



April 14th, 2023

TIGER TALES

MARK WEST FAMILY NEWSLETTER

From Ms. O: There has been so much going on for our Tigers at Mark West. The arrival of Spring brought several egg themed activities. We had the Golden Egg Hunt, a school-wide daily activity when children search for a golden egg based on a clever clue that is released each morning. There was the annual "Egg Toss", won by some competitive teams of students. Our littlest learners had an 'Egg'ucational Hunt that may have included smiles and squeals of joy.

Third Grade hosted their Heritage Feast. Students researched their countries of origin, created beautiful reports, and concluded with a feast filled with special family recipes. Families were invited to join together in the MPR, partake in international cuisines, feast together and meet new friends.

Our co-ed Volleyball teams are in practice mode! Kim Lawton and Yvonne Burbank are this year's coaches. Kids are excited to learn the game of volleyball, and demonstrate great sportsmanship and pride on the court. Go Tigers!

4th and 5th grade classes partnered with Kaiser Permanente to participate in "The Password". This is a virtual, social emotional health program that helps students increase their awareness of their emotional health and their capacity to recognize when they or others around them may need help. "The Password" tells the story of 3 elementary school students, who are struggling to adjust to life changes at home and school. When their teacher's computer project goes awry, the students work together to help their teacher and, in the process, learn about empathy, supporting each other, and the importance of asking for help.

Mrs. Kaufman, Music Teacher: Stay tuned for end-of-the-year performances for 4th-6th grade music students! All music students will perform at an in-school assembly in early May. Continuing violins, continuing guitars, all trumpets/clarinets, and all chorus will also perform at the LBC Farmer's Market on Saturday, April 29 at 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. (Beginning guitars and beginning violins will NOT perform at the LBC event due to space and time limitations.) Flyers will go home with music students at their next class and will be sent to parents via email.

From Summer, the Yearbook Editor: Yearbook sales has started, click on the link below to pre-order yours. You have until 4/23/2023 to pre-order your yearbook. <https://store.shopyearbook.com/mwe2022-2023> I am also attaching a link where you can submit photos to be used in the yearbook that you have taken while volunteering either at school, in the garden or on field trips of your student and their classmates. I greatly appreciate any photos you submit. <https://uploads.picabooyearbooks.com/9685028>.

PTA: Shop and Donate at Forni Farm and Nursery.. Flyer is Attached. Are you planning a home garden this year? Or just love plants? Please stop by Forni Farm and Nursery to purchase your veggie starts or many other garden items. Sunday April 23rd. 10% will go back to the Mark West PTA.

San Francisco Giants Baseball PTA Ongoing Fundraiser happening during April and May. Please see the attached flyer for ticket info. Many dates to choose from. Anyone who purchases the tickets through our link, will help support the fundraiser. Feel free to spread the word and the flyer to you friends, family, and co-workers.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Apr 17- Teacher Professional Development Day- No Students**
- **April 20- First Grade Spring Musical**
- **Apr 20- Dine and Donate- Mi Ranchito**
- **Apr 28- Walk-A Thon**
- **Apr 24- May 19-CAASPP Testing Grades 3-6**
- **May 3- Walk and Roll—Bike to School Day Event**
- **May 4th MW PTA Board Meeting-5:30 pm**
- **May 25 th MW PTA General Membership Meeting 5:30 pm**