



May 26th, 2023

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MARK WEST FAMILY NEWSLETTER

**From Ms. O:** What an emotional Friday morning. We held our last school assembly of the year. Students speakers wrote the kindest words and praise and thanks to celebrate the completion of my first year as principal. The Mascot Tiger and the Student Council presented me with a bouquet of flowers and the students created a tiger paw shaped word collage of my attributes. This year has been an amazing experience for me and I have immense gratitude for the students, staff, and families of Mark West. I am thankful for all your support and feedback to help me grow into the best leader that I can be! I hope you have a fantastic summer. If you see me around town this summer, please say hello! I will be eagerly awaiting your smiling faces in August!

**Girl Scout Troop #10369** is hosting a BOOK SWAP! Join us after school on Tuesday, May 30th, and Wednesday, May 31st and pick up some new books to kickstart your summer! Summer reading has never been so easy.!

**Kara Kaufman Music Teacher:** Thank you all for a wonderful year of music at Mark West! Please be sure that all instruments, books, and other materials have been returned to Mrs. Kaufman ASAP. (You'll receive an email if they have not been returned.) **Parents of next year's upper graders - be sure to sign up any interested 4th, 5th, or 6th graders for music classes in August!** Stay tuned for registration info and be aware that some classes fill up quickly! In the meantime, there are many fun summer music camps being offered in Sonoma County. Email Mrs. Kaufman for suggestions! **6th graders participating in the promotion song must remember their instruments for our final rehearsals and for the performance next Friday, especially if they are borrowing an instrument.** Thank you to everyone who is participating! Email [kkaufman@mwusd.org](mailto:kkaufman@mwusd.org) with any questions.

**TAKE OUR SAFE STREETS FOR ALL SURVEY!** Whether you walk, bike, or drive to school, improving Safe Routes to School makes our streets safer for all road users! This important survey will inform future Safe Routes to School programming and projects (including potential infrastructure improvements such as bike lanes, crosswalks, etc) to facilitate safer transportation. This year, local public works/planning departments in every jurisdiction are working on their Active Transportation Plan updates. An infrastructure project typically needs to be in a Transportation Plan in order for it to be funded. Parent (and school staff) voices are critical for identifying potential projects and priority routes in the vicinity of schools.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- June 1st- 6th grade picnic
- June 1st- Field Day
- June 2- Last day of school
  - 10am Promotion 6th grade
  - 12:05 Dismissal Tk-3
  - 12:15 Dismissal 4-6th

PTA Back to School BBQ Aug 15th time TBD  
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS August 16th

Congratulations Ms. Nancy on your retirement. For over 6 years, Nancy has provided unforgettable experiences for our children at Mark West. We value her tremendously!



## 2023 Walk A Thon- We are the CHAMPION results



### Dear Mark West Community,

We are delighted to share with you that we exceeded this year's walk-a-thon fundraising results. Our goal was \$20,000 yet thanks to your giving heart, we raised over **\$32,000** in total! That reflects over **\$12,000** raised over our goal. Here's a breakdown of the results:

- **\$10,000** raised by over 100 bidders participating in our online auction.
- **\$20,000** in pledges collected by 138 students.
- **\$2,750** gathered in sponsorships.
- **3,904** total laps all Mark West students walked or ran.

The funds raised will help support the school in the following ways: PE Teacher, Staff Appreciation, Classroom funds, Teacher Start Up Funds, Family Fun Activities and Assemblies.

A special thank you to volunteers for your time, the PTA walk-a-thon planning committee, teachers/administrators for donating amazing experiences, and our small business community for their donations towards the online auction.

Finally, thank **YOU** for your generosity. You helped us to meet the moment, gave generously, and showed up for our kids. We gave as **one school, one community – way to go!**

**On behalf of your Mark West PTA, a heartfelt thank you!**

