



THE TWAIN TIMES



Mark Twain Elementary

APRIL 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...



PTA Talent Show @ 5:30 pm	04/05
Interim Reports distribution	04/18
Good Friday	04/02
Volunteer Luncheon	05/02
PTA Meeting @ 7:00 pm	04/23

5TH GRADE DARE GRADUATION



APRIL 26TH @ 12:00 -1:30

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 break. All unclaimed items will be donated to W.A.R.M.



GEM AWARD WINNER

Serena Casale

The Mark Twain PTA would like to congratulate the 2018-2019 Westerville Parent Council GEM Award winner for Mark Twain Elementary School, Serena Casale

Now in its sixteenth year, the GEM Awards program, which stands for "Great Educator Mentor," recognizes volunteers and district staff who go above and beyond for students in Westerville Schools. Each building solicits nominations and a committee comprised of staff and parents/caregivers selects an honoree.

GEM Award recipients will be recognized during a special session of the Westerville Board of Education on Monday, April 29th, at 7:00 p.m. 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.

CONGRATULATIONS



MARK TWAIN REMINDERS AND REALLY USEFUL INFORMATION!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

TESTING DATES

Listed below are dates for our upcoming Ohio State Tests that will be taking place in April in Grades 3, 4 & 5. We ask that you avoid scheduling appointments or traveling during these times so that your child does not miss any of these important dates.

We appreciate your cooperation!

Grade 3 April 9, 10, 15, 16

Grade 4 April 11, 12, 17, 18

Grade 5 April 11, 12, 17, 18, 23, 24



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.



ATTENDANCE LAW

Ohio (HB 410) wants to help students that miss a lot of school.

THE LAW SAYS: It's important that each child is at school every day unless they are SICK. It is important to contact the school as soon as you are aware that your child is going to be absent!

Attendance Line: 614-797-7213

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES: If your child has 30 hours or more of unexcused consecutive absences in a month, 42 hours or more of absences (but not consecutive) in a month, and/or 72 more hours of unexcused absences in a School year your child is considered to be "habitually truant". In the case of "habitually truant" situations the law requires that a meeting is held at the school with the principal, parent, teacher and other support staff to come up with a plan to improve attendance. We know there can be challenges and special situations — Mark Twain is here to help!

Per the new law schools now define absence in terms of hours. Excused Absences: If your child has 38 hours or more of excused absence in a month (not necessarily in a row) and/or 65 or more hours of excused absences in a school year your child is considered to be "excessively absent". By law the school office must send written notice home to the family notifying them of excessive absences. Letters will be sent after the 5th and the 10th day. (Please remember this applies to both excused or unexcused absences).



2019 MARK TWAIN TALENT SHOW

"EVERYONE HAS A TALENT"

Friday, April 5^h, at 5:30 p.m. at
Westerville Central High

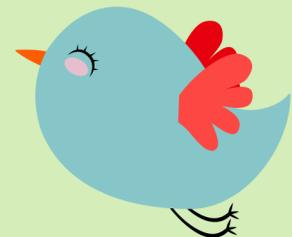


Moving Up Nights

Focus on Incoming Sixth Grade Students

Westerville City Schools invites incoming sixth grade students and their parents to attend Moving Up Night, an evening of orientation focused on the transition from elementary to middle school. Each middle school will host a Moving Up event at the following times:

- Blendon Middle School, 223 S. Otterbein Avenue, April 3 at 6:00 p.m.
- Genoa Middle School, 5948 Old 3C Highway, April 9 at 6:30 p.m.
- Heritage Middle School, 390 N. Spring Road, May 6 at 6:30 p.m.
- Walnut Springs Middle School, 888 E. Walnut Street, April 25 at 6:00 p.m.



MARK TWAIN NEWS

Clinic News

A NOTE FROM THE CLINIC

HANDWASHING: With today's hi-tech approach to healthcare, it's easy to forget the simplest way to avoid infection—handwashing. With a little soap and water you can often prevent what may take lots of time and money to cure. What's proper handwashing? Thorough handwashing isn't simple. Here are some quick tips:

- Use soap and warm running water
- Scrub your hands together for at least 20 seconds/two times through the Happy Birthday song
- Wash: backs of hands, wrists, between fingers, and under fingernails
- Rinse well
- Dry hands with a paper towel
- Turn off the water using a paper towel instead of bare hands



When should you wash? It's virtually impossible to keep your hands germfree, but there are times when it's critical to wash your hands. Always wash:

- After you visit the bathroom
- After handling garbage
- After playing with a pet
- Before you handle or eat food
- After changing a diaper
- After handling money
- After blowing your nose, sneezing or coughing in your hand
- After handling uncooked food (especially meat)



Westerville Safety City

Westerville Safety City is a program designed to teach students entering kindergarten in the fall about a variety of safety issues. Each student is taught basic rules of traffic and pedestrian safety, fire prevention, school bus safety, poison prevention, animal safety, gun safety, water safety, and stranger awareness. The program is operated by a non-profit organization. This organization coordinates the cooperative efforts of a variety of Westerville entities including the Westerville Divisions of Fire, Police and Communications. The Westerville City Schools participate by allowing the use of their facilities for the program.

For more information: Westervillesafetycity.com or

Email: director@westervillesafetycity.com

Online Registration begins April 15, 2019

MARK TWAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday through Friday for two weeks, June 3 -14

Morning session 9:30 am to 11:30 pm

Afternoon session 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm



NEWS AND INFORMATION

2018/2019 OHIO PTA STATE REFLECTIONS WINNERS

"Heroes Around Me"



Brooke Hageman	Dance Choreography	Primary	3rd Place
Theodoros Bekos	Film Production	Primary	3rd Place
Logan Nevills	Film Production	Primary	Honorable Mention
Lucy Reat	Literature	Primary	3rd Place
Jonathan Cafaro	Literature	Primary	Honorable Mention
Austin Ruehrmund	Literature	Primary	Honorable Mention
Payton Bame	Photography	Intermediate	1st Place

We have a Mark Twain student moving on to the National competition!!! Payton Bame placed 1st in the Photography intermediate division at state.

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK AT THE NATIONAL COMPETITION!!



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!



SPRING SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



Our Spring Scholastic BOGO Book Fair will be held on April 8th through April 12th 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. 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 sign up on our website www.mtpta.org. Click on the link to sign up to volunteer

MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY 9:00 a.m. To 7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY 9:00 a.m. To 4:00 p.m.



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

APRIL PTA MEETING

Tuesday, APRIL 23rd

7:00 p.m.

LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR