

# 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"*

## Ms. Crooks Message



September 16, 2008

Dear Parents,

We are well into the fourth week of what has turned out to be a good school year. Everyone has settled in nicely and on a daily basis I see students who are glad to be back in the routine of school, staying focused in their classrooms, and enjoying the companionship of old and new friends.

All of us at Mark Twain Elementary thank you for the loyalty and support you have demonstrated toward our teachers and the academic programs. We are here to serve you and to provide that challenging education that all parents expect for their children. It was a pleasure to see so many of you at our first PTA Meeting last week. Your presence is a reflection of the interest you have in your child's education and the importance you give to what is happening in school. Education is a 'team effort' that involves parents and teachers and on a daily basis it is evident that this happening at Mark Twain Elementary School. Thank you for being there for your children and for being there for us.

Following are some items of importance, which I would like to bring to your attention:

- **School Advisory Committee Meeting:** (SAC) The first meeting of the year will be held this Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, in the MTES teacher's lounge at 14:30. Parent Representatives are Mrs. K. C. and Mrs. S. W. The SAC Forum is used by parents who want to address school concerns. Everyone is invited.
- **"Constitution Day":** Tomorrow students are encouraged to wear red, white and blue outfits to school as a way to commemorate "Constitution Day" in America. Throughout this week teachers have been engaging students in learning activities that have helped students familiarize themselves with the Preamble and the importance of our Constitution.
- **Early Release of Students:** This Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, students will be released at 10:30. Teachers will finish out the day completing DoDDS required training sessions.
- **Box Tops:** The PTA is "Collecting Box Tops for Education" and is asking parents to send these in with their student. Every month the class that has contributed the most box tops will be hosted to a special event by the PTA. Mrs. A. T. is the Box Top Chairperson.
- **Birthdays:** Student birthdays are celebrated with cup cakes in the cafeteria on the first Monday of each month. Mrs. K. C. is the baker and we thank her for making our students feel very special.
- **Bicycles on School Grounds:** Based on safety reasons we ask that students not bring their bicycles on school grounds during the school day.
- **Bus Passes:** Students who have lost a bus pass or forgotten it at home may get a temporary bus pass for that day from Mrs. S. or Ms. Crooks. We recommend that students not cross RomerStrasse after school for safety reasons. Cars travel fast on that street and often they try to beat the yellow light. We want to keep our children safe.

Fall is definitely in the air and soon we will be able to look up at the Heidelberg hills and enjoy 'the changing of the colors.' Again, many thanks for your support and for trusting us with your children,

Respectfully,  
Dolly Crooks/Principal

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Sock Hop
- ◆ Mock Election
- ◆ Book Parade

## Counselor Corner



The purpose of a newsletter is to provide specialized information to a targeted audience. A school newsletter can be a great way to develop a strong relationship with parents.

First choose a short title for your newsletter— something like "School News," or "Back to School." As you choose the title, also take time to think about the newsletter's theme. What important messages do you want to

send parents and families?

Next, establish how much time and money you can spend on your newsletter. These factors will help determine how frequently you publish the newsletter and its length.

Use the body of your school newsletter to keep parents apprised of major assignments and class events, as well as of any school district news.

## Nurse's Station

Dear Parents and Sponsors,

Welcome to Mark Twain Elementary School.

I am excited to begin a new school year with so many new families.

As the school nurse I try to keep up with the health and medical pulse of the schools and the community.

MTES is such a comfortable school to work in, reflecting that sense of comfort in the happiness and comfort level of the students. They are a healthy and happy group of children.

In order for me to do my job as school nurse I ask a few things of you, the parents:

Please call me if you have any concerns for the health and well being of your child

My number is DSN 3706912 CIV 06221576912.

Please know that I will call you if your child is sick and needs to be seen by another health practitioner or needs to go home.

That is why the new **orange emergency information form** is kept in my office for important and emergency health related phone calls.

I cannot give out any medicines to your child unless the proper paperwork is filled out and on file in my office.

I do have snacks in my office if your child forgets theirs.

I do hope that when your child is missing their jacket, hat or lunchbox you will have him/her check the lost and found. Please label your child's stuff.

Please do not send your child to school medicated and with a fever as the medicine has just reduced the symptoms and not the illness. It is not good for their health or the health of the school.

Please do send your child to school with a refillable water bottle and snack. Growing kids need food and water to keep healthy, just like your plants and pets.

Please remember that every day is a new day and we have the opportunity to start with a fresh mind and a fresh heart.

Have a great year.

Nurse C.



**Nursing Station**

## PTA News Prints

Coming Soon!



School Mascot

## Featured "Person of the Month"

*MTES Student Interns-  
C. M. & K. B.*

## PTA UPCOMING EVENTS!

- T-Shirt Sales-On Going!
- Sock Hop
- Mock Election
- Book Character Parade

### A Note from our Student Interns:

We are so very excited to have the opportunity to come to beautiful Heidelberg and work at Mark Twain Elementary School! Coming from Washington State University, we have high ambitions and we have been warmly welcomed to our new home. We know that after completing our internship here, we will be fully prepared to continue positively impacting our students' learning experiences. Thank you to everyone that has been so kind and welcoming to us!

C. M. & K. B.  
Student Interns from  
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**Go Cougs!**

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### VISION

Communities investing in success for ALL students!

### MISSION

The Mission: Through a partnership with parents and the community, we will provide a safe school environment as we inspire a life-long desire for learning and knowledge by promoting mutual respect, instilling responsibility, and preparing students for a culturally diverse society.



## School Calendar 2008 - 2009



8/25/08	First Day of School
9/1/08	Labor Day- Federal Holiday
10/13/08	Columbus Day- Federal Holiday
10/30/08	End of First Quarter
10/30/08	"Book Character Day Parade"
10/30/08	PTA Sock Hop
10/31/08	No School for students- Teacher Work Day
11/3/08	Begin Second Quarter
11/6/08	Parent/Teacher Conferences
11/7/08	Parent/Teacher Conferences
11/11/08	Veterans Day- Federal Holiday
11/27/08	Thanksgiving- Federal Holiday
11/28/08	No School- Recess Day
12/10/08	PTA General Meeting/Winter Concert
12/22/08	No School- Begin Winter Recess
1/5/09	Instruction Resumes
1/19/09	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Federal Holiday
1/22/09	End of Second Quarter & First Semester
1/23/09	No School for Students - Teacher Work Day
1/26/09	Begin Third Quarter & Second Semester
1/30/09	Parent/Teacher Conferences
2/16/09	Presidents' Day - Federal Holiday
4/2/09	End of Third Quarter
4/3/09	No School for Students - Teacher Work Day
4/6/09	Spring Recess
4/13/09	Instruction Resumes
4/17/09	Parent/Teacher Conferences
5/25/09	Memorial Day- Federal Holiday
6/11/09	Last Day of School for Students
6/12/09	Teacher Work Day