

# Mark Twain Elementary School Newsletter

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**MTES School Pledge**  
*"We at MTE promise to do our best, to do our duty and to obey the rules of the school"*



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Dear Parents,

May this find you and your families enjoying spring break with its opportunities to travel, time to enjoy family and friends, along with the arrival of the warm days of spring.

The next two months at Mark Twain Elementary School will be busy and challenging ones, both academically and otherwise. Following are items of importance that have taken place or will taking place at Mark Twain Elementary:

- Congratulations to our two "Odyssey of The Mind" teams who went on to the finals in Kaiserslautern under the leadership of Mrs. K. D, along with parent sponsors Mrs. D. and Mrs. W.. Their creativity and many hours of hard work and commitment paid off and everyone at MTES is proud of their dedication. One Team was selected to compete in the finals in Ames, Iowa, and the other team took a third place. Arrangements are being made to travel in Ames in late May and we will keep you posted.
- Our D.A.R.E. Officer, SGT M, was recently featured by "The Herald Post" for his community service and his commitment in being a exemplary role model for the young people in the Heidelberg Community. We congratulate him.
- April 17<sup>th</sup> is a Parent -Teacher Conference Day and there will be no school for Mark Twain Elementary School students.
- Progress Reports will be sent home on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.
- If your child is missing an article of clothing you may want to check out "The Lost & Found" area just outside the nurse's office.
- The Community Environmental Department will be planting a lovely "Butterfly Garden" in the grassy area just outside the art room on Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Mr. L's fourth grade students will be helping with the planting.
- First graders will be helping with the planting of geraniums in the concrete flower boxes on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. These activities are being carried as a celebration of "Earth Week."
- The "PTA Board Meeting" will be on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, at 09:00 in the teacher's lounge.
- Students with April Birthdays will be honored by the PTA with cupcakes in the cafeteria on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

I wish all of you a happy Passover and Easter holiday. These are times to reflect on the many things for which we are thankful.....our children being at the top of that list. I personally thank all of you for supporting our school, for your friendliness, and for recognizing the commitment that our teachers make on a daily basis to provide a challenging academic program for your children, as well as providing an environment where they feel appreciated.

Respectfully,  
Dolly Crooks