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Mark Twain Elementary School

## From the Principal

Dear Parents,

**CALENDAR CHANGE FOR 2008!!!** Due to all the work necessary to share report card information with you at parent teacher conferences, Mark Twain Elementary has moved **Parent Conferences to Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 3 – 6 P.M. and Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 – 11:30 A.M.** instead of October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mark your calendars, and more information will follow as the dates get closer.

As we near the end of the first quarter of fall semester 2008, we want to thank each one of you for the partnership you are developing in creating high expectations for all students. Being on time for school every day, reading every night with your children, checking their homework and building your relationships with your children's teachers builds the best opportunity for your children's success. We applaud you for the hard work you do each day.

Fall intersession (October 20<sup>th</sup> – November 7<sup>th</sup>) is fastly approaching. Remember to enroll your children for the first two weeks of "Exploring Our World" which begins Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup> ending with an evening celebration and performance by all children. Transportation, breakfast, lunch are provided. Look for the green registration forms which are being sent home for the next two weeks on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Pre-registration ends on Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Spread the word for we want all the families to take advantage of the fall session.

As the weather turns cooler and children begin to wear sweaters and jackets to school, please remember to write the child's name on every article of clothing. We keep lost and found items outside the library for children, but very often we could return lost items if we could identify the owner.

Thank you again for all the support you give us at school. We look forward to our upcoming parent conferences. Enjoy our beautiful fall weather.

Sincerely,

Dr. Hensley  
Mark Twain Elementary Principal



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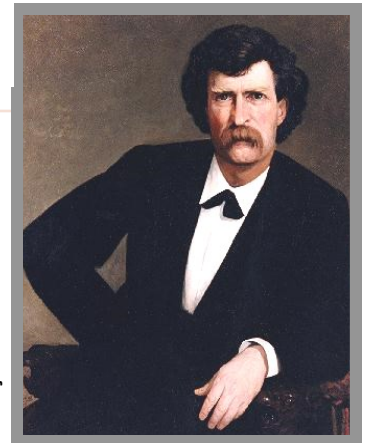
### Dates to Remember:

- ☺ **Sept. 24th**—Awards Assembly @ 9:30 a.m.
- ☺ **Oct. 1st**—5th Grade Field Trip to the Tulsa State Fair \$4—chaperones NEEDED
- ☺ **Oct. 14th**—Parent Teacher Conferences 3-6 p.m.
- ☺ **Oct. 15th**—Parent Teacher Conferences 8-11 a.m.
- ☺ **Oct. 20-30**—Exploring Our World Intersession—SIGN UP ASAP
- ☺ **Nov. 3-7**—Fall Break No School
- ☺ **Nov. 11**—5th Grade Field Trip to Veteran's Day Parade
- ☺ **Nov. 26-28th**—Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL
- ☺ **Dec. 22 thru Jan. 2nd**—Winter Break NO SCHOOL

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September 23, 2008

"Explore, dream, discover"  
-Mark Twain



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## Wanted: Gifted/Talented Students

Tulsa Public Schools is searching for nominations of students with high capabilities in the following areas: intellectual ability (IQ), specific ability in a discipline (math, language arts, science, social studies, the arts), leadership, and creativity. Some students with high capacity in these areas require curriculum modifications in their strength area/s. Parental nomination is the first step to identifying children in need of support for optimal development. Once nominated, student files go to the GT Committee, which assesses the need for curricular modifications based on some of the following information:

grades, ability test scores, achievement test scores, parent nomination, teacher nomination, work product, self-nomination, peer nomination, etc. In other words, the GT Committee diligently strives to get a complete "picture" of the student to determine the need for curriculum modifications. No one area prevents a child from receiving services. Students may be served in a multitude of ways: resource teacher in the regular classroom, modification of curriculum by classroom teacher, pull-out, self-contained classroom. Stu-

dents may require different approaches at different times in their education. Tulsa Public Schools endeavors to provide a continuum of services to meet the needs of the individual student. Please contact Mrs. Lisa Stafford or Dr. Diane Hensley for more information.



# Art Ambassadors Get Artsy!



For those of you who don't know us, we are a service learning group that gives back to our community through the visual arts. Each project we do allows us to address academic learning as well! That's why it's called **service learning**. This year we are full of Ambassadors with many on a waiting list. This year has already started off with exciting projects planned. We will be creating and painting a mural at the Tulsa Zoo on the new snack building at the play-

ground. At WestFest, we took part with a face-painting booth for WestFest. We will be speaking at a state conference next month in Inola. Keep an eye out for our upcoming projects and any time you see an Art Ambassador feel free to ask "what's up?". But be prepared to listen because we have a lot going on! So.....

**"Be respectful, be responsible and be fun to be with!"**

It's our motto!



## Be an Active Member of your Community!

Charles Page Community Action Group

(Neighborhood Association)

Meetings are held every other month on the second Thursday of the month at Zeigler Park

6:30 p.m. The next meeting

will be on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. If you

have questions about the

Neighborhood Association,

please contact J.D. Smith,

president @ (918) 582-7846

or via e-mail [smith16@cox.net](mailto:smith16@cox.net)

**Thank you for making our Book Fair Safari and our Loose Change War such a HUGE success! We raised over \$3000 for the library and for family literacy nights!**

## Library Lovers News

The library is in full swing at Mark Twain Elementary School and students have been bringing books home from the library media center to borrow. Library books can be returned any day, but will be checked out for one week at a time. Students in PreK, Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades will be able to check out 2 books. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders may check out 3 books. The following is a list of policies for the 2008-2009 school year that the library will be enforcing:

1 - Books are to be returned on time. Ask your child about their library day please to see when their books are due each week!

