

# MARK TWAIN ELEMENTARY

"Twain Times"  
September 14, 2009



Our Vision: "Every Student Future Ready"

## CALENDAR:

Sept 14 <sup>th</sup>	
Sept 15 <sup>th</sup>	
Sept 16 <sup>th</sup>	Early Release (1:30)
Sept 17 <sup>th</sup>	Special Education, English Language Learners, Safety Net Open House (6:30-7:00 PM) Curriculum Night 4 <sup>th</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade (7-8 pm) PTSA General Membership Meeting - Library (6-7 pm)
Sept 18 <sup>th</sup>	

## PRINCIPAL

### OPEN HOUSE FOR PARENTS OF K-6 SPECIAL EDUCATION, SAFETY NET & ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 7PM (before Intermediate Curriculum Night) in the Resource Room/ELL/Safety Net Pod. Come meet the teachers and find out what will be going on this year in these programs.

Intermediate Curriculum Night (4-6th Grades) Thursday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:00 PM, following the PTSA Gen Membership Meeting at 6 pm in the Library.

**IMPORTANT: Yellow Emergency Cards:** Please complete them ASAP and return them to school. This information is vital for contacting you in case there is an emergency or your child gets sick or injured.

### Help Needed for Twain Disaster/Emergency Prep

Seeking parent help for the Emergency Preparedness Committee; no first-aid or emergency training required; a sense of organization is far more valuable. Whether available for a few hours just once to help organize and categorize the contents of our E-Prep Locker, or able to serve as an active member on the committee for the remainder of the school year, Twain needs your help! Contact Twain's Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Shawn Palmer, at [shawn.palmer@LPL.com](mailto:shawn.palmer@LPL.com).

Thanks to our PTSA Staff Appreciation Committee for feeding us a delicious lunch following our Meet & Greet, and thanks for the milk & cookies on Friday!!!

Thank you to the Mangouras Family for providing the delicious lasagna & salad lunch on Thursday for the Twain Staff in celebration of Mrs. Enstrom's Birthday.

A Safety Reminder: During school hours you need to report to the office when entering school grounds. All visitors and volunteers must sign in and out, state their purpose for being here, and wear a name badge. If you have something that your child has forgotten, please bring it to the office for us to deliver. Please do not deliver it yourself. Thank You.

Beginning Band starts on **Friday September 18<sup>th</sup>**. Band meets at Rose Hill Junior High in the band room from 7:45 to 8:20.

This class is for any 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> graders who want to play a band instrument and have never played one before. **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band** starts on **Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**. This band is for any 6<sup>th</sup> Graders who played in band last year. More information about Elementary Band is available at <http://schools.lwsd.org/rhjh/laulainen/elementary1.htm> or you may contact Mr. Leuning [eleuning@lwsd.org](mailto:eleuning@lwsd.org) or Mrs. Laulainen [alaulainen@lwsd.org](mailto:alaulainen@lwsd.org) (or at 881-2079) with any questions.

## PTSA

**The Staff Appreciation Committee** would like to thank everyone who contributed outstanding eats for the back to school staff luncheon! Thank you Anne Buck, Christine Aguirre, Cynthia Khauv, Happy Tsantilas, Jill Coon, Jilleen Broyles, Julie Tribolet, Kathryn.Hammer, Kimberly Bull, Liz Fulton, MaryLee Berthon, Melody O'Tierney, Tammy Gilliam, Tina King, Tracy Johnsen and Vlasta Hillger. If you have suggestions, donations, ideas or would like to help with upcoming Staff Appreciation events, please email [cocofulton@verizon.net](mailto:cocofulton@verizon.net) or [amy.maher@gte.net](mailto:amy.maher@gte.net)

**School pictures** are coming; both student and class pictures will be taken Monday, October 19th. If you would like to help with them please let me know. Thanks, Tammy Guisness [mi3guis@verizon.net](mailto:mi3guis@verizon.net)

**Calling all Art Docents!** Explore Art's training session is scheduled for Monday, Sept 28th @ 6:30pm-8pm in the cafeteria. We look forward to seeing you all - whether you have been a docent before, or you would like to get started with us, please come! We will discuss new changes, lesson planning, and as always an overview of the Explore Art program and resources. Mark your calendars and RSVP to Laura Bartoletti @ [slbartoletti@yahoo.com/](mailto:slbartoletti@yahoo.com) 827-3539 or Cindy Neils @ [mcneils95@verizon.net/822-3141](mailto:mcneils95@verizon.net/822-3141). Call us with any questions. See you soon!!

**Reflections 2009:** Does your child dream of displaying his drawings or photography in a special exhibit? Does she express her creativity through story or music? Then participate in the PTSA Reflections Program! Reflections is a cultural arts competition where students submit original works of art based on this year's theme, "Beauty is..." The categories are Visual Arts, Photography, Literature and Music Composition. To participate, please acquire the official rules and an entry form by doing one of the following: Go to the Twain website at [www.lwsd.org/school/Twain](http://www.lwsd.org/school/Twain); click on "Calendar" at the top right corner; use the "filter" feature to select only Twain events; scroll to the Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> Reflections announcement & click on the attachments. Pick up the forms in the front entryway bulletin board. Entries should be submitted to the school office October 19-23<sup>rd</sup>. Questions or want forms sent home with your student? Contact Julie Tribolet at [julietrib@clearwire.net](mailto:julietrib@clearwire.net) / 425-822-2101

**After School Art Class - Impressionism** Mark Twain is excited to announce a ten week session offering Impressionism art lessons to students after school on Thursdays beginning September 17th. Registration forms are available on Parent Organizer, the Mark Twain website, and in the main office and can be brought with your child to the first class. Please email your intent to register or send any questions to local artist Rachel Muller at [rachel@rachel-art.com](mailto:rachel@rachel-art.com)

**After School Foreign Language Program** Mark Twain is excited to announce an 8 weeks sessions offering Spanish or French to students after school on Mondays beginning in October. Spaces are limited, please register ASAP. Registration forms are available on Parent Organizer, the Mark Twain website and in the main office. Classes begin on October 5th. For questions, please email Florence @ [florence\\_canel@hotmail.com](mailto:florence_canel@hotmail.com).

**Chess Club** Fall chess registration forms are available on Parent Organizer and Twain websites. Fliers are available in the main office as well. Class begins on **Sept 11**. For questions, please email Doris @ [dlimeng@hotmail.com](mailto:dlimeng@hotmail.com).

**Jump Rope Class** - Wednesday after school jump rope class begins in October. Classes run October 7 - November 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3:00 pm in the school Cafeteria. The cost of the five week session is \$55 and includes a free jump rope for use during classes and to take home at the end of the session. The class is open to all grade levels. Sessions have filled to capacity quickly, so reserve your spot early. Classes are taught by members of the world champion jump rope performance team, HOT DOG USA, for fun and exercise. Registration forms are located in the office, on the Mark Twain Website and through Parent Organizer. Email [amy.maher@gte.net](mailto:amy.maher@gte.net) with questions

## Community

**Kirkland Boys & Girls Club** Music, Dance and Art classes begin the week of September 21st. Register on-line at [www.onepositiveplace.org](http://www.onepositiveplace.org) or 425.827.0132 with questions. Art, Dance, Beginning Guitar, Beginning Piano, Advanced Guitar and Music Exploration classes are available.

## Fliers in the Office

Youth Basketball Kirkland Parks & Rec "2009 Youth Basketball" 425-587-3336 or [www.kirklandpark.net](http://www.kirklandpark.net)