

MARK TWAIN ELEMENTARY

"Twain Times"

November 28, 2011



Our Vision: "Every Student Future Ready"
CALENDAR:

Saturday
December 3rd "Make it/Take it Fair" 10 am - 1pm

Nov 28 th	
Nov 29 th	
Nov 30 th	Early Release 1:30 (Every Wednesday)
Dec 1 st	Math Night 6:45-8:30 pm in the gym
Dec 2 nd	(note time change)

Up Coming Events

Dec 19th - Jan 2nd Winter Break



Principal/Office

Holiday Helping Hands

Don't forget to stop by the office and pick a mitten off of the holiday wreath. There are many left to pick up between now and December 6th. Each mitten has the gender, age and a Christmas wish for a child. Please return all gifts to the office by December 12th. If you have time to wrap it great! If not, we will have a wrapping crew on hand. Please be sure to attach your paper hand, with the gift information, to your present so we can ensure it gets to the right child. Thanks!!

Mark Twain Student Council Holiday Food and Gift Card Drive for "Sibling House": The Mark Twain Student Council is excited to hold a Holiday Food and Gift Card Drive for "Sibling House", a foster home program that allows siblings to stay together. Our Food and Card drive will be held from Friday, December 2nd through Thursday, December 8th. Please donate any non-perishable food item or gift cards. Gift Cards should be from Target, Safeway, or Fred Meyer. Thank you for your support during this Holiday Season for the boys and girls of Sibling House. Your donations will be greatly appreciated. For more information on Sibling House, visit their website at www.siblinghouse.org.

Math Night: MATH IS FUN! Thursday, Dec 1st 6:45-8:30 pm: Join us in the Twain gym as we start the evening with a cookies & cocoa social. Then parents are invited to attend a Mathways Workshop on how to encourage math at home while kids are excused to the cafeteria to play math games. It's all free, so be sure to attend!

Our Twain Math Challenge Bulletin Board is located in the Library hallway at the bottom of the stairs.

There are two math challenge questions each month; one for grades K-2 and one for 3-6. Worksheets are available in envelopes attached to the bulletin board. Completed answers should be turned into the box in the office. At the end of each month we will draw two winners from those who have provided correct answers. Those two winners will receive a cool prize.

Parking Lot Safety and Efficiency: When picking up and dropping off, please use the right lane of the main parking lot and MOVE FORWARD to the front end of the line to pick-up and drop off. Drivers should stay in the car and students should enter and exit on the curb (passenger) side.

Explorer Community School's Enrollment Information Night - Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 6:30pm at the Emily Dickinson school commons - 7040 208th Ave. NE Redmond, WA. Explorer is a Lake Washington School District choice elementary school located on the Emily Dickinson campus in Redmond. One of three choice elementary school programs in the Lake Washington School District, Explorer offers a small elementary school environment staffed by three certified teachers in multi-aged classrooms grades one through five. Explorer's curriculum promotes academic excellence, strong self-esteem, a love of learning and a belief in the importance of community. Parent volunteers are vital to the school's success in meeting these goals and a high level of parental involvement is required. Attendance at this evening information night is a requirement for all families who wish to enroll a child for the 2012/2013 school year. Additionally, attendance is required to maintain a child's spot on the waitlist. Failure to attend will result in your child's name being removed from the waitlist. We are unable to offer childcare;

therefore this is an adult only evening. Details regarding Explorer enrollment can be found at <http://www.lwsd.org/school/explorer/About-Us/Pages/Explorer-Enrollment.aspx> or call (425) 936-2533.

PTSA

Make It Take It Craft Fair: Saturday, Dec. 3rd from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Twain cafeteria. Students make crafts, and then take them home! Crafts are on display in the school office and priced from \$2-\$8. Purchase in advance by submitting an order form with payment by Nov. 28th. Forms are available in the school office, or use the "Calendar" link on the Twain website to see the Dec 3rd entry. Sales at the door based on availability. Can't attend? Complete the "TO GO" section of the order form. Want to volunteer? Contact Cindy Neils at cindyneils@gmail.com.

PTSA Engineering Fair The Bridge Crushing Contest returns to Mark Twain on January 7th from 10 A.M. to noon. A flyer went home in kid mail last week. If you need popsicle sticks and haven't turned in the lower part of the flyer yet, return to your teacher on Monday, November 28. You'll need the top part of the flyer with the rules, helpful tips and event information. If you have bundles of sticks from previous years, you may send them back to be used by another child. Lost your flyer? Find a link to it in the weekly Bobcat Blurb Issue #14 or contact Susan Swift at susan.e.swift@gmail.com or at 425.242.0862.

Student Directories Student directories are here! They are free for PTSA members. Didn't get a directory? Sign up in the office or contact amy.maher@live.com for a membership form.

Sally Foster: Quality wrapping paper, ribbons, and gift items delivered to your doorstep for just \$3.95 shipping! Order \$50.00+ and shipping is free. Just to go www.sallyfoster.com, "support a fundraiser", & enter #10046019. 40% goes to Mark Twain PTSA! Questions? Contact twainfundraising@hotmail.com.

Twain Nights at Sushi Mojo: every Saturday in November from 4-7:30 pm. Dine at Sushi Mojo during Twain Nights and help support our school's first advancing class of 5th graders! Just pick up a flyer in the school office and give it to your server. 15% of the proceeds will be donated towards the 5th grade Field Trip. Questions? Contact Julie Tribolet / julietrib@clearwire.net.

Jump Rope—Register Now for Winter Session

Wednesdays, 1:30-3:00 pm / 4 sessions \$45 (includes jump rope to take home)

DATES: Wednesdays, January 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th 2012. Registration begins November 28, 2011. Members of the World Champion jump rope performance team, HOT DOG USA, provide an ongoing program of fun, exercise, and jump rope techniques. Learn exciting new skills while participating in fun physical fitness. Classes are limited to 25 students. Registration forms are available in the school office, or use the "Calendar" link on the Twain website. Questions? Contact: tarahempstead@yahoo.com.

BOXTOP RACES

We've had TONS of Boxtops pouring in and are working hard to get them all clipped, counted and sorted! Watch for preliminary results to be posted soon by the library!

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!