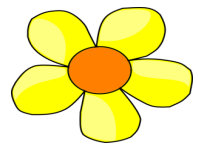


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Mark Twain Elementary

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 Attendance Kelley Knapp
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MAY 2018

Attendance: 797-7213
 Office: 797-7200



EVENT

DATE

Teacher Appreciation week	05/01 through 05/04
Right to Read Spirit Week	05/14 through 05/18
5th grade Bowling Party	05/18
Pool Day	05/21
Field Day	05/22
Movie Day	05/23
JA BizTown 5th Grade	05/23
Student Award Assembly	05/24
Last Day of School	05/24

SUMMER READING PROGRAM



Summer is right around the corner. It is hard to believe that the 2017-2018 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.



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 24th at 3:15 p.m.



HAVE A FUN
 AND
 SAFE SUMMER
 BREAK!



Healthy Connection

Sunburn

Sunburn can happen within 15 minutes of being in the sun, but the redness and discomfort may not be noticed for a few hours. Repeated sunburns can lead to skin cancer. Unprotected sun exposure is even more dangerous for kids who have many moles or freckles, very fair skin and hair, or a family history of skin cancer.



Signs and Symptoms

Mild

- skin redness and warmth
- pain
- itchiness

Severe:

- skin redness and blistering
- pain and tingling
- swelling
- headache
- nausea
- fever and chills
- dizziness



What to Do:

- Remove the child from the sun right away.
- Place the child in a cool (not cold) shower or bath – or apply cool compresses as often as needed.
- Give extra fluids for the next 2 to 3 days.
- Give the child ibuprofen or acetaminophen as directed, if needed, to relieve pain.
- Use moisturizing creams or aloe gel to provide comfort.
- When going outside, all sunburned areas should be fully covered to protect the child from the sun until healed.

Seek Emergency Medical Care if:

- a sunburn forms blisters or is extremely painful
- a child has facial swelling from a sunburn
- a sunburn covers a large area
- a child has fever or chills after getting sunburned
- a child has headache, confusion, or a feeling of faintness
- you see signs of dehydration (increased thirst or dry eyes and mouth)



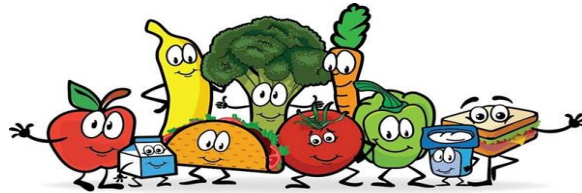
Think Prevention!

- Minimize kids' summer sun exposure between 10 AM and 4 PM.
- Have kids wear protective clothing, sunglasses, and a hat.
- Apply sunscreen that provides UVB and UVA protection with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15.
- Apply sunscreen 15 to 30 minutes **before sun exposure** and 30 minutes after exposure begins, then reapply after kids have been swimming or sweating.

MARK TWAIN NEWS

NEWS FROM FOOD SERVICES

The last day to accept deposits by check will be Friday, May 11th. Cash and money orders will be accepted through the end of year. Payments may also be made via the on-line payment system @ www.spsezipay.com/westerville. Planning for 2018-2019 school year: The direct certification process (certifying students as free lunch without an application) will take place this summer with letters going home shortly thereafter. If you are a family who is not directly certified, you may begin applying for free and reduced lunch for the 2018-2019 year at the end of July. 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. 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.



I ♥ READING

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


WESTERVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION

STREET HOCKEY

WITH STREET HOCKEY

SKILLS AND DRILLS JULY 8 - AUGUST 18	HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE JULY 11 - AUGUST 15	OPEN RINK HOCKEY STARTS JULY 13
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TRY HOCKEY FOR FREE DAY
SUNDAY, JUNE 24 | AGES 6-14



Register at www.westerville.org/registration, Friday, May 18-Monday, May 21

MARK TWAIN REMINDERS AND REALLY USEFUL INFORMATION!

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 the denial of your open enrollment request and provide a delay in receiving back-to-school communications and transportation assignments.



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 2017-2018 school year! Forms have been sent home. Orders will be available during Back to School Days in August.



Medications at School

Please be looking for information from the clinic regarding medication pick up at the end of the year. The clinic will be sending new forms for the 18-19 school year. There will also be a form to communicate to the clinic the plan for returning medications to you. Please remember that we cannot accept any medications at the start of next year unless the forms have been completed by the parent and doctor. Never send any medication to school without proper documentation. You can obtain forms by calling the school clinic or printing from the Westerville City Schools website. The forms are listed on the Health Services page under the Parent Portal via District Portals.

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 15.

You may begin placing your yard sign in the front yard Wednesday evening May 23rd or before 8:30 a.m. the last day of school Thursday, May 24th. Please do not park in front of the school after 8:30 am as the buses will be arriving for the school day.



NEWS AND INFORMATION

Library Books

Please return all Mark Twain Library books by Monday, May 14th. 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.



From the Clinic

Attention: Parents of Students who take medications: Watch for new forms for the 2018-2019 school year to be coming home. Please remember that the school clinic cannot accept medication without the appropriate medications forms completed by doctors and parents.

2018-2019 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL ANNOUNCED.....

For those of you already planning for summer camps and summer vacations, the first day of school for the 2018-2019 year has been announced as Thursday, August 16th, 2018.



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 last week of school. All unclaimed items will be donated to W.A.R.M at the end of the school year.



Highland Park Aquatic Center

When: Monday, 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!

