



THE TWAIN TIMES



Mark Twain Elementary

MAY 2019

Attendance: 797-7213
Office: 797-7200

Vicki Moss Principal
Susan Kaul Secretary
Kelley Knapp Attendance
Jessica Gilbert School Nurse
Sam Cox Health Aide
Serena Casale School Counselor



Important Dates To Remember...

Volunteer Luncheon	05/02
Teacher Appreciation Week	05/06
Right to Read Week	05/13
5th grade JA Biztown	05/15
5th grade bowling party	05/17
Awards Day	05/20
Pool Day	05/21
Field Day	05/22
Last day of school/Movie Day	05/23

5th GRADE CLAP OUT

Please join us for our annual Clap Out as our 5th graders exit the building. The Clap Out will be Thursday, May 23rd at 3:15 p.m.



2019-2020 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
ANNOUNCED.....

For those of you already planning for summer camps and summer vacations, the first day of school for the 2019-2020 year has been announced as Tuesday, August 13th, 2019.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM



Summer is right around the corner. It is hard to believe that the 2018-2019 school year is almost over. Research shows that most students lose some of the reading gains they've achieved during the school year during summer vacation. In order to encourage our students to continue to read every day during summer vacation we will be offering a **Summer Reading Program**.

Your child will receive a brand new book that has been chosen for them at his/her reading level before the end of the school year. A letter detailing the reading program will be sent home in the near future.

Thanks for encouraging your child to read this summer. There are many exciting reading programs available at the Westerville Public Library and the Columbus Public Library that offer other incentives for our students to encourage them to continue reading during the summer. Make sure you get involved in one of these great programs.



WESTERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM

How It Works

Challenge yourself to a summer of reading. Fight summer boredom or reconnect with your favorite pastime and earn prizes along the way.

Can I join?

Yes! All ages are welcome.

When do I start?

Register and log your progress between June 1 and August 3, 2019.

What should I read?

Read anything. Read everything. Read aloud to others or to yourself. Books, ebooks, audiobooks, magazines...it all counts. Want some suggestions? Request a book fortune.

Why should I participate?

Reading can reduce stress, increase empathy for others and keep your mind sharp. And it's fun!



MARK TWAIN REMINDERS AND REALLY USEFUL INFORMATION!

Right to Read Spirit Week

May 15 to May 2019

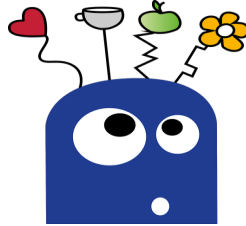
Monday—Crazy Hair/sock day

Tuesday— Tie Dye/Neon Day

Wednesday — Team Sports Day

Thursday— Hat Day

Friday—Patriotic Day



Library Books

The last day to check out books will be May 7th. The last day for Library classes will be May 10th. Please return all Mark Twain Library books by Monday, May 13th. Please be reminded that you will be responsible for the cost of all lost books. Students will not be able to attend the end of the year activities until all books and debts have been cleared in the office.



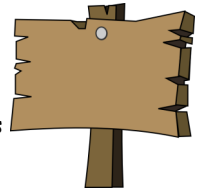
FIFTH GRADE YARD SIGNS

To celebrate the end of their elementary years and to wish them well on the start of middle school, we would like to decorate the front lawn of Mark Twain with "yard" signs for each of the 5th graders on the last day of school. It is a special way to recognize all of our outstanding children.

Please decorate a piece of poster board (recommended size 18 X 24 inches) with your child's name, pictures and encouraging words. Feel free to attach balloons, streamers, stickers, etc. Be creative - the more colorful and festive the better! For added durability, we highly recommend LAMINATING your poster in case of rain.

We have a limited number of yard sign stakes. They will be available to pick up in the office on a first come first serve basis the week of May 13th.

You may begin placing your yard sign in the front yard Wednesday evening May 22nd or before 8:30 a.m. the last day of school Thursday, May 23rd. Please do not park in front of the school after 8:30 am as the buses will be arriving for the school day.



HAVE A FUN AND SAFE SUMMER BREAK!



Highland Park Aquatic Center

When: Tuesday, May 21st

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Bag lunches will be available for \$2.75

Concessions will be open!

Cost of entry \$5.00

PLEASE DRESS FOR THE WEATHER!



