



The Steamboat Press



Mark Twain Elementary
 Vicki Moss: Principal
 Susan Kaul: Secretary
 Kelley Knapp: Attendance
 School Nurse: Jessica Gilbert
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OCTOBER 2017

Attendance: 797-7213
 Office: 797-7200

Important Dates To Remember...



Breakfast with Books	10/04
Red Cross Blood Drive	10/12
PTA Meeting @ 7:00 pm	10/17
1st Grading Period Ends	10/17
Early Release @ 2:30 pm	10/19
OEA/NEA Day NO SCHOOL	10/20
Scholastic Book Fair	10/23-10/26
PTA Family Reading Night 6:00-7:30 pm	10/23
Yearbook Art Contest	10/23
School Conferences NO SCHOOL	10/26 and 10/27
Fall Parties at 2:15 pm	10/31

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.

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 12, 2017

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

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



GRADE LEVEL FEES ARE PAST DUE

If you have not yet paid your child's grade level fee, please pay them at the school office as soon as possible. Checks or cash are accepted. Checks can be made payable to WBOE (Westerville Board of Education). If paying in cash, exact amount only please. Grade level fees are: KDG-\$18.50; Grade 1- \$32.00; Grade 2-\$32.00; Grade 3-\$28.00; Grade 4-\$30.00; Grade 5-\$30.00. If you have any questions about the grade level fees, please contact Mrs. Kaul in the school office.

MARK TWAIN NEWS

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

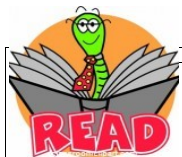
In order for a child to receive prescription medicines at school the office needs a medical release that has been completed by your physician and signed by the parent/guardian. The medication must be in a prescription labeled bottle. The medication and the label must match the medical authorization form 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.



ATTENTION MARK TWAIN VOLUNTEERS

Westerville Board of Education policy has made it mandatory that we have on file a Volunteer Statement for every person working as a volunteer in our building or chaperoning on a class field trip. If you are planning to serve as a volunteer in our building or as a chaperone and you have not already completed a form for this school year, please obtain the necessary form from the school office. **It is required that each volunteer/chaperone complete a form for each new school year.**

Please contact our school office at 797-7200 if you have any questions.



MARK TWAIN BOOK FAIR FALL 2017

The Scholastic Book Fair starts on Monday, October 23rd and runs through Thursday, October 26th. **October 26th 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.

ONE CALL

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!

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, and being prepared to learn.

I choose to be a leader at all times.

MARK TWAIN REMINDERS AND REALLY USEFUL INFORMATION!



CHANGES IN TRANSPORTATION:

While we do know that last minute situations do present themselves and those cannot be helped, we are experiencing a lot of last minute phone calls from parents regarding afternoon transportation of students. Please, for the safety of all involved, take care of your afternoon transportation plans in the morning (prior to your student leaving home). That way your child is aware of how they are getting home and there is no mix-up in getting messages to them prior to departure from school. If you find that a change is necessary, please contact the school as early as possible. The last hour of the school day is usually a very hectic time so the earlier we can relay a change, the better. Thank you for your assistance!

OCTOBER 26TH AND 27TH!

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 them ASAP!



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.



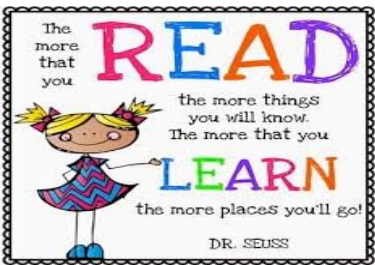
NO SCHOOL.....

Oct 20 NEA/OEA DAY

Oct 26 & 27 Parent/Teacher Conferences



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.



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 PER-
- MISSIONS 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 31st.

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.





NEWS AND INFORMATION

CALLING ALL RUNNERS!

We will begin our fall Mark Twain Running Club season on Monday, October 16th. We will practice every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons after school. We will walk over together to run the loop at Highlands Park. Pick up for all kids will be at 4:30 p.m. at Highlands Park. (by the tennis courts) We will meet for 8 weeks. This is open to 3rd-5th graders who are interested in growing as a runner. Bring your running shoes, a snack, and a water bottle. We welcome those who are beginners all the way to those who have been running for years and are looking to reach a new PR.

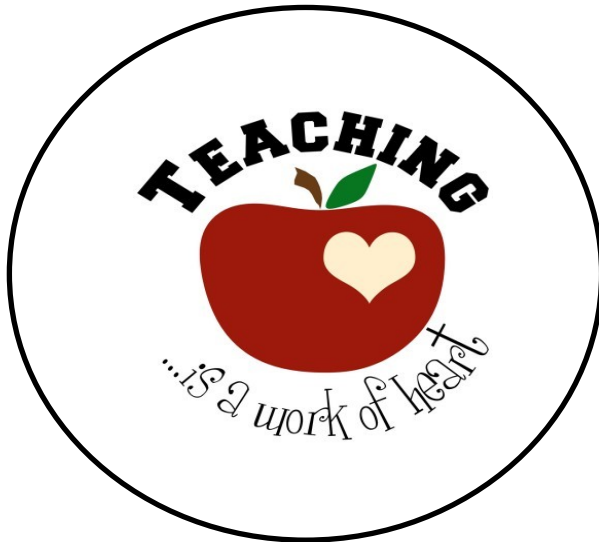
We will have plenty of supervision and encouragement for all levels of runners. We will take the first 50 kids who sign up!



PTA Family Reading Night

Monday, October 23, 2017 @ 6:00–7:30 p.m.

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



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!



Mark Twain Students Raise \$12,150.93

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 \$12,150.93 during their annual Walk-a-Thon. Max King, Caeden Mills, Mackenzie Krapenc, Finn Habing, and Kylie Bennett will enjoy lunch at Wendy's with Mrs. Moss, Mrs. Elder, 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. Mrs. McCoy's class had the highest overall total donations of over \$1000.00 and will enjoy an ice cream sundae party.