

MARK WEST ELEMENTARY

Tiger Tales Newsletter
December 11, 2020

What's Ahead.....

- ◆ Mark West Spirit Week Begins! Events attached
- ◆ 2/16 Material P/U
Gr 3-6
- ◆ Meal Distribution; MPR
11-2pm Pick Up
- ◆ 12/21 -1/4 Winter Break
- ◆ 1/5 Tuesday! School Re-sumes
- ◆ 1/6 Material P/U
Gr TK-2
- ◆ 1/6 Meal Distribution;
MPR 11-2pm Pick Up
- ◆ 1/13 Material P/U
Gr 3-6
- ◆ 1/13 Meal Distribution;
MPR 11-2pm Pick Up
- ◆ 1/18 MLK Holiday; No Schol
- ◆ 1/20 Material P/U
Gr TK-2
- ◆ 1/20 Meal Distribution;
MPR 11-2pm Pick Up
- ◆ 1/21 Virtual Kinder Info
Night; 6-7pm
- ◆ 1/27 Material P/U
Gr 3-6

*Blessed is the season
which engages the
whole world in a
conspiracy of love....*

William Thomas Ellis

FROM MRS. KENDALL....

Dear Mark West Families,

I hope you all enjoyed time with your family over Thanksgiving break and are looking forward to our Winter break! Now is the time to catch our breath, take a break, and rest up for the second half of the year! I wish you all a Happy Holiday!

Tracy Kendall

OPEN NOW!

TK AND KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT FOR 2021-2022:

Our District is now accepting online applications for TK and Kindergarten classes which will begin next August. Beginning at 5:00 p.m. Monday, December 7, you will be able to visit the district website to start the process. Registration for new students in grades 1-6 will begin Wednesday, December 16th

Copy and paste this link to your toolbar to begin. <https://markwestusd.asp.aeries.net/air/>

Please call the Mark West District Office, 707-524-2970, with any questions.



Don't forget that books can be checked out during Winter Break, using the Library's Google Classroom. Enjoy some winter reading!

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Google Classroom code: CWUAJZE



Winter Break
Dec 21– Jan 4
School Resumes Jan 5

Monday 12/14

On this day to your zoom class you will be wearing an ugly holiday sweater. It doesn't have to be any sort of theme! Express your fashion!



Join Us For A Fun Week Ahead!

Mark West Holiday Spirit Week!

Tuesday 12/15 Holiday/Winter Story

Write a short story or poem related to winter or a holiday you celebrate this month. Be creative and use detail! You can write about what you do around this time, what foods you like to eat, or anything else about the topics. Send to mfanci@mwusd.org



Wednesday 12/16

Christmas Cookie Decorating Day

Bake and decorate your favorite Holiday Cookie

Take photos and send to your principal.



Thursday 12/17

Gingerbread House Making

Take some time to decorate a gingerbread house by yourself or even with some family! Try your best on them but most importantly have fun while doing it. Take a picture and send it to your principal.



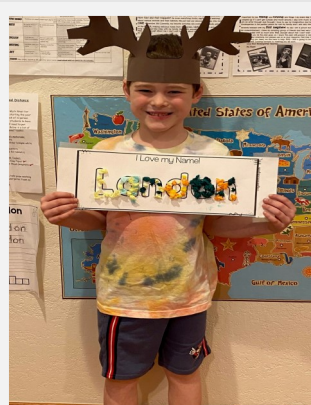
Friday 12/18

Holiday Hat or Headband Day

On this day wear a holiday hat or a holiday headband to your Zoom class.



Santa is missing reindeer! Room 5 Cuties!



Holiday Lunch Distribution...

Here is the upcoming lunch distribution schedule. Lunches are distributed weekly in the back parking lot next to the MPR, 11am-2pm. In the event of rain, lunches will be served out of the Multipurpose Room. 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.

December lunch distribution Wed. 16th 11:00-2:00 Wed. 23rd NO Distribution – Winter Break Wed. 30th NO Distribution – Winter Break Lunch service will resume on Wednesday, January 6th at 11:00am.

Virtual Kinder Info Night...

Please join us on Thursday, January 21st for an informative meeting regarding the upcoming TK and Kindergarten 2020-2021 school year. The meeting will be held via from 6:00-7:00pm. Please use the following information to log on: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83196358353?pwd=MjRHTmdhWXBoVHlmaWZkREs1K2t3Zz09>

Meeting ID: 831 9635 8353 Passcode: 001371

Please remember that all student placement will take place after Parent Information Night .

