



THE TWAIN TIMES



Mark Twain Elementary

JANUARY 2019

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Important Dates To Remember...



Class resume	01/03
3rd Grading period begins	01/03
Achievement Records available	01/04
Martin Luther King Day NO SCHOOL	01/21
PTA Meeting @ 7:00 pm	01/29
Early Release @ 2:30 pm	01/31

River Pilot Pledge

I will be the best that I can be by:

Respecting myself and others

Listening and following directions

Keeping hands, feet, and objects to myself

Using positive words and actions

Being prepared to learn

I choose to be a leader at all times




**Kindness
Matters.**

SCHOOL SAFETY

Parental cooperation in an emergency is essential to the safe and swift resolution of any incident. According to national school safety authorities, the most helpful parental response during any situation is to remain calm and wait for accurate information. We will share information as soon as possible, but please understand that this may take time as emergency responders and school officials obtain accurate details and determine how best to manage the situation.

Other important things to consider during an emergency situation include:

- Please do not call the school. It is essential to keep phone lines open so school officials can make outgoing emergency calls. If students are ill or injured, the parents of those students will be notified first.
- Please do not go to the school. One of the greatest challenges during any school emergency is managing the people who may rush to the scene to "help." Not only may you inadvertently put yourself or others in harm's way, but by rushing to the scene, parents and others can actually create difficulties for first responders. Case studies have shown that people rushing to the scene of a school emergency can cause traffic jams that block emergency vehicles from getting to the scene and/or prevent the swift transport of the injured to emergency medical facilities. There may be a time, however, when parents are instructed to go to the school. If this occurs, remain calm, follow procedures, and cooperate with school and public safety officials.



JANUARY PTA MEETING

Tuesday, January 29th
7:00 p.m.



MARK TWAIN REMINDERS AND REALLY USEFUL INFORMATION!

Clinic New

IS IT THE FLU?

The flu and the common cold are both respiratory illnesses but they are caused by different viruses. The flu and common cold have very similar symptoms, so it can be difficult to tell the difference between them based on symptoms alone. Your doctor can tell you if it is the flu or a cold. If you suspect your child has the flu, you may see some or all of the following symptoms:

- ☐ Fever
- ☐ Cough
- ☐ Sore throat
- ☐ Runny or stuffy nose
- ☐ Body aches
- ☐ Headache
- ☐ Chills ☐ Fatigue
- ☐ Sometimes diarrhea and vomiting

If your student has flu-like symptoms, he/she should stay home and avoid contact with other people except to get medical care. Please report all illnesses to the attendance line. Your student's fever must be gone without the use of a fever reducing medicine for 24 hours before returning to school.



Clinic quick facts:

PLEASE READ!

Fevers **MUST** be out at least 24 hours.

ANY MEDICINE, even over the counter (OTC) meds, must be accompanied by a signed form. This includes cough drops. (Forms can be accessed through the Westerville Schools website under parent/guardian tab)

Any Physical Education or playground restriction can only be started or lifted by a doctor's note.

IF your student has lice, they must be treated on the day they were identified. When they return to school, a parent must walk them into the clinic for a lice check. If live lice is found during the recheck, they must leave school until clear of active, live lice.



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. A reminder from the clinic, if your child is attracted to the mud, please send a change of clothes in their backpacks.

BRRRR...DRESS FOR THE WEATHER!

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.

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~ Dr. Seuss ~

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MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY



i have a dream!

Monday, January 21,

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.



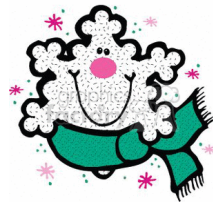
YEARBOOK PICTURES



If you want to contribute pictures to be considered for the yearbook, please submit the photos to the school office by January 28th. Please submit all photos on a flash drive or a CD labeled with students name and the event.

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 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.



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 15th, 2019 in the school gym. We are excited to offer this great program for our students once again! Chess Club will meet every Tuesday from 8:00-8:50 a.m. The club will meet for the next 8 weeks through March 5th. The season ending party to be held on March 5th. Dates are subject to change due to weather delays or school cancellation. 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 have any questions.

Kelly Mazak at kmazak2002@yahoo.com

Paul Mazak at pmazak2002@yahoo.com



MARK TWAIN RUNNING CLUB

Sunday, December 9, 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 420 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. Mark Twain took first place, followed by Robert Frost in second and Fouse in third.



We had 33 people participate in the Rudolf Run this year from our Mark Twain Running Club. Jackson Reed 23.37, Ty Gruber 24.06, and Lucas Swartz 25.56 were our top finishers for the run.

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



Mark Twain continues to participate in the Box Tops for Education™ program. Clipping Box Tops is an easy way for you to help our school buy what it needs. Box Tops are each worth 10¢ and they quickly add up to real cash for our school. To help, just look for pink Box Tops on products, clip them, and send them to school. For more information on the Box Tops for Education program, visit www.BTFE.com.

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.

2018-2019 KINDERGARTEN CLASS

Kindergarten registration begins February 5, 2018. We look forward to meeting our new families and greeting our returning families. Kindergarten is required for children before entering first grade. If your child will be five years old on or before September 30, 2018, you may register him/her for kindergarten. Westerville City Schools offers both Half-Day and All-Day Kindergarten within each home school. All-Day Kindergarten is a fee-based, lottery program with tuition assistance available to those that qualify. Additional details can be found at www.wcsoh.org/ADK.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR WILL BEGIN IN FEBRUARY.

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 Wednesday, January 31 and Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Each elementary building will host Kindergarten 101 one of these nights, with the same presentation being made at all sites (see schedule below). Please contact the elementary building you plan to attend for information regarding childcare. If you are unable to attend the event at your home school, please choose an alternate site to attend.

January 31, 2018: Alcott, Annehurst, Cherrington, Mark Twain, Pointview, Robert Frost, Wilder

February 1, 2018: Fouse, Hawthorne, Huber Ridge, McVay, Whittier

Interpreters will be available as follows:

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

Spanish: Fouse, Hawthorne and Pointview

The Kindergarten 101 presentation will be posted following the 2018 event.



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.

Pre-register Online

To pre-register online visit the district enrollment page at www.wcsoh.org/enroll

- You will be instructed to create a log-in and password, which will allow you to begin the process, save your information, and return at a later date for completion (if necessary)

At the time of your appointment, please bring ALL [required documentation](#) with you to complete the Enrollment Process for your Kindergarten student.

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. Gentle Start will take place during August 16-20. Kindergarteners will attend school on one of those three days.

ALL Kindergarteners, however, will report to school on August 21.

Kindergarten Instructional Hours

- AM: 9:05 - 11:40 a.m.

- PM: 12:55 - 3:30 p.m.

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