

7/28/2020

Dear Mark West Parents,

I want to welcome all parents, new and returning, to our 2020-21 school year!

While this year will definitely have a different beginning than all of my previous years, many things will not change. We still have the talented Mark West staff who have been working so hard throughout the summer preparing to be all that they can be for your children. We continue to have a dedicated PTA group who have met tirelessly to make sure that parents, staff and students will remain connected and supported through the year. And we still have the fabulous students and their families who will bring joy to each other, their classmates, and their teachers all year long.

I know many parents are anxiously awaiting more information about the scope of the year. Our Re-opening committee has been busy planning for three separate models; a **Hybrid Model** (two days on campus with three days of Distance Learning), a **Distance Learning Model (taught by a district teacher, using district curriculum and technology, supported by parents)**, and a **Homeschool Model** (lessons planned by a district teacher, generally in two week blocks, using district curriculum and technology, with **parents presenting** the curriculum and lessons to students). We now know that we will begin our school year learning at home, either in a **Distance Learning Model** or a **Homeschool Model** until the state and County Health Department believe we can safely have students on campus. If you need to make any changes in your model choice, please contact me at tkendall@mwusd.org or call 524-2990.

Currently, the teachers and administrators on the Re-Opening Committee are working on draft schedules that will help parents to plan for entering learning from home. These schedules should be ready to share next week. There will be an informational Zoom meeting for Mark West Elementary and MW Charter parents on Wednesday, August 5th, 6:00-7:00pm. Link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77447132712?pwd=RnpgZmRHWEZFckpnYk90T0dhSWU5UT09>

Meeting ID: 774 4713 2712

Passcode: Parents

Other Important Information:

Class lists will be posted on the school website by student ID number on Wednesday, August 5th by 4 pm. If you do not know/remember your students number, please contact the office at: 524-2990. Teachers will begin reaching out to families the week of August 10th.

To support students learning at home, there will be a materials pick up on Thursday, August 13, and Friday, August 14. Materials will include reading and math books, workbooks, and general supplies like crayons, pencils, etc. A school chromebook (laptop) or tablet will be issued to every student who needs one. To facilitate Social Distancing, we have scheduled families by their last names.

Lunch pickup will be on Thursday from 12:00-3pm. More information to come regarding the lunch program.

Please come at your scheduled time:

Thursday:

A-D 9:00

E-H 10:00

I-L 11:00

Friday:

M-P 9:00

Q-T 10:00

U-Z 11:00

Please check the District Website for important information including childcare, and other parent resources: <https://mwusd.org/parent-information/>

That's all for now! I miss all of our families and look forward to working together in the 2020-21 school year!