

# Twain Times

Twain Families –

Turkey time is here!! We sure are enjoying the wonderful fall weather, but we can't believe how quickly the year is passing. November is another busy month here at Mark Twain. Here are some highlights:

**Parent/Teacher Conference week is November 7 – 10.** Please contact your child's teacher if you need to make an appointment or forgot when you scheduled your conference. If something happens and you are unable to make it- please call and let us know so we can reschedule. This is an important time for the teacher to connect with parents regarding each student's progress. Our goal is 100% participation from parents.

**Eat with a Veteran/Soldier Week is November 7 – 10.** This is an opportunity to honor our friends and family who have or are currently serving our country in the armed forces. Students are encouraged to invite veterans or active military friends and family to eat with them during their regular lunch time. Our guests may eat a school lunch on us or bring in their own lunch. Students love to see our soldiers in uniforms.

**Math Night is November 14th 5:30 – 7:00 pm.** This is a wonderful evening filled with fun (YES – FUN) math games and activities. Dinner will be provided by South Haven. Families with students in grades k-5 are encouraged to attend and enjoy the math activities we have planned. Come as a family and have a great night!

PTA has scheduled a **Clothing Drive** for November 7-10 and the **Reflections** program is in full swing.

Believe it or not...there are more events going on this month ! You can check out the calendar for more information.

A sincere thank you to our many volunteers and supporters—Sam's Club for classroom grants to teachers, Mr. Wear's for leading the All Pro Dads program, McDonald's for providing the breakfast for All Pro Dads, Vicki Boyer and Kelly Hess for coordinating the Book Fair, and South Haven for their continued support of our students, teachers, and Mark Twain community. We truly appreciate all of your time and effort.

Sincerely,  
Stacye Manlove  
Principal – Mark Twain Elementary  
[smanlove@spsmail.org](mailto:smanlove@spsmail.org)

Congratulations to Ms. Wood's class and Mrs. Snapp's class who won the PTA membership drive!!!  
If you haven't joined PTA it is not too late to show your support for Mark Twain!

**Please see the  
calendar for  
important dates  
and upcoming  
events!!**

## STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Student Council will be adopting a Zoo Animal during our November 2 meeting. All classrooms have voted, and we will compile those votes during the meeting to see which animal we will sponsor this year. Be watching future Twain Times to see who we adopt! Student Council also planted Fall flowers in the three flower pots in the front of the school during the month of October.

In December, Student Council supports two community projects: Newborns In Need and the annual Season of Sharing project. Students at Mark Twain will have the opportunity to make a difference by donating a dollar to Newborns in Need in exchange for coloring a stocking that will be displayed in the front of the school. And students will have opportunities to bring in canned goods and other non perishable food items for families we will be adopting through the Holiday Center. Last year, Mark Twain was able to provide a ham or turkey, plus additional food to 6 families. Be watching for more information about these great opportunities to support our community.

Just a reminder the Student Council School Store is open Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30-8:55 for school supply needs. Money raised through the school store helps support our community projects like Season of Sharing. All items at the school store range from \$0.50 to \$2.00.

### ATTENTION PARENTS OF 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS: TRANSFER INFORMATION

*5<sup>th</sup> Grade or 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents-If you desire for your child to attend a middle (or high) school OTHER than the school that serves your address, a transfer request form must be completed. Transfers are approved based on building capacity and the order in which the transfers are received. The transfer forms may be picked up in Mrs. Manlove's office. The transfer form needs to be completed and sent to the principal **of the school the child is requesting to attend. It is the responsibility of the parent/legal guardian to send the transfer form to the requested school. 5th to 6th Grade and 8th to 9th Grade Transfer requests must be submitted to the principal of the school to which you wish to transfer no later than 3:00 p.m. Friday December 2, 2011.***

### PE News

I would like to recognize our Mark Twain Golf Team. These students competed in a city-wide golf tournament between other elementary schools. We earned 5<sup>th</sup> place out of 11 schools and received \$100 towards our PE program. They did an amazing job!

