



THE TWAIN TIMES



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MARCH 2017

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Important Dates To Remember...



Spring Picture Day	03/09
Daylight Savings Time begins	03/12
Early Release @ 2:30 p.m.	03/16
PTA Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.	03/21
Achievement Records	03/22
PTA Skate Night 6:00— 8:30 p.m.	03/23
Spring Break NO SCHOOL	03/27 through 03/31

PTA MEETING

7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 21st



LOST AND FOUND!

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.

Don't Forget!

Communicate with the Teachers....

Please accept this as a gentle reminder that if something is going on with your child that makes you question their education (in any way) please start by communicating with your child's teacher. The Teacher is the one that spends the most time with your child and can offer more insight. If more intervention is needed, the situation will be further addressed and re-directed accordingly. We are a "team" staff here and encourage open communication between parents and members of the teaching staff.



PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Please DO NOT schedule appointments or vacations during these very important testing dates.

Terra Nova, InView/NNAT

March 6—23rd 2nd and 5th grade

STATE TESTING

3rd grade April 6, 7, 20, and 21

4th grade April 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, and 19

5th grade April 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, and 19

Please be quiet!
We're passing a test!



Guidance Connection: Nicole Morgan



With statewide testing right around the corner, now is the best time to start preparing our kids (and ourselves) for some of the anticipated stress that comes along with it. Stress is a normal part of our daily lives, however, it is something that needs to be managed in a healthy way so that it can be maintained at a healthy level. Below is an article that helps to reinforce some positive strategies for reducing stress, but also ways that are just good habits for everyday health.

Have a happy and healthy March!

Nicole Morgan

School Counselor

Reducing Stress in Kids by Lori Lite

Children are vulnerable to stress. Thirteen out of one hundred children experience some kind of anxiety disorder and many more are just stressed out! Living a balanced life and reducing stress in kids is a challenge for most families. With very little effort you can offer your children the tools they need to maintain emotional balance. Consider filling your child's emotional backpack with solutions and techniques they can use for stress management and relaxation. Kids can be active participants in creating their own healthy, calm lives.

- **Be aware** that change, be it positive or negative, creates stress for most kids.
- **Make time to relax** and schedule downtime for your children. Do not over-schedule.

Show your child how to maintain a positive outlook, stop the chatter and lists in their heads, and take their mind off of their worries.

Nurse Connection: Amy Loehnis

SCHOOLS AND FLU Resource: www.flu.gov

Seasonal Influenza Information

Influenza (flu) is a respiratory illness that can be serious, sometimes leading to hospitalization and even death.

Prevention:

1. Get a flu shot or the nasal mist
You cannot get the flu from the flu vaccine.
You need a flu shot every year. Wash your hands!
1. Cover your Cough! The flu is spread by respiratory secretions.
2. Stay Home when you are sick

Shorten the Duration with Medications such as Doctor Prescribed Tamiflu

Symptoms

- Fever of 100 degrees or more or feeling feverish (not everyone with the flu has a fever)
- A cough and/or sore throat.
- A runny or stuffy nose.
- Headaches and/or body aches.
- Chills, fatigue and Nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea (most common in children)



MARK TWAIN REMINDERS AND REALLY USEFUL INFORMATION!



5TH GRADE BABY PICTURES

Please send a baby picture to us for the 5th grade graduation video by Friday, March 24, 2017.

Email a digital picture to kauls@wcsoh.org or knappk@wcsoh.org OR bring a picture to the Mark Twain office. It will be scanned and immediately returned to your student.

When sending a picture, please include your student's first and last name as they want it displayed on the slideshow.



MUD DAYS ARE COMING!

Spring is a perfect time for the students to end up in the clinic covered in mud from head to toe due to a playground mishap. Kids will be kids and mud-puddles happen! If your child is attracted to the mud, please send a change of clothes in their backpacks.

The Westerville Rotary Club's

PICK THE PARADE THEME

Everyone loves the Westerville Rotary July 4th parade. You can play a big part in it by picking the winning theme for this year's parade in Westerville! All Westerville students in Kindergarten through Grade 5 are invited to enter. Just pick a theme for the parade (10 words or less, no cartoon characters, please.) Turn in your entry by Friday, March 10, 2017.

