

MARK TWAIN ELEMENTARY

"Twain Times"

October 3, 2011

Book Fair all Week

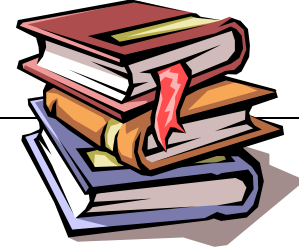
Our Vision: "Every Student Future Ready"

CALENDAR:

Oct 3 rd	Half Day Release time 11:30	Conference Day
Oct 4 th	Half Day Release time 11:30	Conference Day
Oct 5 th	Early Release 1:30 (Every Wednesday)	
Oct 6 th	Half Day Release time 11:30	Conference Day
Oct 7 th	NO SCHOOL	

Up Coming Events

Oct 10 th - 14 th	Walk to School Week
Nov 3 rd	International Night



Principal/Office

Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences- October 3rd, 4th and 6th (Monday, Tues. and Thurs.):

This week you should have received a letter from your child's teacher letting you know what your conference day/time is. We appreciate your flexibility. Please contact your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns about conferencing.

Remember: Your child should accompany you to the conference as they will be sharing goals for the year.

*****Early Dismissal Days***** for parent conferences are October 3rd, 4th and 6th (Monday, Tues. and Thurs.) **These are half-days with student dismissal at 11:30AM**, for all students including half-day Kindergarten.

AM Kindergarten attends on Monday, 10/3 and Thurs., 10/6;

PM Kindy attends on Tues. 10/4.

No hot lunches will be served on these early dismissal days, but sack lunches can be purchased if needed

****No Half Day Kindy Only Bus Transportation during early dismissal days****

LWSD Gifted Program (Quest): In the 2012-2013 school year, **Elementary Quest** will serve second through fifth grade students. Therefore, **only students in grades 1-4** may apply for elementary Quest. Kindergarten students may no longer apply. The elementary program will accept applications Oct. 3 through Oct. 28 at 4:00 p.m. Elementary Quest information nights will be either Thursday, Sept. 29, or Thursday, Oct. 6, at either 4:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. Meetings will be held at Rose Hill Junior High School: 13505 N.E. 75th St. Redmond, 98052. Attendance at information night is not required to apply.

Students who are in grades 5 or 6 will attend **Middle School** for the **2012-2013** school year and must apply to **Middle School Quest**. Middle School applications will be available from Oct. 24 until Nov. 18 at 4:00 p.m. Middle School Quest information night will be Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 7:00 p.m., at Kamiakin Junior High School, 14111 132nd N.E. Kirkland, 98034. Attendance at information night is not required to apply.

Mark Twain Annual Book Fair

Monday October 3 rd	Tuesday October 4 th Family Night!!	Wednesday October 5 th	Thursday October 6 th
8:00-8:30am 11:30am-6:30pm	8:00-8:30am 11:30am-7:30pm	1:30pm-5:00pm	8:00-8:30am 11:30am-3:30pm

Tuesday night we will stay open late for a **Family Night**, complete with **free popcorn** and **door prizes!!**

Come by the Book Fair after your parent conference(s) to purchase books and educational products. With 50% of the profits going directly to the library and other reading programs at Mark Twain, this is a great time to buy books for your family, your child's classroom or as gifts for the holidays. The fair is also a great chance to donate to needy families at Mark Twain.

Can't come in person? Access our **Book Fair online** from September 30th to October 14th! Books will ship free to your student at Mark Twain. <http://www.scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs/2916444>

We are looking for volunteers, no prior experience necessary! If you can help, please contact Lynn Mizulo at lynnmizulo@hotmail.com.

Mark Twain Walks! Walk to School Week this year is from Monday, October 10th - Friday, October 14th. Now an international program, Walk to School Week encourages the practice of safe walking habits, daily exercise, and limiting short car trips. This long-time favorite activity with our students will have the support of the police, fire and the city traffic departments. Students and parents are encouraged to walk one or every day this week. As a reward, the PTSA will pass out a small gift to walkers and enter their name into a raffle. Prizes will be given out three times during the week. To pick up their gift and enter their name in the raffle, walkers should report to tables set up in the covered play area and at the library entrance before school. Come early, so you can get your prize and make it to class on time. Volunteers are still needed to help pass out prizes. Contact Margi Goertz at margig@comcast.net if you can volunteer from 8:10 to 8:35 on one or more days.

International Night!

Mark your calendars for Mark Twain's 2nd annual International Night! It will be on Thursday, November 3rd from 6-7:30. You will be able to host a table that represents your culture or you can come and enjoy an evening of dancing, sampling different foods, and learning about new countries. A sign-up form will go home the last week of September if you are interested in hosting a table this year.

Marcar sus calendarios para El Noche Internacional de Mark Twain! Será el Jueves, 3 de Noviembre de 6-7:30. Podrá alojar una tabla que representa usted cultura o puede venir y disfrutar de una noche de baile, diferentes comidas y conocer nuevos países. Un formulario de registro irá inicio la última semana de Septiembre si estás interesado en acoger una tabla de este año.

PTSA

After School Lego Class: The Jr. Builders class for K-2 is now full. Space is still available in the Jr. Engineers class which is geared towards 3rd and 4th graders. Kids will have fun getting an introduction to levers, gears, and pulleys using Lego models and motors to bring creations to life. Classes are Tuesdays from 3:05 to 4:05pm in the cafeteria, October 11th to November 15th. Cost is \$80. Registration forms are available on-line through the Tandem Calendar or in the school office. Questions? Contact Teri Colbert at dntcolbert@comcast.net.

Explore Art Needs You! Calling all art docents- we are recruiting art docents for all grades K-6. If you have been a docent before, and we haven't heard from you - we'd love to have you back! If you are a new parent and would like to get involved, give us a call. Explore Art is PTSA funded and fully run by parent volunteers. We bring art and art history to the classrooms. We look forward to hearing from you! Art Docent training is scheduled for Monday, September 26 @ 6pm. Contact Laura Bartoletti @ slbartoletti@yahoo.com or Cindy Neils @ cindyneils@gmail.com for more information.

Bobcat Boxtop Races have begun!

BOBCAT BOXTOP RACES!

Race 1 ends Fri., Nov 18th so start clipping and saving now and turn your boxtops into your teacher!

Watch for race results posted on the bulletin board by the library. Good luck!

Our school could get a TOTAL TECH MAKEOVER from Labels for Education!!

VOTE for our school for a chance for us to win computers, laptops, color printer, smartboards, Apple® iPad® tablets, digital cameras, etc!!

Visit <http://campbellsoup.promotionexpert.com/labelsforeducation/fs/index.html> for more details!!

For questions or to help with this committee - please contact Amy (amylettice@hotmail.com)

ATTN: Parents without internet access! If you are unable to receive emails or access the internet and want to stay informed of PTSA events & news, please submit a note with your child's name and teacher addressed to: PTSA Communications - NO EMAIL. Thank you!