2 - There is not a fine for overdue books, BUT your child must return any overdue books before more books may be checked out.

3 - If a book is accidentally damaged, DO NOT try to repair it. We have special resources in the library for repairs.

4 - If your child loses one book during the year, he/she may replace it with a gently used book from home. If a 2<sup>nd</sup> book is lost during the year, you will be responsible for paying for the 2<sup>nd</sup> lost book in full before your child will be able to check out anymore books. Checks and credit cards are NOT accepted...only cash or a money order made out to Mark Twain Elementary School will be accepted. If a 3<sup>rd</sup> book is lost, your child will no longer be able to check out books and the 3<sup>rd</sup> book must be paid for as well.

Report cards and progress reports will be held at the times they are given out until the library record has been cleared. 5 - We will take and return for you books that have been found at your home from other Tulsa Public Schools libraries.

6 - Find a safe place at home to keep the books. Somewhere out of reach for younger siblings and pets.

7 - Parents are encouraged to check out books for their children from our library as well! Any parent or guardian may sign up for a Mark Twain Library card, which enables you to check out up to 20 books at a time for a 3 week checkout period.

If you DO NOT want your child to check out books to take home, please send a note to school with your child telling us that you don't want him/her to check out books, his/her name, and your signature. If we do not receive a note, we will assume that it is okay for your student check out and take books home from the library. We do not want children to be afraid to check out books.

We just want them to remember to be responsible! Thank you for your help in giving your children the gift of reading and for the chance to make a major difference in their lives. Please don't hesitate to call the library at 918-833-8828 with any ques-

tions or concerns you may have!

~ Mrs. Angela Gerber, Library Media Specialist ~

## Congrats to Mark Twain's Talent

On September 20, 2008, many students from Mark Twain brought home the glory at the WestFest Talent Show. A huge congrats goes out to Michael Hamilton in Mrs. Medina's 2nd grade class. Michael won 2nd place in the competition! Also, congratulations goes out to the 37 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade student participants who, directed by Mrs. Diana Baker, took home 3rd place in the Talent Show. Wow... Mark Twain sure has talent!



## PTA Corner

The PTA Membership drive began on Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> and will end on September 30<sup>th</sup>. **Classes with 100% membership will win a prize!** The cost is \$4 for each person that would like to join. Please send cash, check or money order to your child's teacher with your name, child's name, teacher and grade on it.

### Start saving Warehouse Market receipts!

Mark Twain is saving Warehouse Market Receipts again this year. The contest runs from September 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009. Receipts dated prior to September 1<sup>st</sup> or later than March 31<sup>s</sup> will not count! Send receipts to your child's teacher with the child's name & teacher's name on them. If you have questions about the contest or would like to volunteer, please contact Liz Kaiser @ (918) 833-8826.

### Needed: Campbell's Soup UPC's & Box tops!

We are also saving Campbell's Soup UPC Codes & box tops. Please be sure that you include your child's name & teacher on the UPC Codes that you turn in for them. You can send the labels & box tops with your child. Prizes will be awarded to the classes & children who turn in the most labels/boxtops. We are still looking for a volunteer to help with counting soup labels and boxtops. Please contact Liz Kaiser @ (918) 833-8826 if

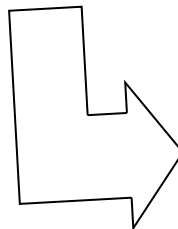
## 10 Ways to Help Your Child With Homework

1. Let your child know that homework is important and valuable.
2. Set a regular time each day for homework, allowing some time to unwind after school before getting started.
3. Be sure your child has all essentials, such as papers, books, school notebooks, and pencils.
4. Help your child get organized by providing folders for papers and a calendar and/or assignment book.
5. Have a quiet, clean, and well-lit place to study, with a comfortable chair. Keep all schoolwork there.
6. Discourage distractions, including TV, during study time. Allow study breaks at intervals.
7. Be available to answer questions or help quiz your child, but keep homework as his or her responsibility to complete.
8. Spot check homework when it's completed, but don't correct assignments unless the teacher has asked you to.
9. Read any comments the teacher has made on returned assignments.
10. If a homework problem arises, contact the teacher for clarification.

### House Cleaning Services Available

Call Judy at (918) 592-1432. She cleans houses or apartments between the hours of 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for \$60 per house/apartment. Cash accepted ONLY!

**FREE**  
health care!



### News from the Clinic: A little bug flew by and told me...

If your child has medical or health issues please call the clinic and to be sure we have the information on file. Please contact us for information on the free clinic at Mark Twain at (918) 833-8820.





## Mark Twain 2008 Fall Intersession

October 20<sup>th</sup> – October 30<sup>th</sup>

**Who: PK – Gr. 5**

**When: 8:30 AM – 2:45 PM**

**How: Enroll today**

Pre-K & Kindergarten: Science Exploration

1<sup>st</sup> Grade: National Symbols

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Pirates

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Exploring Our Communities

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Clues

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Revolutionary War

Fill in the registration form below and return by Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Please fill out one enrollment for per child.**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_

Transportation Home: \_\_\_\_\_

(school bus, daycare name, car, walk)

I understand my child must abide by attendance and behavior rules in order to be included in all activities. If problems persist, he or she will be eliminated from intersession.

Parent approval to attend intersession: \_\_\_\_\_