Prize: \$100.00 and a place of honor in the big parade! Also, the classes with 100% participation will be entered into a drawing to win a pizza party!



Intra-District Open Enrollment

Intra-District Open Enrollment applications are being accepted for the 2017-18 school year. The deadline for applications for middle and high schools is March 15, 2017. For elementary schools, the cut off date is May 1, 2017.

The program is coordinated through the Deputy Superintendent's Office for families who are enrolled full time in the Westerville City School District. Parents or guardians wishing to have their children attend a different school from their home school of attendance must complete and submit an Intra-District Open Enrollment application. **With this program, transportation to and from school becomes the responsibility of the parent.** Parents or guardians will be notified of the decision in writing.

Application forms are available at each school building; at the Westerville City Schools Enrollment Center (300 Polaris Parkway, Suite 3200); at the Early Learning Center (936 Eastwind Drive, Suite 200); or at www.wcsoh.org, where general guidelines can also be found.

Please call 797-5756 or email Jennifer Farris at farisj@wcsoh.org with any additional questions.

**"You're off to great places!
Today is your Day!
Your mountain is waiting.
So...Get on your way!"** Dr. Seuss

SAVE THE DATE

Mark Twain Annual Health and Activity Night

Presented by Otterbein University Students

"March into Health"

Wednesday March 8th

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Activity Rooms & Health Fair Booths

Light Refreshments provided by the Mark Twain PTA

COME JOIN THE FUN

Donations will be accepted for the Care Packages for our

Military Men and Women

PREFERRED ITEMS ARE:

(Toiletries, High Protein foods (beef jerky, slim jims, canned meats, batteries, hand & Foot warmers, playing cards, magazines)

NEWS AND INFORMATION

Student and Adult Artwork Needed!

The Westerville Education Foundation, Concord Counseling and The Arts Council of Westerville are pleased to announce a new, art-oriented community event, An Artful Affair. **All students, as well as amateur and professional artists alike, are encouraged to donate original art for inclusion as an auction item.** If you would like to make a donation, learn more about this event or contact us with a question, please visit www.westervilleeducationfoundation.com.

An Artful Affair will take place on Friday, April 21, 2017, at the Everal Barn & Homestead, located at 60 N. Cleveland Ave. The first part of the event will take place from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and feature art-oriented activities for families, as well as an auction of student artwork. Attendance is free and light refreshments will be available. Families are encouraged to join us at the event, roll up their sleeves, have some fun and share their students' art work!

Then, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Everal Barn, the event shifts to "adults only" as guests enjoy live music, strolling appetizers and beverages. Midway through the evening, WEF will honor teachers who have utilized WEF resources and/or been recognized through various WEF initiatives during the year. Tickets for this event will be \$35 per person, \$60 per couple. Everyone in attendance will have an opportunity to take home several pieces of high-quality art created and donated by local professional and amateur artists, including items from student artists and clients of Concord Counseling. The art will be auctioned off throughout the evening in silent and live auction formats.

Proceeds from the event will support Concord Counseling and help fund WEF initiatives to enhance the education of Westerville City School students by promoting and supporting education initiatives undertaken by district employees.



MARK TWAIN SCHOOL SKATE PARTY

Thursday, March 23rd, 2017

6:00—8:30 pm

Free admission

\$3.00 Skate Rental/\$4.00 Roller Blades

SPRING BREAK

March 27 through March 31

Classes resume on Monday, April 6th



Art to Remember

Attention Parents!

Our school will be participating in the Art to Remember program. Look for the custom brochure and order form to be sent home March 7th. The forms should be returned by March 17th. Online ordering will also be an option this year, and the ordering information will be on the front of the child's brochure.

Your child's artwork can be featured on over 30 wonderful gifts and keepsakes!

Art to Remember's affordable keepsakes make perfect gifts for any occasion and many of the products are under \$15! Visit www.arttoremember.com for a complete list of keepsakes!

Thank you for supporting our school and the Arts!

