



Twain Weekly update for the week of 6/1/2020

Dear Twain Families,

Good evening. It's hard to believe that tomorrow is the first day of June! As we finish up these final two weeks of school, we have a lot going on. It's important that our students continue to log in to itslearning, attend their GoToMeetings, and connect with their teachers and classmates virtually during these last few weeks. Though we are winding down, school is not over yet!

This update contains a LOT of information. Please take a few moments to read it all over carefully.

Virtual Field Day

Please share the video below from Mrs. Lipski (and our staff) with your students. It's a fun way to get them excited about our virtual field day, and we think they'll really enjoy the video, too! Then, have them read this over to get directions to participate: [Twain Water Bucket Challenge Information.pdf](#)

- Video link from YouTube (for parents): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cxMNWZtqeg4>
- Video link from EdPuzzle (for kids): <https://edpuzzle.com/media/5ed40a3564a9e03f54bcc772>

Student videos are due by THIS THURSDAY. If you have questions, please reach out to Mrs. Lipski at Melissa.lipski@fraserk12.org

June 5th – Student Item Pick-Up Day

I hope you saw the email that went to all families Friday morning regarding our scheduled day for families to pick up any belongings your child(ren) may have left at Twain prior to the closure. Additionally, any school materials (library books, classroom books, etc.) should be returned to Twain at this time. Please take a moment to read some more details about that day:

Safety Measures

To keep all families and staff safe, you **must** remain in your vehicle the entire time. Staff will be wearing masks and will practice social distancing as they bring you your student's items and collect any that you may have to turn in.

The Plan

Families should follow the designated window set up by the district to alleviate unnecessary traffic or wait time. In addition, we will be taking advantage of Twain's two front lots to keep the lines moving quicker:

- Families with students in grades Kindergarten to 2nd Grade should use the NORTH lot (the bus loop) during their assigned time.
- Families with students in 3rd to 6th Grade should use the MAIN lot during their assigned time.
- Families with students in multiple grade levels can choose either lot during their assigned time.

The Schedule:

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| • Last Names A-F | 10:00a.m. - 11:30 a.m. |
| • Last Names G-L | 11:30a.m. - 1:00 p.m. |
| • Last Names M-R | 1:00p.m. - 2:30 p.m. |
| • Last Names S-Z | 2:30p.m. - 4:00 p.m. |

What to Expect:

1. Families will pull up at their designated time to their assigned lot and share the last name of their child(ren) so that our staff can retrieve your items.
2. As you wait for your child(ren)'s materials, staff will collect any school property including:
 - Classroom books, materials, resources

- Twain Library Books
 - District Provided Band Instruments (5th and 6th Grade ONLY)
 - Safety Belts
3. If you still have medicine at school, please contact Mrs. Holtyn BEFORE Friday, so we can have it ready. She can be reached at regina.holtyn@fraserk12.org
 4. Band families who did not yet pick up their candy may do so at this time. (If you're unsure, please contact Mrs. Huysentruyt.)

Lost & Found

We will **not** have a Lost & Found area set up on this day. However, if you are concerned about specific missing items, we encourage you to reach out to your child's classroom teacher so they can see if it was left in the classroom or contact Mrs. Holtyn with specific item details in case they're found around the building.

Yearbooks

As of now, we have **not** received yearbooks and do not yet have a scheduled ship date. If they happen to arrive this week, we will hand them out Friday. More than likely, though, we will have to set up a second pick-up date later in the summer when they finally arrive. Lifetouch was shut down for much of the past few months due to being non-essential, so they are doing their best to get caught up. We will keep you posted.

District iPads are NOT Being Collected This Year

Our hope is that students will utilize their devices throughout the summer and take advantage of summer learning opportunities. The district will be posting suggested grade-level appropriate activities for families who would like their students to keep engaged in learning this summer. In addition, students participating in our Remote Summer School program will also need devices.

*Please Note – If you know already that your child is **NOT** returning to Fraser Public Schools next year, please contact Mrs. Khoury ASAP to coordinate the return of your child's iPad, charging block, and cord. She can be reached at jean.khoury@fraserk12.org*

Information for 6th Grade Families

If you want to order a lawn sign for your 6th grader, all orders must be submitted **by midnight tonight**. I will contact you as soon as I have a confirmed date for pick-up. More than half of our 6th grade families have already ordered, so if you're still hoping to order a sign, make sure you do this evening! Here's the link: <https://mascela-marktwain2020celebration.itemorder.com/sale>

Also, please watch your email for information about our end of the year activities for our 6th Graders. We have a few special things planned just for our 6th graders, and I will be sending information about it early this week!

And Finally, a Few Words from My Heart...

As you all know, we care very much about our Comets and their academic development. I hope you also know that we care just as much about their social and emotional development. We are invested in the people they are and the people that they are growing into. We love them and want the best for them. That's why we have put such a large emphasis on teaching respect and kindness through our PBIS program. It's why we work hard to teach about acceptance and appreciating differences through our Peer to Peer program. It's also why we have committed as a staff to building relationships and helping kids learn to repair harm through Restorative Practices.

During this week in particular, I want to share that a personal goal of mine is to continue our work in creating a culturally responsive environment at Twain so that all students and families know that they are valued, appreciated, and accepted. I'm heartbroken by the injustice we continue to see in our world, but I am hopeful that this is the generation that will move us toward acceptance and equality. Our children have the potential to help create a more just, peaceful future for all people, and I hope that your children's time at Mark Twain will help prepare them to do that.

As always, we miss all of our Comets and families so much, and we hope that you are remaining healthy and well. Please reach out to me or another member of our staff if you are experiencing hardship, loss, or need support in any way. This has not been the school year we would have hoped for, but I'm proud of our students, families, and staff for doing the best we can with a tough situation. Let's finish strong for these final two weeks! I look forward to seeing most of you on Friday, June 5th.

Take care,

Laura Woods
Principal
Mark Twain Elementary