



Tiger Tales

Mark West Elementary August 13, 2021

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Mark West Parents,

We have had a wonderful first week of school! The kids have been so happy to be here in classrooms and we are so happy to have them here! We have had our first assemblies outside and had our "Rules Round Up", practicing being **Safe, Respectful And Responsible** in line, at lunch, in the classroom and on the playground. Check out the Parents Guide to BEST under Parent Resources on the Mark West Elementary website:

<https://mwtigers.org/>

We are looking forward to a wonderful year together!

Yours in Partnership,

Tracy Lavin-Kendall

Smile! Picture Day



Picture Day!

Picture day is next week! Make sure you get your orders in!

[Picture Day Pre-Order](#)



Mark West PTA

Thank you for the Yummy popsicles on Friday, PTA! We appreciate all that you do for the students!

Mark West PTA is sponsoring our Spirit Wear Store! Now is the time to get your Mark West Schwag! Check out the new t-shirt design and the really cool Mark West Elementary Tumbler. %15 of your purchase goes back to PTA to help fund the wonderful things that they do for the school!



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Order your goodies by September 4!
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Dear Parent(s) of Prospective Music Students,

I am excited to welcome 4th-, 5th-, and 6th-grade music students back to in-person learning for the 2021-22 school year! Music classes will take place during the school day between 8am-12pm in the music room at each school site. The music program is voluntary for 4th-6th students, so if your child is interested, please sign them up!



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Next week, I'll visit each 4th-6th grade class to tell the students a little more about the program. You can also find information packets and important links at your school's MWEF page:

<https://mwttigers.org/mark-west-education-foundation-website/>

Music Sign-up Night will be on Zoom at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 25. Please join us for a brief presentation and Q&A session about the music program. Online registration for the program will occur *after* the Zoom meeting concludes.

<https://zoom.us/j/94895883831?pwd=cWdpUm5VbINyMTRucUhoNGNqMnBWUT09>

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.

I look forward to creating music together again this year!

Warmly,
Mrs. Kara Kaufman

"With music, one's whole future life is brightened." - Zoltán Kodály

Important Dates

8/17/2021 Picture Day TK - 5th

8/18/2021 Picture Day 6th and Ms. Leet's Class

8/25/21 Music Sign Up grades 4-6, 6:00 pm

9/2/2021 Back to School Night 1st-6th via Zoom

9/6/2021 Labor Day - No School

9/16/2021 Mark West Charter Parent Info Night
@ 5:30 via zoom

10/8/2021 Parent/ Teacher Conference Day- no classes for students Conferences to be held via Zoom

10/11/2021 4th Grade Bike Rodeo (tentative)

COVID Rules and Information as of 8/13/21

Currently, the following procedures are recommended by the California Department of Public Health in guiding the safe reopening of schools.

1. Masks are mandatory for all indoors and optional outdoors, although highly recommended.
2. No physical distancing of desks are required.
3. Ventilation is key, either open doors/windows, or "air scrubbers" will be used.
4. Families are asked to use the COVID Factors Self Check daily.
5. If your child is ill, please keep them home!
6. Frequent hand washing and/or sanitizing throughout the day.
7. No parents on campus before or after school.



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Important questions and answers from parents regarding COVID management:

- 1) Are there filters (hepa) in the classrooms?
[yes all rooms have hepa filters in the hvac systems additionally, each room is equipped with an air scrubber](#)
- 2) Is my child's teacher vaccinated? [We are not permitted to share this information](#)
- 3) Will there be COVID testing on site and if so, how often and who will be tested? [Yes, the District will have testing available 2x a week. Students who were close contacts will be tested. Currently staff are invited to receive tests weekly.](#)
- 4) Will lunch be indoors ever, or always outside? [Outdoors, unless rain, than in classroom](#)
- 5) If we do home study, will our child be able to opt in to in-person any time? Will she lose his/her spot in the 22-23 year? [You may opt into Homeschool program at any time, and if you](#)

[wish to return to a regular classroom setting it will be accommodated within 5 days, however, we cannot guarantee the placement will be in the same class or school.](#)

- 6) Will all parents be alerted when a child tests positive from the child's classroom? [yes](#)
- 7) If parents choose to quarantine when a positive case is known in the classroom, will those days be counted as unexcused absences? [we will offer a independent study program for quarantine period, there will be no unexcused absences counted](#)
- 8) Are their protocols in place if there are close contact situations as well as positive cases? [Yes, there is a COVID Management at School Flowchart that is in every office and is posted on the website. It explains scenarios for both the vaccinated and unvaccinated. \[COVID Management at School\]\(#\)](#)



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First Day Fun!





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