**Welcome to Mark West School!**

 We are pleased to welcome you to our school community and

 are delighted that your child will be joining us this fall. Our experienced, outstanding kindergarten teachers will teach a rigorous and balanced program that meets the state’s kindergarten standards. We look forward to working closely with you and your child to ensure a successful school experience.

A few things to keep in mind;

Every Wednesday is an *early-release day*. This allows your child’s teacher to work collaboratively with their grade level team. The only other early-release day will be the last day of school. Classes begin each day at 8:30 and all students are expected to be ready to enter the classroom at that time.

 Kindergarten teachers will be conducting kinder assessments on a date and time

 to be determined. The gentle assessment will only last approximately 20 minutes

 and is simply used as a gauge for class balance. During this time, Mark West PTA

 will be conducting tours for parents of our campus and will be available to answer

 any questions parents may have.