

MARK WEST ELEMENTARY

Tiger Tales Newsletter
February 25, 2021

What's Ahead.....

- ♦ 2/26 Non-Instructional Day—**No School!**
- ♦ 3/3 Material P/U
Gr TK-2
- ♦ 3/3 Meal Distribution;
MPR 11-2pm Pick Up
- ♦ PTA WAT Packets Home
- ♦ 3/10 Material P/U
Gr 3-6
- ♦ PTA WAT Packets Home
- ♦ 3/10 Meal Distribution;
MPR 11-2pm Pick Up
- ♦ 3/13 NBay Science Discover Day Virtual Event
- ♦ 3/17 PTA WAT 1st Pledge Collection Day
- ♦ 3/17 Material P/U
Gr TK-2
- ♦ 3/17 Meal Distribution;
MPR 11-2pm Pick Up
- ♦ 3/19 Report Cards
MAILED to all families
- ♦ 3/22-26 Spring Break
No School!!!
- ♦ 3/29 Return to School-Hybrid Model-Check mwusd.org for details
- ♦ 3/31 Meal Distribution;
MPR 11-2pm Pick Up
- ♦ 4/2 Non-Instructional Day-No School
- ♦ 4/5 Non-Instructional Day-No School

"Minds are like parachutes, they only function when they are open."

Sir James Dewar

FROM MRS. KENDALL....

Dear Mark West Families,

The past two weeks with our "Return to Recess" have been fabulous! Seeing the smiles on the kids faces, watching them run and play has brought me such joy! And now we have the date for our return to in person learning set for March 29! It will be so good to hear children on campus daily.

We will continue to practice our procedures for arrival next week with another round of "Return to Recess", this time with our cohorts. Please take a good look at the schedule, especially the drop off and pick up areas. I have scheduled grade levels to drop off/pick up at different areas of the school to allow for more time between classes/grade levels. It will be important for all parents to follow these guidelines. The schedule is attached to this newsletter.

In Partnership,

Tracy Lavin-Kendall

March Lunch Service

All children 18 and under are eligible to receive free lunch this year under the National School Lunch Program. Lunches are distributed from the Multipurpose Room on a weekly basis every Wednesday, from 11am to 2pm. Each student receives a bag of five entrees and five pieces of fruit. It is not necessary for students to be present at pick-up.

For more information, check the District website at mwusd.org and navigate to Parent Resources / School Lunch Program, Resources & Monthly Lunch Menu.



March Distribution Dates – 11am to 2pm

Mar. 3

Mar. 10

Mar. 17

**** SPRING BREAK – NO LUNCH DISTRIBUTION ****

No School for Students, Friday, Feb 26

YEARBOOK

It is Yearbook Time!

Don't Forget To Order Your Yearbook Now!

Order online:

<https://markwestes.picaboo.com/> or by cash or check in the office.

Soft Cover: \$18.00 Hard Cover: \$25.00

Thank You Summer Supinger for volunteering to coordinate this year's yearbook! It is so important this year for parents to send photos of their kiddos at home or outside during Distance Learning. You may upload direct to the Picaboo website or load to a flash drive and deliver to the office.

As in years past, families may still personalize their child's yearbook with sentimental pictures of family members, vacations, early childhood or holidays. Details to follow regarding this exciting

NO MORE CLIPPING



Don't forget to save your Box Tops for Education and turn them into the office as often as you can. Each box top is worth 10 cents for our school ~ and that adds up fast! This is an easy way to earn much needed money for the school as many of these box tops can be found on items that are on your weekly shopping list.

Moving? New Address? New School?

If you are planning to move over the summer, or are enrolling your student in another school, please let us know! This helps us prepare and forward your child's records and enable for a smooth transition. Also, be sure to let us know if your address has changed...even if it is just around the corner! During these tumultuous times, it is so important for the office to have the correct contact information.



Keeping Music In Our Schools...

Mark West 3rd graders will begin to learn the soprano recorder in weekly Zoom lessons starting on Monday, March 1st from 1:00-1:30pm. If you need the meeting link, please email your teacher or Mrs. Kaufman at kkaufman@mwusd.org.



Help keep music in our schools! Board positions for the Mark West Education Foundation need to be filled! Please contact the Foundation

at mwef@mwusd.org if you are interested or have any questions.



Hey Mark West Students! Make sure you get out and walk or roll this next week. Send me a picture of your walk or roll, and fill out the survey on with the link attached to this newsletter!

March and Roll for Miles Challenge activity: Walk, bike, scooter or skate on as many days as you are able to during the month of March, and enter your mileage to/from your chosen destination for each day. The Challenge Activity sheet is attached to the newsletter.

Walk-a-thon



ARE YOU READY???

We are excited to welcome you to our 2021 VIRTUAL Mark West Walk-A-Thon! A week long VIRTUAL event

*We Are Going
Virtual This
Year!!*

that will lead up to the day of the Walk-a-thon! COVID has made our traditional Walk-a-thon event unfeasible however, we are determined to get them out and walking to earn funds for our school. This year, on **Saturday, April 17th, 2021** our students will walk with their families in their neighborhood or at a park - or if we are really lucky we will get to be at school. But either way it will be a day of fun, excitement, physical education, and community involvement that will enrich our children and schools for years to come.

2021 Virtual Walk-a-thon Important Dates!

Wednesday March 3rd and 10th - Pledge Packets go home

Wednesday March 17th - First Pledge Collection Day

April 12-16th - Week of WAT activities, including Silent Auction opening and Pledge Prize Pick-up Day (4/14)!

Saturday April 17th - Walk-A-Thon Event! The Mark West "Walking Together from Wherever" Virtual Walkathon

Show your school Spirit by wearing your School Colors and add some layer of fun by adding tutus, brightly colored leggings, shirts, socks & crazy hair! There will also be Racing Bib for everyone to wear on the day of the event!



How will a Virtual Walk-a-thon Work?

All students, family members and staff will participate on the same day; students will walk with their families in their neighborhood or at a park - or if we are really lucky we will get to be at school. Students will keep track of their minutes/steps and submit on a Virtual Lap Card (Google Form)

There will be Community Building too!

- The day of the event, organizers will schedule a live stream video to get everyone excited about the virtual walkathon. There will also be messages from your Principals and a warm up video!
- There will be a Scavenger Hunt for families to do together while walking their walkathon route. There could be prizes to earn for the Scavenger Hunt so Happy Hunting!
- And of course, sharing your pictures and videos on our Facebook Page!

Pledge Collection

We will be hosting both Online Pledges and Pledge Drop Off Days. Students will still earn small prizes for their pledge collections that will be distributed on the Prize Pick up Day the week of the Event. The Prizes will be small items they can wear the day of the event and ways to show their School and Walkathon Spirit!

Walk-a-thon packets will go home on material pickups days 3/3 and 3/10. Be on the lookout for them. In the packets you will find everything you need to help us make this event successful like; Business Sponsorship and Silent Auction Donation Information, Pledge Collection Information and Collection Sheets, Prize Schedule and Participation Waiver - This is required for ALL who are participating even in our virtual event. PLEASE DROP OFF to the office NO LATER THEN 4/9/2021 to be able to participate.