5th grade Bowling Party



Friday, May 17th

MARK TWAIN NEWS

From The Desk of:

Mark Twain

School Nurse—JESSICA GILBERT, RN

Dear Parent,

If your child will be taking medication during the 2019-2020 school year, please have any forms completed and returned to your child's school BEFORE the first day of the school year. The forms are attached to this letter.

Please remember that all prescription medications must be in a pharmacy labeled bottle and match the doctor's order.

If the child is taking over the counter medication, it must be in the original packaging, only one dose sent to school at a time and needs to match the OTC form that is signed by a parent.

IF YOUR CHILD TAKES MEDICATION AT SCHOOL, PLEASE ARRANGE TO PICK IT UP BY THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, OR REQUEST THAT IT BE SENT HOME WITH YOUR STUDENT. THIS YEAR'S UNUSED MEDICATION (INCLUDING EPI PENS, INHALERS, AND ANY OTHER MEDICATIONS,) **WILL BE THROWN AWAY** IF NOT PICKED UP BY A PARENT OR THE STUDENT ON MAY 23, 2019, THE CLINIC **CAN NOT** KEEP MEDICATION FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR OVER THE SUMMER.

Please call your child's school nurse if you have any questions, or need to request that your meds go home with your student.



MOVING?

Please contact the Enrollment & Family Resource Center at 614-797-7700 to file a Change of Address or you can visit the district website at www.wcsoh.org, Enrolling Tab, for further instructions. Failure to update your address within the first 30 days following your move could result in a delay in receiving back-to-school communications and transportation assignments.



NEWS FROM FOOD SERVICES



The last day to accept deposits by check will be Friday, May 10th. Cash and money orders will be accepted through the end of year. Payments may also be made via the on-line payment system @ www.spseipay.com/westerville.

Planning for 2019-2020 school year:

You may access the website directly at www.lunchapplication.com or by visiting the district website at www.westerville.k12.oh.us and following the appropriate links. New free and reduced lunch applications for 2019-2020 school year will not be available until AFTER July 1st, PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY APPLICATION FOR THAT SCHOOL YEAR RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE ODE PROVIDING US THE NEW APPLICATIONS WILL BE DELETED.

Please be sure to apply as soon as possible to insure that your student will have lunch provided. If you have any questions, feel free to call the Food Service Department at 614-797-5993.

CHANGE IN THE SCHOOL MENU: COOK'S CHOICE

Friday, May 17th	Mini Corn Dogs and Hotdogs
Monday, May 20th	Twin Mini Cheeseburgers
Tuesday, May 21st	Sack lunch—turkey and cheese
Wednesday, May 22nd	Assorted Pizza
Thursday, May 23rd	Sack lunch—turkey and cheese

Lunch balances (negative or positive) follow the student from grade to grade and school to school.





NEWS AND INFORMATION

MARK TWAIN SCHOOL SUPPLY SALE

Let us save you time by finding the best deals on your back to school supplies. Pre-order the exact supplies your child will need for the 2019-2020 school year! Forms will be sent home soon. Orders will be available during Back to School Days in August.

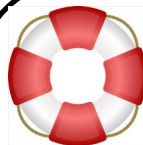


LOST AND FOUND!

If you have lost it, we have found it! Our Lost and Found is overflowing with coats, scarves, hats, etc... Feel free to come and retrieve your child's belongings. We will have items on tables the week before the end of the school year. All unclaimed items will be donated to W.A.R.M. Thanks!



"The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss



VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON

You go **OVERBOARD** for us,
without you, we would be
SHIPWRECKED!

All Mark Twain volunteers are invited to a special luncheon and program to thank you for your hard work, dedication and time. This luncheon is a small way for us to show our appreciation for all you do. Please plan to join us at 10:45 a.m. on Thursday, May 2nd. Special music will be provided by 2nd and 3rd grades beginning at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be around 11:30 a.m. Please RSVP to the school by Friday, April 26th

**THANK YOU FOR BEING
A
LIFESAVER!**



YWCA Kids Place

Summer Registration

Do you want your child's summer to be packed with unique experiences, learning opportunities and activities that include; swimming, field trips and special visitors? Then our summer programs are exactly what you're looking for, but space is limited and the programs are filling up fast. To get your child registered for one of these amazing programs visit our website at www.ywcacolumbus.org