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Mark Twain Elementary School

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Families,

Happy October! Fall is here and we happily welcome the cooler temperatures! Our Mark Twain family has grown significantly this school year with approximately 470 students in Pre-k-6th grade. With the addition of our 3 year olds, we have over 500 students at Mark Twain- highest enrollment ever. With this growth spurt, we have added 3 additional teachers since the start of the school year- Ms. Parish (Resource), Ms. L Decker (Read 180/GT), and Ms. O'Brien (Kindergarten). With a great staff in place and smaller class sizes, we are off to a great start!

Parents, you are the heart of our school. We enjoyed seeing you at Back to School Night, during Home Visits, and at Cosmic Family Literacy Night. Your participation in all of our school events means so much to us. Thank you for your support so far this year! As we wrap up October and enter November, we encourage your continued participation in school functions. The kids love to attend evening events and I'm sure you'll find them lots of fun as well. To find out about upcoming events check the school marquee, your child's backpack for flyers, our website, and/or contact the office (918) 833-8820. In addition, for school-wide events, we will send out a school connects phone message as a reminder. See you at an upcoming event!!!

Parents, as mentioned during Back to School Night we are a Title I school. The majority of our Title I funds goes toward the 4 additional weeks of instruction that students get during Fall & Spring intersession. If your child has signed up for intersession, please ensure that he/she attends daily. As mentioned before, intersession provides 4 additional free weeks of instruction that your child can benefit from. The intersession evening celebration will be on November 3, 2011 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Our theme for Fall intersession is "American Pride." In addition to intersession, to help us connect with each family, our Title I funds help us with "Porch Visits" in the Fall and Spring. Thank you for opening your homes to us!

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Dates to Remember:

- Oct 19-21**
No School
- Oct 23**
4:00-5:30
Trunk or Treat
- Oct 24th-Nov 3**
Fall Intersession
- Nov 3th**
5:30-7:00 pm-Intersession
Parent Program
- Nov 4th-11th**
No School - Fall Break
- Nov 23th-25th**
Thanksgiving Break
- Dec 5-9**
Holiday Gift Shop
- Dec 13**
Skate Night
- Dec 21th-Jan 3**
Christmas Break

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October 17, 2011

"Explore, dream, discover"
-Mark Twain



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Call the
Attendance Line
When your student is
absent: 918-833-8830

Mark Twains Thanksgiving Dinner & Grandparents Day November 17th

The menu will be

Turkey & Gravy w/ Corn bread stuffing
Green beans
Mashed potatoes
Sweet potatoes
Rolls

The price for Non TPS adults & students is 3.00 & milk is included (tea/water will be available for adults) We will sell tickets in the hallway before lunch starts.

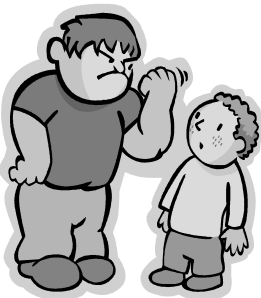
Lunch schedule

10:45 Warner & Franklin
11:00 Head Start
11:15 Humphrey & Hembree
11:25 Watson & O'brien
11:35 Barnett & Doctor
11:45 Poplin & Rose
11:55 Cochran & Bacon
12:05 Clark & Dentel
12:10 Medina
12:15 Ford & Hood
12:25 Carter & Morgan & Fourie
12:35 Krispense & R. Carter



Counselors Connection

BULLY PREVENTION MONTH



October is officially bully prevention month. Although we here at Mark Twain Elementary view every day as a bully prevention day, we would like to take the opportunity to bring your attention to the importance of recognizing and helping prevent bullying. There are many types of bullying.

Bullying can take the form of name-calling, spreading unkind rumors, intimidation, or violence. In each case, a victim of bullying is at risk of emotional damage such as loss of self-esteem.

There are several steps to take when a child reports that he or she is being bullied. The first step is for the parent and/ or teacher to believe the child. It is important that the child trust that you as the adult can help with his/her problem. Second, let the child know that he/she is not alone. Third, if your child is being bullied at school, and the school is unaware of the problem, report it. Your child might not want you to, but this is the only way to make sure the teacher is aware since bullying often happens when the teacher's attention is focused somewhere else. Fourth, teach the child how to be assertive, but not aggressive. Telling the bully "No" and not giving up possessions is important. It is also important for the child to learn to ignore routine teasing. Returning violence with violence is never the answer.

Teaching children tolerance of differences is one of the best approaches to anti-bullying. There are many websites and books available on the subject. For more information feel free to contact Mrs. Stafford, Ms. Robertson, or your classroom teacher.



ANNUAL ASBESTOS NOTICE

TO ALL EMPLOYEES, PARENTS, VISITORS, AND ANY INTERESTED PERSON:

Regarding ASBESTOS-CONTAINING MATERIALS in ALL buildings OWNED, LEASED/RENTED or USED by TULSA PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Date of this notice is:

ALL TULSA PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS have been inspected for asbestos-containing materials in accordance with E.P.A. mandates on or before October 12, 1989, by licensed and accredited inspectors.

Results of inspections, samples and subsequent analysis are available for your review in the ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN on file in this building and Tulsa Public Schools' Maintenance Center, 1555 N. 77th E. Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Contact person: Connie Pounds
Maintenance Center
1555 N. 77th E. Ave.



Mark Twain Community Corner



TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 23rd

4-5:30pm

Mark Twain Parking Lot



FREE Hot Dogs, Drinks & Candy.

Wear your favorite costume!

Boo!



Project Pig



Several classes participated in the change drive to raise money for the pot-bellied pig rescue organization, Hamalot. Hamalot has 42 pigs that they care for every day. This Service Learning Project allowed Mark Twain students to learn information about pet pigs, farm pigs, and pet care. The students raised \$158 to buy straw to keep the pigs warm this winter.



A HUGE MARK TWAIN
THANKS GOES TO
SAM'S CLUB.

THEY DONATED \$5,000
TO OUR SCHOOL!!



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Awards Assembly

Congratulations to all the students who worked hard for the First Quarter!



Keep up the GRRREAT work!

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Parents please help! As we have reviewed out State test data and as the teachers and I monitor attendance/tardies daily, attendance continues to be an area of concern. The State Department of Education requires us to have at least a 92% attendance rate. Last year we were at 92%. We need to improve. We are too close to falling below the expectation. Please help us get students to school every single day and please allow them to stay at school

all day- no early pick-up unless an emergency. Students may arrive at school as early as 7:20 a.m. I encourage you to have your child dropped off by 7:40 a.m. daily because school starts at 7:45 a.m. Our attendance motto is: Perfect Attendance Means ON TIME, ALL DAY, EVERYDAY. Thanks for your support!!!

Finally, parents we are here to serve you. There is a parent "in-put" box in the office. Please use this box to share your comments, concerns, suggestions, and positive feedback about our school. Remember, Mark Twain belongs to our community and we want to make sure that it remains the BEST. The students that come from Mark Twain classrooms will be the best that our workforce has ever seen. Please, let your voice be heard. If you wish for your "in-put" to remain anonymous we will respect your wishes. If you would like me to follow-up please leave a name, an e-mail address and/or telephone number. Again, thanks!

Sincerely,

Patrina Singleton

* Upcoming PTA EVENTS*

Nov 18th-Popcorn Sales (\$.50)

Dec 2nd-Candy Bar Sales (\$.50)

Dec 5-9-Holiday Gift Shop

Dec 13th-Skate Night (\$5)

