



January 27th, 2023

TIGER TALES

MARK WEST FAMILY NEWSLETTER

From Ms. O, COVID Reminder: If a child is out sick or, if they are sent home sick, we require a negative COVID test before they can return. Results should be sent to the school site office manager. If you do not have access to a test, we are more than happy to provide one for the parent to administer, upon request.

School Assembly: Thanks to Sonoma Water and Sonoma Clean Power, the group ZunZun recently visited our school, and presented a musical assembly about water conservation, watershed protection and our connection to climate change. ZunZun uses music and movement with the audience to teach students how important water is and how they can conserve it each and every day. For example, it is important to adjust or turn off irrigation outdoors during winter months when it usually rains. Students learned that their water comes from our local Russian River watershed and it's very important to keep irrigation runoff, yard waste, and pollutants out of the storm drains which helps keep our creeks, bay and ocean clean. This year ZunZun brought a brand new action based assembly with tons of movement, music and energy. Ask your child, "What can our family do to prevent climate change?". Saving water, saves energy! We are so lucky too because by signing up with Sonoma Clean Power & "evergreen" program, all of the energy we use in our homes can be from 100% renewable resources. Visit <https://sonomacleanpower.org/your-options/> for more information. Ask your child what changes they can make in their daily routine to help prevent climate change, maybe even a bike to school day!

From Summer, the Yearbook Editor: Yearbook sales has started, click on the link below to pre-order yours. You have until 4/23/2023 to pre-order your yearbook. <https://store.shopyearbook.com/mwe2022-2023> I am also attaching a link where you can submit photos to be used in the yearbook that you have taken while volunteering either at school, in the garden or on field trips of your student and their classmates. I greatly appreciate any photos you submit. <https://uploads.picabooyearbooks.com/9685028>.

Safe Routes to School: Feb 1st: Joins us for 2 events on the same day. 7:45am Walk and Roll at the 3 Walking School Bus locations: Ms O at Sam's Market, Ms Pardo at Molsberry Market, and Ms. Burbank at the Community Garden. Is your bicycle broken or need a tune up? Stop by after school 1:45-3:45- Free bike repair day.

PTA: Have you considered joining the PTA, or have interest in a Board Member Position? Please see the attached flyer with the descriptions of each position. The PTA is an integral part of our school community and I look forward to seeing membership grow. Skate Night Flyer is also attached! See you at the Cal Skate on Feb 9th

IMPORTANT DATES

- Feb 9- PTA Skate Night at Cal Skate
- Feb 13- Lincoln BDay- NO SCHOOL
- Feb 16- 5:30 General PTA Meeting
- Feb 17- End of Tri 2
- Feb 20- President's Day - NO SCHOOL
- March 6-7 PTA Epicenter Fundraiser Night
- Mar 16- General PTA Meeting
- Mar 20-24- Spring Break- NO SCHOOL