

MARK WEST ELEMENTARY

Tiger Tales Newsletter
November 20, 2020

What's Ahead.....

- ♦ 11/20 Report Cards Mailed home
- ♦ 11/22 Dine & Donate-Mi Ranchito in Larkfield
- ♦ 11/23-11/27 Thanksgiving Break-No School
- ♦ 11/30 School Resumes
- ♦ 12/1 Parent Training, K-1, 6:00-6:45
- ♦ 12/2 Material P/U Gr 3-6
- ♦ 12/3 Parent Training, Gr 2-5
- ♦ 12/7 Picture Make Day, 2-4pm
- ♦ 12/7 Parent Training, Gr 6-12
- ♦ 12/9 Material P/U Gr TK-2
- ♦ 12/9 Paint Night 5:30-7:30
- ♦ 12/16 Material P/U Gr 3-6
- ♦ 12/21 -1/4 Winter Break
- ♦ 1/5 Tuesday! School Resumes

It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light....

Aristotle

FROM MRS. KENDALL....

Dear Mark West Parents,

With Thanksgiving fast upon us, I am reflecting on how thankful I am to work in this Mark West community. I am thankful for how supportive our families are of each other and the school. I hope you had the opportunity to watch our Mark West Staff Gratitude video!

To all of our parents, students, families and staff, have a wonderful Thanksgiving break. I hope you all are able to enjoy some quality family time!

A quick reminder, report cards were mailed home this week. This is a good time to celebrate achievements, large and small as well as set goals for improvement.

Tracy Kendall

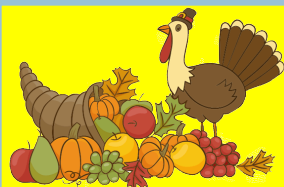
PTA PIZZA AND PAINT NIGHT...

Join us for Pizza and Paint on December 9th! See the attached flyer for details~



Parents,

Just a reminder that all student report cards were mailed to home addresses. Please expect them the first of the week. If you do not receive your child's report card, please call or email (kstryker@mwusd.org) the school office and we will mail a new report card upon our return, November 30th.



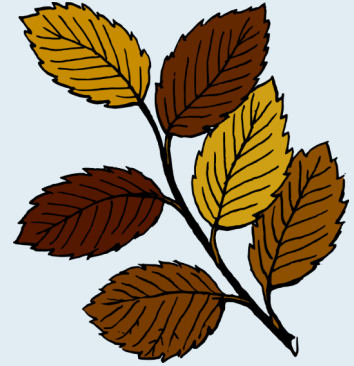
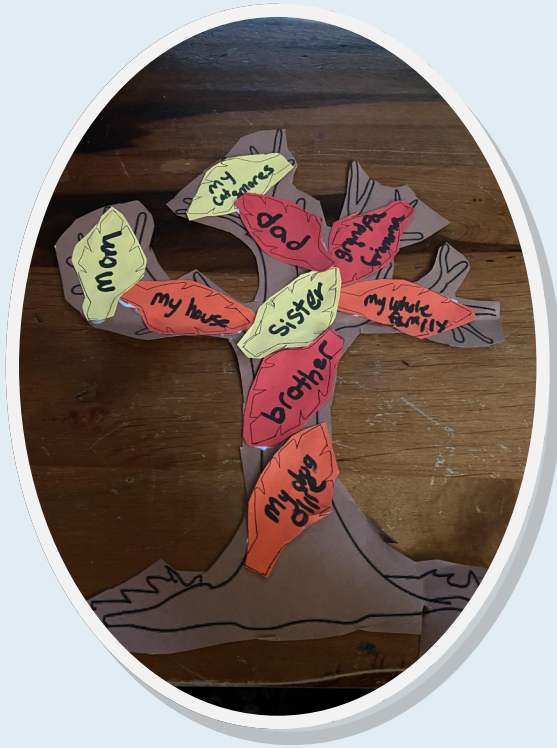
Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 21-27

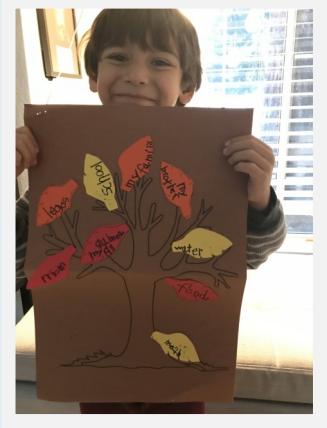
School Resumes Nov. 30

GRATEFULNESS IN KINDER

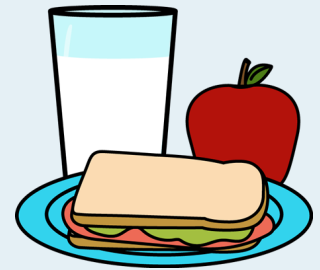
And some cute turkeys!



