



THE TWAIN TIMES



Mark Twain Elementary

OCTOBER 2018

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...

Red Cross Blood Drive	10/11
Early Release @ 2:30 pm	10/18
No School OEA/NEA DAY	10/19
PTA Family Reading Night 6:00-7:30 pm	10/22
Yearbook Art contest	10/22
Book Fair begins	10/22
Achievement Records available	10/24
Conferences No school	10/25 and 10/26
Fall Party	10/31

SCHOOL MESSENGER

You may have received a call from school reporting information. That is our system called "One Call". We will send out messages periodically with helpful information to the contact phone number. We hope you find this helpful!

Mark Twain Students Raise Lunch and Limo with Principal Moss

The promise that they would get to go to lunch in a limo with Mark Twain Elementary School Principal Vicki Moss motivated students to raise \$14,142.14 during their annual Walk-a-Thon. Caeden Mills, Avery Biddleston, Finn Habing, Kylie Bennett and Lexi and Andrew Wachowiak will enjoy lunch at Sonic with Mrs. Moss, Mrs. Kaul and Mrs. Casale. Pupils walked to earn money for their school, got some exercise, and fostered friendships and school spirit. A DJ was on hand to add to the fun and help keep them moving. The school staff expressed appreciation to all the volunteers and donors for their efforts in making this event a rousing success. Mr. Manteniek's class had the highest overall total donations of \$1,166.21 and will enjoy an ice cream sundae party.



When your child arrives late or checks out early at school. He/she misses the teacher's instructions and the introduction or closure to the lesson. Frequent lateness can seriously disadvantage your child because of the considerable time lost learning in the classroom

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year.
5 Minutes	3.4 Days
10 Minutes	6.9 Days
15 Minutes	10.3 Days
20 Minutes	13.8 Days
30 Minutes	20.7 Days



SCHOOL BEGINS AT 9:05 a.m. Please help your child to be punctual.

MARK TWAIN ATTENDANCE

OCTOBER 25TH AND 26TH!

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES are at the end of the month! These are VERY important for you to attend as it is a time for you and your child's teacher to talk about his/her progress. Communication between parents and teachers is VITAL to a student's success. One of the biggest predictors in a student's success is parent involvement with education. If you have not scheduled a conference with your child's teacher, please contact the office at 614-797-7200.



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!

Clinic News

GUIDELINES FOR SENDING A CHILD HOME:

1. fever of 100 degrees or higher
2. vomiting
3. diarrhea
4. undiagnosed/suspicious rash or head lice

If your child is sent home with a fever, they must be free from medication and fever free for 24 hour before they return to school.

PRESCRIPTION MEDICINES

In order for a child to receive prescription medicines at school the office needs a medical release that has been completed by your physician and signed by the parent/guardian. The medication must be in a prescription labeled bottle. The medication and the label must match the medical authorization form filled out by your physician. If there is a change in the medication dosage, a new form must be sent to school and prescription label on the bottle must match. Over the counter medications can be given at school only if the above guidelines are followed. A form is published in the student handbook or available in the clinic. Please send only a one week's supply of medicine.

NO SCHOOL.....

Oct 19	NEA/OEA DAY
Oct 25 & 26	Parent/Teacher Conferences



If your child is going to be tardy or absent from school, please remember to call the Attendance Line: 614-797-7213.

This line is available 24 hours a day. Please report all absences by 9:00 a.m.

Doctor Notes...

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.

HOPE BEGINS WITH YOU....AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE!

Our school is partnering with the American Red Cross to participate in a community service project called the Pint-Size Hero Program. The program teaches children about blood donation, blood components and how blood is used as medicine. As a part of this program, our school will be sponsoring a blood drive. Each student who recruits someone to donate at our upcoming blood drive will be recognized as a Pint-Size Hero with a fun appreciation gift from the Red Cross. The best part is knowing they helped save lives! You can support your student and our school by donating blood and recruiting other blood donors.



Blood drive date: Thursday, October 11, 2018

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment call the school at 614-797-7200 or email kauls@wcschool.org

MARK TWAIN REMINDERS AND REALLY USEFUL INFORMATION!

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.

Teaching Safety



STUDENT EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

This school year, all of your child's contact and emergency information and all parent permission forms are being maintained on line. Parents/Guardians need to keep this information updated online throughout the year so we have accurate contact information in case of an emergency with your child. If you have not done so already, PLEASE LOG IN TO THE PARENT PORTAL AND CORRECT YOUR STUDENT(S) CONTACT AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION AND COMPLETE PERMISSIONS FORMS. Also, if your child's information changes, please be sure to make corrections throughout the school year. Directions for creating a Parent Portal account and accessing these forms is on our school website under Links, Forms and Downloads. If you have any questions about your account or accessing these forms, please contact the office.

