



Tiger Tales

Mark West Elementary Aug. 23, 2019

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Mark West Families,
Welcome to the 19-20 School year! We have had a great start to our new year, from the Back to School BBQ, Fruit Pop Friday, and a packed house at our first PTA meeting! Students have been busy working on learning new classroom procedures, routines, and establishing caring communities that will last them throughout the year. I am looking forward to a wonderful year together!

Drop off & Pick Up Safety

Kids: Parking lots have a lot of traffic coming from multiple directions. Walk, don't run. Stay close to an adult. Be on the lookout for tail lights. If you see a car backing up, FREEZE, and make eye contact before passing behind it.

Adults:

No stopping in the Red Zone! This area is reserved for emergency vehicles and for our vans that transport students to after school programs. Cars may wait along the yellow curb, or park in the parking lot to pick up children. Please do not call your child to you from the parking lot!

For the safety of all, when picking up your child, please wait outside the campus! Parents should not be waiting at the classrooms! All adults should sign in at the office and receive a pass when on campus during school hours.

Yard Supervisors Needed

We have a few open positions for yard supervisors! Please inquire at the office if interested.

School Site Council Position

Open

We have two openings on the school site council for parents. The School Site Council is made up of teachers, parents, and classified staff who work together to review student achievement and recommend plans for improvement. We meet five times each year, each time looking at different aspects of school governance. This is a vital role in the governance of the school. If you would like to be a part of this group, please let Ms. Kendall know. 524-2990, or tkendall@mwusd.org

PTA

Hello Mark West Family and Friends,
Welcome back to school! The last 2 weeks have been such a wonderful few days of meeting many of you and seeing all the excitement our children have in their new classrooms and/or school!

While it has only been a handful of days since school started, we have already accomplished a lot to support our students. Not only did we have the largest attended PTA meeting yet, we have also hosted several welcome back events for family and students, as well as give back over \$10,000 directly to classrooms; and it's only the first 2 weeks!



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A big shout-out to all of the wonderful volunteers who have made all of this happen!
THANK YOU!!

With that said, we have a lot of great events coming up in September!

9/5 Back to School night- Mark West Elementary

Parents/guardians only. Make sure to get childcare planned early.

9/16- PTA Meeting- 6pm at the Library on the Mark West Elementary Campus

Light dinner and childcare is provided!

9/20- Father Daughter Dance- 6pm-8pm at the Multi-Purpose Room

First ever! Look out for flyer with details in next week's Friday folder
Make sure to mark these on your calendar!

We hope you all have had an easy transition back into the school schedule and your children are as excited as we are! As always, if you ever have any questions, comments, or just want to know more about how you can help our community, please reach out via Facebook at Mark West School PTA, via email at MWTIGERSPTA@gmail.com, or by reaching out to any PTA Member or Board member directly.

Have a great weekend!

On behalf of the Mark West Site PTA Board;

Kenny Dearmore
PTA President

Lunch Time Fun

Hello Parents! We are looking to provide some alternative fun activities for our primary students at lunch. Our 4th-6th have the opportunity to participate in noon league sports thanks to Mr. Graves and Mr. Ryan, but we would like to do something a little different for our 1st-3rd. We have a selection of Board Games for students, but would like to see if anyone would donate Legos for the kids to build with. Thanks for your help!

Important Dates

9/2 Labor Day- No School

9/5 1st-6th Back to School Night

6:00-6:45 4-6 in classrooms

6:45-7:15 All parents

7:15-8:00 1-3 in classrooms

10/3 Attention 6th grade Parents:
Mark West Charter Info Night

10/4 Parent Teacher Conferences
No school for Students



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PBL Playbook

By Lisa Warne

District Project Based Learning Integration Support Teacher (PBLIST)

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! I am excited to be starting my 21st year teaching with the Mark West School District. Many people ask, “*What is Project Based Learning?*” The formal definition of PBL, according to Buck Institute for Education, is “a teaching method in which students gain knowledge and skills by working for an extended period of time to investigate and respond to an authentic, engaging, and complex question, problem, or challenge.”

PBL requires critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration, and various forms of communication. The first few weeks of school I visit some classrooms at Mark West, Riebli, and San Miguel Elementary Schools and provide learning experiences that promote collaboration and teamwork. Here are a few pictures from our first weeks of school. Stay tuned for exciting projects throughout the year!



STEM Newspaper Challenge
2nd graders worked in teams to create a structure that could hold the weight of a textbook using only 10 pieces of newspaper and 18 inches of tape!



WHAT is your SPARK posters?
3rd graders created team posters to share what they are excited about and is unique about them! Each team created a 3D, interactive model



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