



# Tiger Tales

**Mark West Elementary Oct. 1, 2021**

## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Mark West Families,  
This week parents, teachers, and in many cases, students, will be meeting together to share student progress. This is a great opportunity to help your child set goals for the next trimester. Enjoy this first weekend of October!  
Yours in Partnership,

Tracy Lavin-Kendall

## Attendance & Tardies

We appreciate your help during these COVID days. Keeping your child home when sick is keeping us in school! Thank you for calling in your student absences.  
As we have accustomed ourselves to the daily schedule, we have not been recording tardies. This will be changing as we enter the month of October. As a reminder, tardies 30 minutes or more are considered a truancy.

## Halloween

Our Halloween plan is ready. Students will wear their costumes to school. Halloween masks do not count as "safety masks", so our regular masking rules will apply. We will be having an in-school Halloween Parade for children to show off their costumes to each other. Unfortunately, we will not be able to have parents on campus.



## Mark West PTA

Mark West Site PTA Off to a Great Start!

Thank you to all the families and staff who attended our first general meeting September 13th. We appreciated all the great parent input and are so excited to send funds to our teachers to support your students and their classroom needs.

Our Spirit Store closed Friday 9/24 and our items should be shipped out around the second week of October. A huge thank you to Michelle Pulliam for coordinating our Dine N Donates – the first one was a great success at Homerun Pizza – Coming up 10/21 will be a Roundtable Dine N Donate stay tuned to the Flyer App to get all the details. We are currently 129 members strong, working towards our goal of 250 – if you have not signed yourself or your friends and family up yet we would greatly appreciate your support. Access the site directly: <https://jointotem.com/ca/santa-rosa/mark-west-site-pta>

We are so appreciative to our Mark West Community Staff who have signed up as members as well.

Upcoming PTA activities will include a treat sent home for our kiddos on Friday October 29th and Movie Night, and an opportunity to go to a Warriors game in early November. Please join us for our next general membership meeting Monday October 11th at 5:30pm via zoom to get updates and more details. Be sure to download the FREE Flyer Connect App on your phone and select Mark West School Community



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for calendar and information updates. You do not need to be a PTA member to use the App but we would greatly appreciate your support!

Thank you for helping us to keep our community connected! Any questions please contact us at [mwtigerspta@gmail.com](mailto:mwtigerspta@gmail.com)

Melanie Dodson-Bolin

MWPTA President

## **Noon League Has Begun!**

You know it's Fall when Flag Football starts! Flag Football is the first event in Mark West Elementary's Noon League. Mr. Graves and Mr. Ryan, our 6th grade teachers voluntarily give up their lunch time to supervise three fields of 4-6 grade students playing football. For many, this is the first time they have ever tried playing any sport. This program builds confidence, leadership, and teamwork among the upper grade students. Thank you Mr. Graves and Mr. Ryan!

## **Safe Routes To School**

### [International Walk and Roll Video](#)

Wednesday, October 6, is International Walk and Roll to School Day. Kids, join Ms. Kendall at Sam's Market at 7:45 am for a Walking School Bus! We will leave at 7:50 and arrive at school by 8:15. If you can't meet us there, walk from wherever you can! Ms. Burbank is meeting students who live in the Saddlebrook neighborhood next to the Garden area in Maddox Park at 7:45 and will walk to school

beginning at 8:00. Let's see how many kids walk or ride their bikes to school on this day! This event will kick off our Wednesday Walk and Roll Days.



Music classes have begun for 4th-6th grade students who signed up for guitar, violin, band, or chorus. Mark West TK-3rd grade students will have music classes during the 3rd trimester. K-2nd grade will begin music appreciation class and 3rd grade will begin recorder class on Thursday, March 3.

Our music program is one thing that separates us from many elementary school districts! Please help support this valuable program. Come to the meeting on Monday, October 4th, 6:00pm. or, email Ms. Kauffman if you are interested in joining the Mark West Education Foundation Board. [kkauffman@mwusd.org](mailto:kkauffman@mwusd.org)

## **Substitutes Needed**

Come help out at school and get paid to do it! We have substitute positions available in the classroom, on the yard, in the library, the cafeteria, and the office. The schedule is flexible – work as little or as much as you like. Stop by the school office to pick up an application or by the District Office (305 Mark West Springs Road) to talk to Marcia Noxon about signing up today!



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## Important Dates

- 10/4** MWEF Meeting 6:00pm by Zoom
- 10/5** Charter Music Presentation to TK-6th
- 10/6** International Walk and Roll Day-  
Walking School Bus
- 10/8** Parent Teacher Conferences  
No school for Students
- 10/11** 4th Grade Bicycle Rodeo
- 10/11** PTA General Meeting 5:30 by Zoom
- 10/15** Student Council Elections
- 10/21** Great American Shakeout  
Dine and Donate- Round Table Pizza
- 10/29** End of Trimester 1  
Halloween Costume Day  
PTA Movie Night
- 11/1** Non-Instructional Day- Teacher  
Professional Development
- 11/11** Veterans Day- No School
- 11/15** Makeup Picture Day
- 11/22 -11/16** Thanksgiving Break



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## School Activities

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Who says big kids don't like to play?







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Flag Football- 1st week

