

# THE TWAIN TIMES

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APRIL 2017

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## Important Dates To Remember...



Spring Book Fair	04/10-04/13
Good Friday NO SCHOOL	04/14
Leadership Summit @ Whittier Elementary from 7:00—8:00	04/20
Interim Distribution	04/21
DARE Graduation	04/21
PTA Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.	04/25
Volunteer Luncheon 10:45 a.m.	04/27

## CONGRATULATIONS!

### SHELLY SEABURY - GEM AWARD WINNER

The Mark Twain PTA would like to congratulate the 2016-2017 Westerville Parent Council GEM Award winner for Mark Twain Elementary School, Mrs. Shelly Seabury.

Now in its fourteenth 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.

Mrs. Seabury and all GEM award nominees will be recognized during a special meeting of the Mark Twain PTA Tuesday, April 25th @7:00 p.m.



## Earn Rewards at Local Businesses:

Earn Money for our school when you shop at local businesses!

Each of these companies offers money to schools for shopping that is linked to the school account:

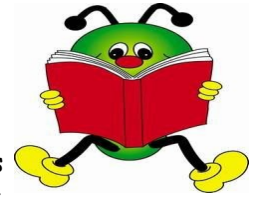
**Giant Eagle Apples for the Students:** If you shop at Giant Eagle, you can link your Giant Eagle Advantage card to Mark Twain School ID 4830. For more information, visit [www.gianteagle.com/schools/apples-for-students](http://www.gianteagle.com/schools/apples-for-students)

**Kroger Community Rewards:** If you shop at Kroger, you can link your Kroger Plus card to Mark Twain NPO #84372. For more information, visit [www.kroger.com/mykroger/016/community/Pages/community\\_rewards.aspx](http://www.kroger.com/mykroger/016/community/Pages/community_rewards.aspx). You must re-enroll for Kroger Rewards every April.

**Meijer Community Rewards:** If you shop at Meijer, you can link your purchases to Mark Twain PTA Westerville Code 433045. For more information, visit [www.meijer.com/mcr/rewards.jsp](http://www.meijer.com/mcr/rewards.jsp)

## MARK TWAIN NEWS

### SPRING SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



Our Spring Scholastic Book Fair will be held on April 10th through April 13th 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.mtpa.org](http://www.mtpa.org). Click on the link to sign up to volunteer

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

## Healthy Connection

**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)



## MARK TWAIN REMINDERS AND REALLY USEFUL INFORMATION!

### 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 12 @ 6:00 p.m.

Genoa Middle School, 5948 Old 3C Highway, April 11 @ 6:30 p.m.

Heritage Middle School, 390 N. Spring Road, May 2 @ 6:30 p.m.

Walnut Springs Middle School, 888 E. Walnut Street, May 10 @ 6:30 p.m.



#### PICKING UP STUDENTS EARLY & CHANGING END OF DAY PLANS

Please remember to call by 3:00 p.m. if you have a change to your child's plans for the end of the day. The office is extremely busy at the end of the day and we want to make sure we have this information in time so your child is safe in their travels home. We really appreciate your partnership with our efforts and understand there will be times when you must call after 3:00 pm, but please only call if it is an emergency. Thank you!



The Summer Reading Program at Westerville Public Library is coming soon!!

Our theme this year is Build a Better World and runs from June 6 through August 7.



KINDERGARTEN LUNCH  
CHEESE PIZZA

Wednesday, April 26th



## NEWS AND INFORMATION

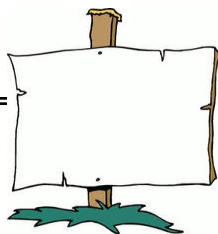


### Library Books

Please return all Mark Twain Library books by Friday, May 12th. 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.

### 2017-2018 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL ANNOUNCED.....

For those of you already planning for summer camps and summer vacations, the first day of school for the 2017-2018 year has been announced as Thursday, August 17, 2017.



### FIFTH GRADE YARD SIGNS

To celebrate the end of their elementary years and to wish them well on the start of middle school, we'd like to decorate the front lawn of Mark Twain with "yard" signs for each of the 5<sup>th</sup> graders on the last day of school. It is a really 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 Tuesday evening May 23rd or before 8:30am the last day of school May 24rd. Please do not park in front of the school after 8:30am as the buses will be arriving for the school day.

### VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON ..Thanks for CHIPPIN' IN !

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, April 27, 2017. 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 Thursday, April 20, 2017.



### 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. Thanks!

