on the snow day!

SNOW EMERGENCY:

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

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.

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

Kindergarten Instructional Hours

AM: 9:05 - 11:45 a.m.

PM: 12:50 - 3:30 p.m.

All-Day Kindergarten: 9:05 - 3:30 p.m.



NEWS AND INFORMATION

Mark Twain Craft Bazaar Raised...



A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the craft bazaar a huge success again this year!

Thanks to the many, many parents, grandparents, and students who volunteered countless hours at the show. Thank you also to Cub Scout pack 966 for a great job setting up, helping vendors, and cleaning up. Also thank you to the many families who brought in yummy treats for the bake sale.



This event could not happen without such a supportive Mark Twain family. There were over 3,100 paid adult shoppers and it brought in over \$15,000 to support our school.

Communicate with the Teachers....

Please accept this as a gentle reminder that if something is going on with your child that makes you question their education (in any way) please start by communicating with your child's teacher. The Teacher is the one that spends the most time with your child and can offer more insight. If more intervention is needed, the situation will be further addressed and re-directed accordingly. We are a "team" staff here and encourage open communication between parents and members of the teaching staff.



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.

MARK TWAIN RUNNING CLUB

Fun on the Run Club is coming to an end for our fourth season. We are looking forward to the 5K on Sunday, December 8th for those who have signed up to run. Come on out to cheer us on prior to the Holiday Parade at 1:30 pm. Thanks to everyone who helped to make this program such a success!

