

MARK WEST ELEMENTARY

Tiger Tales Newsletter
February 5, 2021

FROM MRS. KENDALL....

Dear Mark West Families,

I read a funny meme on Facebook the other day: January was a hard year, but we made it!

At this time of year, when the days are shorter, the nights are longer, so much gets packed into one day. Good news, though! The days are now getting longer, the nights shorter, as we move towards Spring.

When the workload grows; the never ending zoom meetings, the schedules that need to be revised and revised again, I look to my "spring"- the kids. My very favorite activities are the lunch bunches with happy, laughing, silly kids, the smiles that greet me when kids and parents come to the packet pickups, listening to students read their poems. Finding some joy somewhere lightens the load!

Remind your kids to find their joy!

Tracy Lavin-Kendall

Safe Routes

Hey Mark West Students! Make sure you get out and walk or roll this weekend. Send me a picture of your walk or roll, and fill out the survey on this link:

[Walk And Roll to Anywhere](#)

ATTENTION: WEDNESDAY INSTRUCTION

Please don't forget that the following two Mondays are holidays (2/8, 2/15). We will have regular instruction on Wednesdays of those weeks. Teachers will have at least one zoom meeting that day and students will have classwork to complete. Please be sure to follow your child's teacher directions! *Please note that Meal Distributions will remain every Wednesday, 11-2pm in the MPR*

No School:

Monday, Feb 8th-Lincoln's Birthday

Monday Feb 15th-President's Day



What's Ahead.....

- ♦ 2/8 Lincoln's Bday-
No School!!
- ♦ 2/8 Book Fair Begins!
- ♦ 2/10 Material P/U
Gr 3-6
- ♦ 2/10 Meal Distribution;
MPR 11-2pm Pick Up
- ♦ 2/15 President's Day
No School!!
- ♦ 2/17 Material P/U
Gr TK-2
- ♦ 2/17 Meal Distribution;
MPR 11-2pm Pick Up
- ♦ 2/22 PTA Mtg 6pm/
Topic Walk-A-Thon
- ♦ 2/24 Material P/U
Gr 3-6
- ♦ 2/24 Meal Distribution;
MPR 11-2pm Pick Up
- ♦ 2/26 Non-Instructional
Day—**No School!**
- ♦ 3/3 Material P/U
Gr TK-2
- ♦ 3/3 Meal Distribution;
MPR 11-2pm Pick Up
- ♦ 3/10 Material P/U
Gr 3-6
- ♦ 3/10 Meal Distribution;
MPR 11-2pm Pick Up
- ♦ 3/17 Material P/U
Gr TK-2
- ♦ 3/17 Meal Distribution;
MPR 11-2pm Pick Up
- ♦ 3/22-26 Spring Break
No School!!!

"The best way to predict your future is to create it"

Abraham Lincoln

Lunch Pick-up ~ Rain or Shine!



All children 18 and under are eligible to receive **free lunch** this year under the National School Lunch Program. Lunches are distributed from the Multipurpose Room on a weekly basis every Wednesday, from 11am to 2pm. Each student receives a bag of five entrees and five pieces of fruit. It is not necessary for students to be present at pick-up.

For more information, check the District website at mwusd.org and navigate to Parent Resources / School Lunch Program, Resources & Monthly Lunch Menu.

February Distribution Dates – 11am to 2pm

Feb. 3 Feb. 10 Feb. 17 Feb. 24

Do you want to support music and arts education in the Mark West Union School District? Consider joining the Mark West Education Foundation! We are currently seeking volunteers for the positions of secretary and treasurer. Please contact Shannon Duffy at mwef@mwusd.org if you are interested or have any questions

The Mark West
Educational Foundation

NEEDS YOU!

Board positions need to be filled!

Help keep Music in our schools!

Contact the foundation at
mwef@mwusd.org

PICTURE MAKE-UP DAY INFO...

From our Photographer, Brenda Hawkes: We wanted to let you know that Make Up Day gallery links have been sent to Mark West families. If your child had their picture taken on Make-Up Day and you haven't received your picture day codes, please reach out to us at:

Hawkes School Portraits Inc.
E-mail: hawkesschools@yahoo.com
Phone: 707-823-6537



ENROLL NOW FOR 2021-2022!

Mark West School and District are accepting online applications for all grades for the upcoming school year, to begin in August. Please visit the district website to start the process. Use this link on your toolbar to begin. <https://markwestusd.asp.aeries.net/air/>



Moving? New Address?

If you are planning to move over the summer, or are enrolling your student in another school, please let us know! This helps us prepare and forward your child's records and enable for a smooth transition. Also, be sure to let us know if your address has changed...even if it is just around the corner! During these tumultuous times, it is so important for the office to have the correct contact information.



Dear Family and Friends!

While this year has been a very different one for everyone, we are very excited to continue to bring some fun and normalcy back to our kids, teachers and faculty's lives!



This year we have been hard at work ensuring we provide everything possible to help ease the strains of this year for everyone.

-Did you know we created a school wide PTA app that allows you to get updates and notifications directly to your phone? Download the "Flyer" app on Apple or Google App Store and enter Mark West as your school to see it in action! Completely free and bilingual!

- Thanks to all of the wonderful donations and hard work of years past, we were able to give almost \$14,000 directly back to our teachers so they could fund the things they needed to make social distancing easier? That's directly because of you and the wonderful generosity of our community!

- Our Walk-A-Thon is back! We will be hosting a fun, safe activity for our children to do together while apart, with week long online silent auctions and of course games and prizes! Be on the look-out for more information in your email, flyer app, and in your children's pick up folders in the near future!

We have many, many more things coming up but we could definitely use a wider understanding of what is needed and how we can help.

Please join us at our next virtual meeting on **February 22nd at 6pm** (Zoom invite on Flyer App or Facebook) or reach out to us at mwtigerspta@gmail.com as we would love to have a conversation and get to know the feedback and needs from all of our community.

We are also seeking new members for our board next year so don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or to discuss your interest!

As parents and staff we know this year has been tough but we also know we are stronger together!

-Your Mark West PTA



Mark West Families,

Our online Book Fair starts **THIS Monday, February 8th!** You will be able to view our web page and browse the hundreds of books from Scholastic once the fair officially starts. The flyers that were sent home highlight the books that are guaranteed to be available, but there will be many more to choose from on the website! If you did not receive a flyer please visit our library Google Classroom; links to both the Google Classroom and our Book Fair are below. Book Fairs are fundraisers for our school li-

brary- we benefit from each and every purchase! Funds raised are used to get new books and incentives for our library and classrooms. Please help support our school while fostering a love of reading for your student!

Online Book Fair Link: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/markwestelementaryschool1>

Library Google Classroom code: cwuajze

Happy Reading!

Ms. Ashley achase@mwusd.org



Virtual Event on March 13, 2021

Join us virtually to spark, deepen, and sustain hands-on learning in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) with FREE events hosted by organizations, universities, museums, and research labs.

- STEM storytimes and presentations with scientists
- STEM at home activities to bring hands-on exploration to your home

Pre-register starting in February 2021 at northbayscience.org



 *Spark curiosity for learning science*



@northbaysciencediscoveryday

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