Be sure to watch the Mark West Staff video...We are grateful for all our incredible Tiger families!



Lunch Time News!



Due to the cooler weather, lunches will be distributed from the multi-purpose room entrance. Park at the curbside stop sign, then walk to the entrance to receive your lunches. Please do not exit your car until you are first in line at the stop sign, and observe six-foot social distancing guidelines.

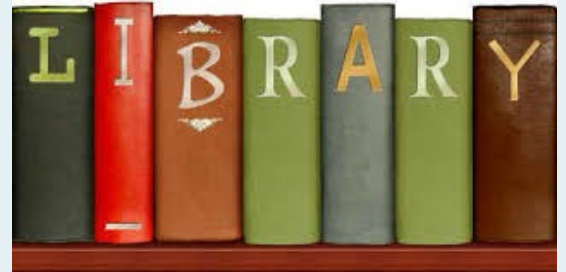
There will be no lunch distribution during Thanksgiving break. Lunch distributions will resume on Wednesday, December 2nd, 11am-2pm.

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Effective immediately through June 30, 2021, all children, 18 years and under can receive FREE lunches, regardless of your income eligibility status.

Even though meals for children 18 years old and younger are free, we encourage you to complete and submit the **Alternative Income Form** (previously the Free and Reduced Meal application) as **this form drives important funding for our schools**. For more information, please view the "More Than A Meal" flyers. Alternative Income Forms can be filled out online on the district website here: <https://mwusd.org/parent-resources/lunch-menu-school-lunch-program/>. Copies of flyers are attached.

Need A Book?



Have you checked out the Library's Google Classroom yet? I've been working hard to post helpful information there! In the past week I've shared pictures of new books we received in the library and book covers for this month's theme: Thanksgiving, Colonial Life, and Seasons. For those of you who have book reports to get started on, I also posted some material for learning the differences between fiction genres. These and all posts can be viewed under the "stream" tab.

While I use many different platforms to get my communications to the families, the Google Classroom is the one I use the most because I have open access to posting there. Students and families can message me directly in the Classroom at any time. You can also see library news in school newsletters, on our school PTA's social media pages, and on the school and district websites. Please feel free to reach out to me any time with any questions you may have. I'm here to help support our students, families, teachers and staff!

Ms. Ashley

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Google Classroom code: CWUAIJZE

TO BENEFIT MARK WEST PTA

Dine & Donate...Join Us!

11/22/2020

Mr. Ranchito
mexican cuisine

Join us November 22nd by participating in a fundraiser to benefit Mark West Elementary PTA. Enjoy an array of delicious and authentic Mexican food, knowing you are supporting both your children's education and local businesses.

You must present the attached flyer to the cashier for the donation to be complete.

Mi Ranchito is located at 90 Mark West Springs Road in Larkfield, (707) 978-2295.

Mi Ranchito, a family owned restaurant, will graciously donate 20% of your purchase to Mark West PTA

Picture Make Up Day....

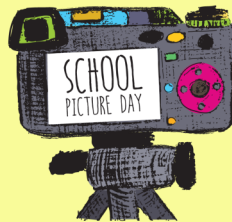
Dec 7th

2-4pm

Mark West MPR

Pre-Order Photos at:

www.hawkesschoolportraits.com



Safe Routes To School

It's still November, and there are still a couple weeks left of our [November Gratitude Challenge](#). The deadline for students to submit their [November Gratitude Tracking Sheet](#) is Friday, December 4th. Submissions may be mailed or emailed. The PDF Challenge sheet is FILLABLE electronically, once downloaded to a computer, so students don't have to print to fill it out and email it to saferoutes@bikesonoma.org Note: Students do NOT have to have every day in Nov filled out – even if they only track during the last week of Nov, they will be entered into our Pumpkin Pie drawing, if they submit their sheets on time! Here is a link to the Tracking Sheet in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Music Notes....

- Stay tuned for the District strings and chorus students' virtual performance at the annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony on Dec. 2, sponsored by the Mark West Chamber of Commerce, Molsberry Market, Sonoma County Fire District, and Mark West School District.
- Make yourself some hot cocoa while you watch!
- We want to send a big thank you to Stacey Sowers for her generous donation of musical instruments to the Mark West District music program. We look forward to the day when we can play music together once again. In the meantime, keep practicing at home!
- Keep calm and play music!

