



January 8, 2021

| Twain Tigers Upcoming Dates: | |
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| Report Cards for 2nd Quarter | January 8 (viewable online) |
| School Accountability Committee (SAC) | January 12th at 6:00 pm via WebEx Click HERE to Join |
| PTA Meeting | January 13th at 4:00 pm via WebEx Click HERE to Join |
| Schoolwide Fire Drill | January 14th |
| NO SCHOOL- Martin Luther King Jr. Day | January 18th |
| Students Return to In-Person Learning | January 19th |
| Picture Day | February 9th |

A Message from Mark Twain Elementary

Happy New Year Twain Families,

We are so excited about returning to in person learning on January 19th. Please be sure to complete the survey by January 13th that was sent out. If you did not receive the email please call the office at 719-328-7700 and let our staff know whether your child(ren) will be returning to in person learning or remaining on line. Attendance policy will remain as per district policy. Students will remain in their own classroom cohorts which includes lunch and recesses.

Arrival and Pick ups- drop offs Reminder

- **Drop off times will be by student's last names as follows:**

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| 7:50am | A - I |
| 7:55am | J-Q |
| 8:00am | P-Z |

- When your child arrives they will go directly to their outside classroom door.
- If your child arrives **after 8:15, they need to report to the front door**. Please have them ring the intercom and the office will direct and or assist them to their teacher's outside door.
- Make sure when you use the front and back **Kiss and Go** that you truly **drop your child off and go**, staying in a single file line. We appreciate your grace and kindness.
- If you wish to get out, please park your car in a designated parking area or on the street as there is **NO PARKING in the drop off lanes due to fire code**.
- Parents/Guardians may stand with their child in line. Only students and staff are allowed in the building.
- Students will line up outside their classroom doors on the yellow stars and dots to help with social distancing.
- If you need to pick up your child in the middle of the day for appointments, please ring the intercom and wait at the front for a staff member to assist you. A staff member will bring your child out to you.
- You may not pick up your child between 2:15-2:30. Students will be released on a staggered schedule.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bus kids will be let out first at 2:26pm - Pickups will be let out at 2:28pm - Walkers will be let out at 2:30pm |
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- The playground **WILL NOT be open before or after** school so students are to go directly to their pick up area or home.

If you select remote learning a remote online learning contract will be sent to you after January 13th.

The **2nd quarter report cards** will be viewable online on January 8th (today).

Enrollment

New student Enrollment information can be found on this [website](#) for this school year and 2021-22 school year as well.

Choice open Enrollment Registration for 2020-2021 is open each year from **November 1 through February 15**. Visit our district [website](#).

Kindergarten VIRTUAL Information Night will be coming in February. If you know of a family with a kindergarten age child, please pass the information on to them. Further information will be coming out next week.

PTA Meeting Agenda for January 13th @ 4pm via WebEx (Click [HERE](#) to Join)

Membership drive, fundraising restaurant night and APEX Fun Run

Free breakfast and lunches are still being offered curbside through January 15th.

11:00 - 12:30 on school days.

After January 15th, meals will continue to be free for all students in the building.

**Please let us know if your student will be attending in-person
Jan. 19th-March 5th, if you have not already done so. Thank
you!!**

Cold Weather has arrived if you are in need of assistance with outerwear to include hats, coats and gloves, please contact Mrs. Reynolds, our school counselor at kelly.reynolds@d11.org

Picture Day is Coming!!
February 9th, Tuesday
More information will be sent out.

All About Inclusiveness

Month of: January

What Is It?

- Being **inclusive** means to be fair, kind, and include others in our games, groups, and activities.
- Sometimes people get left out because they look, think, or act different. It is important to include everyone and practice kindness, even when we feel pressured to not include others.
- **Inclusiveness** means to treat everyone as equals, even if they are different.

Read About It

- Wonder by R.J. Palacio
- All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold
- Ben's Adventures by Elizabeth Gerlach
- All My Stripes by Danielle Royer & Shaina Rudolph
- Just Ask by Sonia Sotomayor

Practice It

- Be a friend to someone who is being left out.
- Think about how you would feel if you were being left out.
- Say "hello" to someone that looks or acts different than you.
- Go to YouTube.com to watch read alouds of the books listed above and talk about them with your family.
- Learn about other cultures by reading books or doing research online.
- Remember not to judge a book by its cover.

Talk About It

- Why is it important to include others and not leave people out?
- How would you feel if you were left out?
- How can you show kindness to someone who is not being included?
- How should we act when we see someone who looks or acts different than us?
- What are some things about our family that might be different from other families?
- How do our differences make us special?