



Tiger Tales

Mark West Elementary 9/18/2020

From the Principal's Desk

It has been a very busy start to our school year! A huge shout out to all of our families and staff members for all of their hard work in keeping this Mark West ship sailing along! You are all heroes in my book!

Last month I hosted 3 parent meetings, separated by grades TK-1, 2-3, and 4-6. Parents who were able to attend gave very positive feedback and had excellent questions for the group. We had discussions about learning spaces, how to get kids back on task after breaks, and the ever present technology glitches. A positive that I was able to share is that teachers will be receiving new laptops shortly, which should help with the sound and video quality!

I will continue to hold monthly parent "chats", but will switch to 2 meetings: TK-2nd, 3-6th. Check the dates at the end of this letter!

Materials/Work Distribution

Every Wednesday we will have student work packets available in crates at the front of the school. This is also where you will return your child's completed work. We are alternating Wednesdays, so if you miss the pickup, your child is missing two weeks of work! Mark the pickup days on your calendar!

Parent Conferences

Friday, October 2, is a non-instructional day for scheduled parent conferences. Because we are in the Distant Learning model, and teachers have been holding office hours and conferences throughout the trimester, the 10/2 conferences will be scheduled by the teacher on an **as needed basis only**. You will be notified by your child's teacher if a conference is scheduled. If you have any concerns, please take advantage of your child's teacher's office hours.

Music Program

Music has started! There are currently 69 students across the district enrolled in music. If your child would like to participate and you have not yet signed him or her up for a music class, there is still a little time left! The sign-up form is available at <https://forms.gle/3SbjbUd71ASkxcmy8>. Please submit this form ASAP if your child would like to participate - last date for late sign up is Friday, Sept. 18. For more information, the Info Packet can be found at <https://www.mwef.org/music-forms>. Parents who have already signed up your child, please check your email. Mrs. Kaufman has already sent out class and important instrument borrowing information to you (if applicable). Don't see an email from Mrs. Kaufman? Check your spam folder and be sure to allow emails from kkaufman@mwusd.org. Email will be Mrs. Kaufman's primary method of communication.

TK-3rd grade students can look forward to music lesson videos and activities starting in the next week or so. 3rd graders will have the opportunity to learn the recorder via Zoom later this year! San Miguel 3rd graders will have recorders in the second trimester, and Mark West 3rd graders will have recorders in the third trimester.

Keep calm and play music!

[Ms. Kaufman introducing MW Music](#)

PTA

Have you joined PTA yet? Become a PTA member today and join our new community hub app. Stay up to date on events and student activities! Our school heavily relies on our PTA and we need our PTA membership to be stronger than ever through these challenging times.

Click on the links to join!

[PTA Membership Letter Spanish](#)

[PTA Membership Letter English](#)

Upcoming Events:

Parent Charter Information Meeting:

9/24 5:00

PTA General Meeting via Zoom

9/28 6:00

Picture Days:

9/28:

2:00 to 2:45 (A)

2:45 to 4:00 (B,C)

4:00 to 5:00 (D, F)

5:00 to 6:00 (G-J)

9/29:

Picture Days:

2:00 to 3:00 (K-N)

3:00 to 4:00 (O-R)

4:00 to 5:00 (S-T)

5:00 to 6:00 (U-Z)

Parent Meetings with Principal

9/29 3:30 TK-2nd

10/1 3:30 3-6

10/2 Non-Instructional Day

Parent Conferences as needed

10/21 PTA Dine and Donate- Chipotle

Spirit Days!

School Colors and Mask Day







