

MARK TWAIN ELEMENTARY

"Twain Times"

October 26, 2009

Our Vision: "Every Student Future Ready"

CALENDAR:

Oct 26 th	
Oct 27 th	
Oct 28 th	Early Release (1:30)
Oct 29 th	
Oct 30 th	
Coming Events	
Nov 3 rd	Election Day
Nov 11 th	No School - Veterans Day
Nov 14 th	Pancake Breakfast
Nov 19 th - 25 th	Book Fair
Nov 20 th , 23 rd , 24 th	Conferences - Half day dismissal @ 11:30
Nov 25 th	Half Day dismissal @ 11:30
Nov 26 th & 27 th	NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Vacation



PRINCIPAL

Chess Club Highlights Our Mark Twain Chess club won 1st place in Team Championship Chess Tournament last Saturday, Oct 17 hosted by Holy Family Parish School!!! This is the second time that they have won the Team trophy in competition. Three cheers to our players Brett K. (1st grade), Shubham P. (3rd grade), Saba T. (3th grade), Saffa H. (4th grade), Sean M. (4th grade), Wynn W. (4th grade) and Aria T. (5th grade). Thank you for the big trophy you brought home; WAY TO GO!!!

Halloween Celebration at Twain: Our Halloween celebration day is approaching (Friday, October 30th) and I want to let you know what it will look like at Mark Twain. We will not be having an all-school assembly or parade. However, each classroom will be having an individual classroom party sometime during the day.

Appropriate costumes will be allowed, but must NOT be worn before the party or until the classroom teacher allows (with the exception of Ms. Newport's half-day kindy classes, who will be allowed to wear their costumes to school).

This will require those students who choose to wear costumes to bring them in a bag (labeled with their name) and be able to put them on quickly (no makeup) and independently when directed. "Appropriate costumes", mean: no blood, guts, weapons, or violent themes. Also costumes must not be too revealing in nature. Please use common sense. We want the children to have fun; the intent is not to scare or offend. If you **do not** want your child to participate in any Halloween festivities, please let your child's teacher know. We will provide an alternative activity for those students. It is also an option to pick your child up early that day.

Students Learn 21st Century Skills Through Math

Given the pace of change in this century, students today will need to be able to learn new concepts quickly: some of today's most popular college majors and professions didn't exist 20 years ago. They will need to be able to reason, to solve problems, and engage in whatever they are doing. These critical 21st century skills are taught in our classrooms through math instruction.

As a parent, you can support your child in learning math. The LWSD Web site <http://www.lwsd.org/Parents/Teaching-Curriculum/Math-Resources/Pages/Teaching-Mathematics.aspx> provides grade specific information on what your child is learning, how to help them with their homework, games you can play together to supplement what they are learning in school and more.

Picture Day: Thanks to all these wonderful volunteers for helping with school pictures. Everything went smoothly! Karrin Wikel, Tonja Mathews, Roxanne Raubacher, Beth Turtle, Kirsten Barnes, Lynn Peterson, Jennifer Lundin, Susan Swift, Allicia Ferguson, Tammy Gilliam, and Bilquis Gulam. Thank you Ladies, Tammy Guisness (school picture chair)

The LWSD Quest Elementary Program for Highly Capable Students (Grades 1-6) will be accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year beginning November 2, 2009, until 4 p.m. on November 30, 2009. The Elementary Quest program offers two options for students who demonstrate superior ability, who exceed grade level standards in literacy and math, and who exhibit exceptional creativity in the classroom. Full time students are enrolled in an accelerated, self-contained classroom for the full day, five days a week. Enrichment Pull-Out students attend their home school four days a week and a pull-out enrichment

classroom one day a week. More information can be found in the Quest Information packet that will be available at all elementary schools, on the Quest Web site (www.lwsd.org/quest), and at the Quest Office on the third floor of the Resource Center (425-702-3238; Quest@lwsd.org).

All parents interested in the Quest Program are invited to attend one of the **Quest Elementary Information Night** sessions on Thursday, November 5th from 4:30-6 p.m. or 7-8:30 p.m. at Rose Hill Junior High School (13505 NE 74th St, Redmond, WA 98052). This program will explain more specifically what Quest offers to highly capable, academically gifted children. If you plan to bring your children to the information session, we would recommend that you attend the early meeting.

Lake Washington School District Native American Education Program's 3rd Annual Veterans Celebration and Pow Wow. This event will be held on 11/14 at LWHS. Everyone's invited to attend the Veteran's honoring and dinner at 2PM with their Grand Entry at 6 PM in the gym." Please visit the website for further information. <http://eastsideindianed.org>.

School and PTSA events are posted online on the Tandem Calendar system. Go to the Twain website at www.lwsd.org/school/twain and click "Calendar" in the upper right corner. PTSA, school and community event flyers are also available in the school office.



The flyer is for an Annual Pancake Breakfast. It features a starburst graphic on the left containing the date and time: "Sat. Nov 14th 8-10am". Below this, it says "At Mark Twain Elementary" and "Please email me if you can help with this event. tasilv@live.com". In the center is a cartoon character of a pancake with arms and legs, holding a spatula. To the right of the character is a list of bullet points: "Fun time for ALL!", "All you can eat pancakes", "Sausage /2 for \$1", "Starbuck's coffee", and "Meet new friends!". At the bottom right, the pricing is listed as "Pancakes: \$2 kids \$3 Adults".

Reflections 2009 Celebrate your student's talents and participate in Reflections, a cultural arts competition. Students submit Visual Arts, Photography, Literature and/or a Musical Composition based on the theme "Beauty is..." To participate, pick up a packet in the front entryway bulletin board, or go to the Twain website www.lwsd.org/school/Twain, click on the "Calendar" link, and view the Oct 23 announcement. Entries should be submitted to the school office Oct 19-23rd. Questions or want forms sent home with your student? Contact Julie Tribolet at julietrib@clearwire.net / 425-822-2101

BobCat News The October issue is now available online. You can access it at <http://www.lwsd.org/school/twain/SiteCollectionDocuments/October%2009%20Bobcat%20News.pdf> To locate it on our school website at anytime access our school webpage at www.lwsd.org/school/twain and click on the link for BobCat News in the lower section. Remember, paper copies will NOT be sent home. A limited amount of paper copies are available in the office for those without Internet access.

Community

Eastside's Month of Concern for the Hungry Join your neighbors and friends to help fill local food bank shelves for Eastside families in need this winter. This is a 28 day challenge beginning on September 15, 2009. Kirkland joined surrounding cities in a commitment to support the local food banks and various other emergency feeding programs. There will be information available through email campaigns, neighborhood associations, churches, businesses and schools. A collection container will be placed here at Mark Twain on Monday, September 28, 2009. Volunteers are needed and can find additional information at Kpage@ci.kirkland.wa.us or 425-587-3011

Flyers Online: <http://www.lwsd.org/school/twain/For-Parents/bulletin-board/Pages/default.aspx>