FALL PARTIES AND PARADE

Weather permitting, our parade will start at 2:15 PM, Tuesday, October 31th.

Costumes: NO weapons, NO fake blood, NO violence, and NO scary masks! Please make sure they're school appropriate. ONLY Kindergarteners are to wear their costumes to school. All other students will be given the opportunity to change.

Parents are welcome to attend. Please feel free to bring your cameras and take lots of pictures. If you are interested, please bring a CD of your party pictures to the office for our yearbook.



Are you missing a shoe, a lunch box or a coat? Please remember to check the Lost and Found for misplaced items before the end of the month. All unclaimed items will be donated to W.A.R.M.



NEWS FROM FOOD SERVICES

If your student receives free or reduced price breakfast and lunch and you have not submitted a new application for the 2018-2019 school year (July 1, 2018 thru current date) or you have not received a letter of direct certification, the child's status will expire on September 27, 2018. To ensure that you continue to receive the benefits for which your family qualifies, you need to submit a Free & Reduced Price Meal Application for the 2018-2019 school year. You may submit your application electronically by going to www.lunchapplication.com and follow the prompts.

Applications at the lunchapplication site can be processed in English and Spanish. Paper copy applications in English, Spanish, Nepali and Somali can be accessed at <https://www.wcsoh.org> and then by clicking on the food service link at the bottom of the page. If you do not have access to a computer, you may pick up a paper application at your child's school or you may call Lonnie Robinson at 614-797-5993 and she will contact the school to send it home with your student. Lonnie can also assist you with the on-line application process.



If we do not receive an updated application by September 27, 2018, your child will revert to full pay lunch status. Meal prices at that time will be \$2.75 for elementary lunch, \$3.00 for middle and high school lunch; \$1.25 for elementary breakfast and \$1.50 for middle



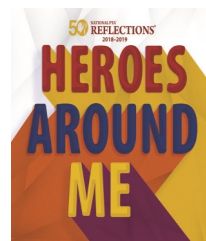
NEWS AND INFORMATION

2018-2019 PTA Reflections Art Program

It is that time of year again, and the PTA Reflections Art Program is underway for the 2018-2019 school year. This year the PTA Reflections program is celebrating its 50th year.

For those not familiar, Reflection is a great way for students to engage in the arts by exploring their talents and expressing their creativity in one or more of the 6 different art categories:

- Visual Arts
- Photography
- Literature
- Music Competition
- Film Production
- Dance Choreography



Interested students should "reflect" on this year's theme "Heroes Around Me" and then create a piece of artwork in one of the 6 categories listed above. Work must be of an individual student, not that of a duo or group. Each student may submit up to one piece of artwork in each of the 6 categories if they so choose. Entries will be sorted by division (Primary -K through 2nd grade and Intermediate—3rd through 5th grade) and judged by local judges. The deadline for submission of entry forms and artwork is Friday, October 19, 2018.

All students who submit entries into the Mark Twain Reflections Art program will receive recognition for their participation and are invited to attend the awards ceremony in their Honor! The top three winning entries for each category from each of the two divisions will advance to the Westerville City School District Reflection art contest with the opportunity to advance to the state or even national level!



MARK TWAIN BOOK FAIR FALL 2018

The Scholastic Book Fair starts on Monday, October 22nd and runs through Thursday, October 25th.

October 25th will be mornings only. There will also be access to our book fair online. The online Book Fair dates are from Wednesday October 14th through Tuesday October 27th. You can find it at bookfair.mtpta.org.

Volunteers are needed to help with the book fair. As a Volunteer, you will be helping the students create a wish list and select books, keep the book fair organized and checking out students. Anyone can volunteer, so please feel free to ask grandparents, aunts and uncles, and friends. Go to signups.mtpta.org for additional information.

Please contact Cindy Munson at bcmunson4@gmail.com if you have any questions.



BREAKFAST WITH BOOKS

Breakfast with Books will begin on Wednesday, October 10th and run for six weeks.

We will meet before school beginning at

8:05 am. Please do not drop students off before 8:00 a.m. Kids will be grouped by grade and reading level to participate in a small group book club with books at their level. It is a great opportunity to read some new books and learn how to delve into them at a deeper level.

We will serve continental breakfast items that the groups can enjoy while they are reading and discussing in their groups. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Abby Gibson at abigail_price@gmail.com or 614-797-7200 if you have any questions. We look forward to another great season of reading!



EARLY RELEASE

THURSDAY, October 18



2:30 P.M.

HAPPY
FALL
Y'all

PTA Family Reading Night

Monday, October 22nd, 2018

6:00—7:30 p.m.

Dinner will be provided by the PTA!
Students should bring a book to read!