Clayton Haire

Jackson Brody

Jordan Bristol

Joseph Bartkowiak

Ashley Moore

Saylor Wooten

Running Club: Thursday 3:35-4:30. Please pick your child up at 4:30.

Step Club: Tuesday/Thursday morning from 8:00-8:20



Crosslines is providing holiday assistance to families in the Springfield Public Schools. You may apply for : Thanksgiving food, Christmas food, Christmas toys. For more information, please call 865-5810 or go to [www.ccozarks.org](http://www.ccozarks.org)

# Notes from the Librarian

## Thank You

We did it! We sold enough books to qualify us for our Buy-One-Get-One Book Fair in the spring! A big thank you to all the volunteers that made our Book Fair a huge success! We couldn't do it without you! A special thanks to Vickie Boyer and Kelly Hess for being co-chairpersons for the Book Fair!



Reading is Out of This World

Thanks again,  
Ms. Huff

## Counselor Corner

During Classroom Guidance Visits students are learning about conflict resolving and the importance of using an "I feel Message" when communicating their feelings.

An "I feel message" sounds like: *I feel \_\_\_\_\_ when \_\_\_\_\_.*

In grades 3-5 lunch groups are forming for students interested in learning more about these topics:

- Friendships
- Divorce
- self-esteem
- controlling anger in a healthy way

If your third through fifth grader would like to participate in a lunch group, he or she can fill out a form located in the classroom or in the green folder on the counselor's door. A permission slip will be sent home once the groups are ready to begin. If you have questions please feel free to contact me, Julie Baxter, School Counselor 523-4360.



### Staff of the Month-

Congratulations to Ms. Bax and Ms. Huff! Both teachers were selected to receive our "Staff of the Month" award. Comments from fellow staff members:

-Ms. Bax knows her students well—she knows where they're at with their learning. She's extremely dedicated and it shows up in so many areas.

-Ms. Huff goes above and beyond to help students and teachers utilize the library to its full capacity. Her lessons with the kids are amazing.

Way to go Ms. Bax and Ms. Huff! We are thrilled to have you here at Mark Twain Elementary!

### FROM the Health Room:

The Tooth Truck will be at Twain the week of December 12. See Nurse Deason for an application or questions. To qualify:

- Ages 3-13
- Qualify for free/reduced meal plan
- Not currently under the care of a dentist
- Have not been seen by the Tooth Truck staff in the last two years

#### Flu Clinic

At this time, the flu vaccine will be available to Mark Twain students on November 16. We will have only one clinic at school. More information, along with permission forms, will be coming home soon.

#### Clothing Bank

The district clothing bank is open on Wednesdays and is available to all students k-12. The Clothing Bank will close for a few weeks in December. Ask for a voucher to go to the Clothing Bank. You may go up to three times a school year.

#### Lost & Found

Our Lost and Found rack is overflowing. Make sure your child has his/her name in jackets and lunchboxes. Check out the rack if you think your child has misplaced an item.

A big THANK YOU to all the parents who volunteered during the Health Fair! If your child's card indicated a re-check, those will be done soon. If you have questions or concerns, please call me.

Nurse Deason

# *Student Relocation Information*

Date: October 31, 2011

To: All Parents of Twain Elementary School  
From: Stacye Manlove, Principal  
Subject: Emergency Relocation Information

We hope at Twain that we never have to relocate students from the building due to a manmade or natural emergency. Due to the many situations that might occur, it is possible that this may become necessary. In our school crisis planning, we have tried to anticipate every possible type of event that might occur.

Should we have a need to evacuate the school and move students to another temporary location, we have made arrangements to move to South Haven Baptist Church. If that building is unavailable, we will move students to The Gardens.

If we have to move students to another location, please understand that it will be very hectic. Consequently, we would ask that you not call or come to the school building. Instead, please go to the alternate site to pick up your child. To ensure the utmost safety of all involved, we would require you to show a valid picture ID in order to sign your child out. This will allow us to account for all students.

Your patience will be greatly appreciated in the event that this ever becomes necessary.