

MARK TWAIN ELEMENTARY

"Twain Times"

September 19, 2011

Our Vision: "Every Student Future Ready"

CALENDAR:

Sept 19 th	
Sept 20 th	
Sept 21 st	Early Release 1:30 (Every Wednesday)
Sept 22 nd	"Parent Conference Schedules Due"
Sept 23 rd	

Up Coming Events

Sept 29 th	School Picture Day
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Principal/Office

Thank you for your attendance at Twain Curriculum Night on Thursday. It's great to have parents that actively participate in their children's education.

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 asking for you to provide three alternatives for conference days/times. Please return the letter to school by Thursday, September 22nd so our staff can complete the conference schedules. Your teacher will confirm your conference date/time in writing the week of September 26th. We appreciate your flexibility as it is challenging to build a conference schedule for 650 students.

*****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****

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.

A big thanks to Margi Goertz for coordinating the bus help for the first week of school and also to: *Heather Wickman, Susan Diane Hilder Burianek, Coco Fulton, Laura Bartoletti, Roger Johnson, Lynn Mizulo, Susan Swift, Vlasta Hilger Amy Maher, Susan Dorroh, Dana Nielson, Kristi Harrington, Joachim Hammer, Tama Hefets, MaryLee Berthon* and any others I've forgotten, for riding the kindy busses and helping out students with getting on and off the busses and getting to the right place. We really appreciate your support of our students!

PTSA

Mark Twain PTSA General Membership Meeting Please join us for our first meeting of the year Thursday, Sept. 22 at 7pm in the Library. Childcare provided. Hear an update from Mr. Burden and ask your questions!

Afterschool jump rope class is full for this session. Thank you for your interest.

First and Second Grade Math Club is full for this session. Thank you for your interest.

Mark Twain Annual Book Fair Mark Twain will be holding its annual Book Fair during conference(s), October 3rd through October 6th in the cafeteria. Tuesday night we will stay open late for a Family Night, complete with free popcorn and door prizes! Come by the Book Fair before or 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. We are looking for volunteers to help set-up, work during the sale and pack up when it is all over. The commitment is small, with shifts lasting only two hours, and no prior experience necessary! If you can help, please contact Lynn Mizulo at lynnmizulo@hotmail.com.

Leap4Kidz Lego Class: Does your child love to build with Legos? PTSA is offering two after school programs: Jr. Builders (K - 2nd grade) and Jr. Engineers (3rd -4th grade). Jr. Builders will learn about different types of building structures and build a new type each week using a build plan. Jr. Engineers receive 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 \$65 for Jr. Builders and \$80 for Jr. Engineers for the 6 week session. We have just a few spots left in the Jr. Builders (K-2) class. 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!

There will be 4 races this year (K-2) and (3-6) with prizes!!

So start clipping and saving now and turn your box tops into your teacher! Race 1 started Sept. 6th and ends Fri., Nov 18th Race results will be posted on the bulletin board by the library. Good luck!

Twain PTSA is going green - no more paper handouts! Want to stay informed? Send your email address to marktwainptsa@gmail.com to receive our weekly Bobcat Blurb and periodic newsletter Bobcat News.

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!

Community

Girl Scout Troops are forming now!

Want to learn more about Girl Scouts? Come to an information meeting to learn how to get involved. The info meetings are designed for girls and their families living in the LWSD Bell, Kirk, Lakeview, Rose Hill, Rush, and Twain school neighborhoods. Choose from Friday Oct 7th, 3:30 pm -4:45 pm at the Redmond Library, or Saturday Oct 8th, 2:00 pm - 3:15 pm at the Kingsgate Library. Girls will have a chance to meet with current scouts, learn songs and games. Adults will hear all about the Girl Scout program and volunteer opportunities. For more information on Girl Scouts of Western Washington, visit www.girlscoutsww.org. For more information about this event, contact Louise Pathe at KirklandGSVolunteer@pathe.info. (Ben Franklin's meeting is 9/26 at 6:45 pm at Ben Franklin - those who cannot attend the other meetings are welcome to come to Franklin's for information)

. Flyers Online: <http://www.lwsd.org/For-Community/Flier-Distribution-Procedure/Pages/Community-Bulletin-Board.aspx>