

# MARK TWAIN ELEMENTARY

## "Twain Times"

September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**Our Mission: Commitment to Success**

### CALENDAR:

**September 7<sup>th</sup> LABOR DAY "NO SCHOOL"**

Sept 8<sup>th</sup>

Sept 9 Early Release (1:30)

Sept 10<sup>th</sup>

Sept 11<sup>th</sup>

### Mark Your Calendars

Sept 10<sup>th</sup> Curriculum Night 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (7-8 pm)

Sept 17<sup>th</sup> Curriculum Night 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (7-8 pm)

### PRINCIPAL

**Welcome to Mark Twain Elementary!** Our first week has been filled with excitement, getting reacquainted with old friends, meeting new friends, and learning and re-establishing routines. It's been a smooth start for students and staff and we want to thank you for your support and cooperation. We're looking forward to a great year with engaging, meaningful learning and success for every student. If you have questions or concerns about your child's learning or school experience, please talk with your child's teacher and feel free to call me anytime.

Thanks, Rick Burden (425)936-2730; rburden@lwsd.org

- **Primary Curriculum Night (1st-3rd Grade) Thursday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:00PM**
- **Intermediate Curriculum Night (4th-6th Grade) Thursday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:00 PM**

**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.

**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.**

**The Parking Lot:** Student safety is of paramount concern to us. Consequently, we feel it is necessary for us to intensify our efforts toward making the school parking lot safe for students, staff, and families. Here are a couple of rules that we will do our best to teach and to enforce throughout the school year. We appreciate and depend on your support and cooperation.

1. There is NO PARKING in the Fire Zone (designated by yellow or red curbing). We need to insist that drivers DO NOT leave their vehicles in the fire zone.
2. Drivers should keep moving forward safely and patiently and stop only to drop-off or pick up students. If there is no room in the lot then you may need to circle through again.
3. Students should exit and enter vehicles on the curbside only of the designated drive and drop areas. Do not let your child enter from the driver's side of the vehicle or away from the curb.
4. Parking is allowed only in the designated parking stalls.
5. Pedestrians (including adults) should use the marked crosswalks when crossing the parking lot.
6. No double parking

**STUDENT SAFETY BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL:** Students are not to arrive at school before 8:15am or be on school grounds after 3:15 pm unless they are participating in a school sponsored activity or are under the supervision of an adult. Siblings are not allowed to wait on campus unless they are under the supervision of a parent/guardian. We do not have adult supervision before 8:15 or after 3:15. If students arrive at school, prior to school starting (8:15-8:25), they should line up calmly and relatively quietly in their designated grade level area.

**A very special thanks** to Kaylee Nilan and the other North Rose Hill Community Association members who pulled weeds and spread bark on the east side of the Twain campus prior to school starting. The North Rose Hill Neighborhood Association has generously provided their sweat & muscle to spruce up the grounds of Twain Elementary for the past several years. We appreciate your support of our school; it's wonderful to have neighbors who care!

**A big thanks to Laura Bartoletti** and other parent volunteers for helping out students with getting on and off the busses and then getting to the right place. We really appreciate your support of our students!

### **Too Sick for School?**

#### ***When to keep your sick child home from school***

Lake Washington School District works with King County Department of Public Health to help protect children from spreading communicable diseases. Keeping children home when they are too sick for school protects other students and staff from potential illness.

#### **Symptoms that child is too sick for school**

If your child has any of the following symptoms, please keep him/her home, or make appropriate child care arrangements. It will be necessary to pick your student up from school as soon as possible if he/she shows any of the following symptoms at school:

- **Fever:** temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher. Child must not have a fever for 24 hours before returning to school.
- **Vomiting:** child should not return to school for 24 hours following the last episode of vomiting or diarrhea
- **Chronic cough and/or runny nose:** continual coughing and greenish nose discharge. Conditions may be contagious and may require treatment from your health care provider.
- **Sore throat:** especially with fever or swollen glands in the neck
- **Rash:** body rash, especially with fever or itching
- **Ear infection:** with fever. Without fever can attend school, but the child may need medical treatment and follow-up. Untreated ear infections can cause permanent hearing loss.
- **Eye infection:** Eye infection: pink eye (conjunctivitis) or thick mucus or pus draining from eye
- **Unusual appearance, behavior:** abnormally tired, pale, lack of appetite, difficult to wake, confused or irritable. This is sufficient reason to exclude a child from school.

### **PTSA**

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

### **Chess Club - Fall Registration**

Chess registration is accepting new players for year 2009-10. Please email Doris @ [dlimeng@hotmail.com](mailto:dlimeng@hotmail.com) for registration form and/or questions. Thanks!

#### **Fliers in the Office**

Youth Basketball

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