Let's join Mrs. Kendall for an enjoyable virtual tour of the Mark West campus....https://youtu.be/kiPTBjTR_KE



Mark West Spirit Wear is in! Proudly modeling their new logo sweatshirts...Issys and Annaya Carranza! Looking terrific!

Happy holidays from the Mark West District music teacher, Mrs. Kaufman, and the Mark West Education Foundation for the Arts!

Please copy and paste the link below to your toolbar for a beautiful holiday performance showcasing talented musicians and chorus from our awesome District music program. Thank you, Mrs. Kaufman, for your passion and direction!

<https://youtu.be/7W2YfJMC2YM>



Just A Few Other Things....

Safe Routes To School:

I am so pleased at how many students and families are participating in the Walk and Roll Anywhere activities! In November, we had 24 students participate, walking and rolling a total of 43 miles! Mrs. Rue's class had the greatest number of participants this month, stealing the Golden Sneaker from Mrs. Hunter's class! Let's see what happens in the month of December! November Walk or Roll Anywhere participants: Trinity Burr, Addison Lord, Karl Brito, Jackson Russell, Vince Ruckrigl, Kajsa Wicklund, Brody Dishon, Allison Wagner, Thomas Wagner, Neveah Burbank, Lily Dearmore, Eva Magatelli, Aria Sumpter, Emilio Jolivette, Annabelle McFarlin, Ashlyn Parmenter, Jayden Hiebakos, Ayla Oldaker, Leila Pourghadir, Lucille Malsbery, Jared Jimenez, Paisley Kelsey, Peytyn Ambrecht.
Keep walking over winter break and complete your scavenger hunts!

FAMILY ACTIVITIES DURING QUARANTINE & WINTER BREAK...

Keeping kids entertained during quarantine is a tall order but we came up with a few ideas that are fun to try!

DIY Board Games.... Give your kids a poster board, some markers, and some construction paper, and ask them to design their own board game that you can play as a family later in the day. If they need some inspiration, assign a theme—such as outer space or their own take on Candy Land.

Mystery Movie Nights Put the mystery in movie night by having everyone in your household pick out several family-friendly movies that you'll be able to stream. (You may need to supply your kids with a list of options to choose from.) Then write each movie on a small strip of paper, fold the strips up, and place them in a jar. A couple of times a week, take turns reaching into the jar and selecting a movie to watch.

Cardboard (or Lego) City Planning... All those home deliveries mean you've probably got lots of cardboard on your hands. Hold on to any boxes you get for a fun city planning project, including cereal boxes and other food packaging. Once you've stocked up, task your kids with designing their own city, using cardboard, scissors, markers, and whatever other arts and crafts supplies you've got on hand to design buildings, buses, and such.. Not only is this a great project for killing a whole day, once it's done your kids can use it as a backdrop for toy car racing, action figure fighting, and whatever else their imagination can come up with. Legos are also great to work with to design your city!

Host a Snack Competition... Food projects are a no-brainer when it comes to keeping kids entertained during quarantined. To mix it up, try this snack cooking competition—no stove or oven required! Use this idea from 'Chopped', create a mystery basket of ingredients—one per kid—and give a set amount of time for each "contestant" to create their own showstopping snack. Easy ingredients to use that inspire creativity include spreads like nut butter or chocolate-hazelnut butter, dry cereal, and something special that your kids don't get all the time, like mini marshmallows or chocolate chips.

Play "Eye Spy" on a Walk... Fortunately, keeping kids entertained during quarantined does not have to mean never leaving your own property. Walks are always encouraged so long as you maintain at least six feet of distance between yourselves and others. Make it extra kid-friendly by putting together a list of items ahead of time that your kids have to look for while you walk—such as a piece of sidewalk chalk art, a squirrel, a bicycle, a person walking their dog, and so on. Cross each item off the list as you find it, and stretch out your walk time by trying to find every single item that's on there.

Take a Virtual Tour... Places like museums, zoos, and theme parks are closed to public use, but many of them have expanded their digital offerings to include virtual tours that allow you to explore their space right from the computer. From the Louvre in Paris to the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago, your kids can get an inside look at some of the most interesting places in the world, with lots of opportunities for discovering new things. They can even [visit the surface of Mars!](#)

Who knows, with these great ideas, your kids might ask to keep the fun going even after quarantine has been lifted!