

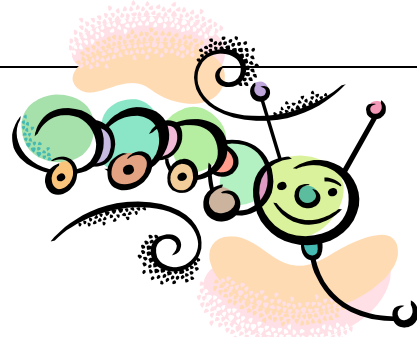
# MARK TWAIN ELEMENTARY

"Twain Times"  
September 28, 2009

Our Vision: "Every Student Future Ready"

## CALENDAR:

Sept 28 <sup>th</sup>	
Sept 29 <sup>th</sup>	
Sept 30 <sup>th</sup>	Early Release (1:30)
Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>	
Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup>	"NO SCHOOL" LEAP Day for Teachers
<b>Coming Events</b>	
Oct 5 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup>	National Walk Your Child to School Week
Oct 19 <sup>th</sup>	Picture Day



## PRINCIPAL

**Very Hungry Caterpillar Day:** On **October 8, 2009**, hundreds of thousands of people around the world will open Eric Carle's beloved book, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and read aloud to children in their communities. We will be doing the same at Mark Twain! Beginning on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, we would like to begin a book drive collecting the book, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. Purchase a copy or check your bookshelves at home for an extra copy to donate. We will be collecting books up until Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> and then we'll make sure they are given to an excited young learner at Twain! *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* is a classic story that reinforces early literacy skills while making reading FUN! Donations can be made to your child's classroom teacher. Thank you for your support during this book drive and for bringing the joy of this story to life for children in our community!

**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.

**Student/Pedestrian Safety:** We'd like to remind our students and their families to use the designated crosswalks on and around the school campus when crossing the streets or the parking lot.

**PTSA National Walk Your Child to School Week. October 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>** Friday Oct. 9th is the 'Big Finale' day....Come meet our very own 'Ped Bee', Fireman, Police officers, and tour the 55ft fire truck. Don't forget to grab a donut on your way to class!!! Donuts and the fire truck will be down on 128th. We will also have our grand prizing drawing on Friday.... So, WALK, WALK, WALK, and be SAFE and BE SEEN!!!

**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)

**PTSA** events are posted online on the Tandem Calendar system. Go to the Twain website at [www.lwsd.org/school/twain](http://www.lwsd.org/school/twain) and click "Calendar" in the upper right corner. PTSA event flyers are also available in the school office.

### **After School Foreign Language Program**

Thank you for being so interested in the after school languages classes. The Spanish class is full; we still have some spots available for the French classes. Registrations forms are available on Parent Organizer, the Mark Twain website and in the main office. For questions, please email Florence @ [florence\\_canel@hotmail.com](mailto:florence_canel@hotmail.com).

**ATTENTION STUDENTS** Submit your artwork for a chance to be included in the 2009-2010 Twain Student Directory. \*\*\*Deadline October 1st!\*\*\* Forms available on the Twain website, additional copies in the office. Contact Laura Bartoletti with any questions [slbartoletti@yahoo.com](mailto:slbartoletti@yahoo.com), 827-3539."

The PTSA needs YOU to organize the **Pancake Breakfast** on **Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>**! We need a leader and volunteers to make this fun community building event happen! Please consider volunteering your time to purchase supplies, organize volunteers in the

kitchen, procure some caffeine and have fun getting to know the other Twain families and staff! Contact [amy.maher@gte.net](mailto:amy.maher@gte.net) or [karrinwikel@hotmail.com](mailto:karrinwikel@hotmail.com) if you are interested!

Therapist and Parent Educator, [Laura Doerflinger, MS, LMHC](#), has been working with parents for over 15 years to help them find their calm in parenting. This one night class, Emotionally Balanced Parenting, is a culmination of her years working on the problem of emotional reactivity in parenting. In this class, she shares with parents' effective ways to manage emotions and change the automatic responses from one's brain and body. Come join the parenting movement, find your calm, and become the best parent you can be!

**Childcare for children three and older is available. To register for childcare, contact Melanie Miller at [Melanie\\_miller@verizon.net](mailto:Melanie_miller@verizon.net) or 206.579.2172**

### **EXPLORE ART!**

We will be hosting a docent training on Monday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm in the school library. 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 at 425-827-3539 or [slbartoletti@yahoo.com](mailto:slbartoletti@yahoo.com) or Cindy Neils at 425-985-6463 or [mcneils95@verizon.net](mailto:mcneils95@verizon.net) Call us with any questions. See you there!

### **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](mailto:Kpage@ci.kirkland.wa.us) or 425-587-3011

**New Girl Scout** troops are forming now! If your daughter is interested in joining, or if you would like to find out more about Girl Scouts, please join us on this coming Wed., Sept. 23rd, at 7:00 pm in the school library for the Girl Scout Information Night. Older Girl Scouts will be on hand to teach games and songs to the new scouts. As always, adults are needed to help build girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. Questions? Please contact Susan Burianek at [gatorgalsusan@hotmail.com](mailto:gatorgalsusan@hotmail.com) or (425) 827-8043. We look forward to seeing you there!

### **H1N1 Flu Update**

Flu season is on its way if it isn't already here. It's a good time to review with your student the following ways to stay healthy during flu season:

- Remind your student to wash their hands often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub. They should take about 20 seconds to wash their hands.
- Remind your student to cover their coughs and sneezes with tissues and wash their hands afterward. If a tissue is not available, they should cover up their coughs or sneezes using the elbow, arm or sleeve instead.
- Remind your student not to share drinks, food, unwashed utensils or other personal items.

As a reminder, here are the signs and symptoms of the flu:

- Fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit or greater). Your student may appear flushed, be sweating or shivering, or feel warm to the touch.
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Body aches
- Headaches
- Chills
- Fatigue

Diarrhea and vomiting are also possible symptoms of the flu.

If your student has the flu or a flu-like illness

- Keep your student home until at least 24 hours after the fever has passed without the use of fever-reducing drugs. Students need to stay home from child care, sports practices and other activities as well.

The district office is working closely with Public Health Seattle & King County to monitor conditions and make decisions about the best steps to take concerning schools. Check our school's Web site and the district Web site often for updates.

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