



## Twain Weekly update for the week of 3/2/2020

Happy March and Happy Monday, Twain Families:

This week we kick off our March is Reading Month activities at Twain. We invite everyone to participate in our month-long emphasis on the importance of reading. Students will be coming home today with information about our "Wild About Reading" activities including our building-wide competition based on reading goals, a bookmark design contest, and a family reading night **on Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>** that we hope you will make a priority to attend with your child(ren). It is SO important that students are reading at home and that you are reading with your kids, so we hope this will be a wonderful month for our Comets and their families to get into some great reading routines together. Please take a moment to read more about the importance of reading with your kids here: <http://bit.ly/ReadingReportTwain>

We also have two half days this week on **Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>** and **Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>** for Teacher Records' Day. These days are 12:00 pm dismissals, and lunch will not be served, but latchkey is available to registered families. Spring Conferences will take place on **Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>** in the afternoon and evening. Spring conferences are by request only. If your child's teacher is requesting a conference at this time, you should receive a letter by this afternoon. If you'd like to request a conference, the sign-up links will be sent out to all families on Wednesday.

Next week, we will be hosting our March Scholastic Book Fair in the Media Center. Students will have the opportunity to shop during classes on **March 11<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>**. Parents will have an opportunity to shop during conference on March 12<sup>th</sup> or online using this link: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/marktwain2020>. All proceeds from our book fairs benefit our Media Center and our students, so it's a great cause, AND it allows you to support and encourage your student's love of reading!

Finally, I hope you took a moment to read Ms. Wozniak's email that came out on Friday about measures we're taking in Fraser Public Schools to try to keep students healthy. Handwashing will continue to be a huge focus for us at Mark Twain since we know this is one of our best strategies for avoiding most illnesses, including influenza and coronavirus. In addition, we ask that you continue to do your part by keeping students home if they are sick, have had a fever in the past 24 hours, etc. While it's important that students be in school learning whenever they are healthy enough to do so, it's even more important that contagious students keep their germs at home. (As always, if your child misses school for illness and sees a doctor, please send your doctor's note in so we can code the absence as documented.)

***Calling in an Absence:*** Please call the 24-hour attendance line at 586-439-6990. (This is a 24-hour recorded line for the most accurate reporting. All absences including sickness should be reported through this line.)

### **This Week**

- Monday, 3/2 – "Wild About Reading" Kickoff Assembly
- Tuesday, 3/3 – Second Trimester ROCKStar Breakfast (by invitation only) – 7:45 to 8:30 am
- Wednesday, 3/4 – February PBIS Incentive
- Thursday, 3/5 – Half Day (noon dismissal), MTPC Chuck E. Cheese event, & Winter Wonderland Dance at Infinity Hall (must have pre-purchased tickets to attend)
- Friday, 3/6 – Half Day (noon dismissal)

## Looking Ahead

- Tuesday, 3/10 – Rescheduled Early Release from snow day (1:30 pm dismissal, lunch served)
- Wednesday- Friday, 3/11-3/13 – Scholastic Book Fair
- Thursday, 3/12 – Spring Conferences (by request) and Half Day (noon dismissal)
- Friday, 3/13 – Bookmark Contest artwork due
- Thursday, 3/26 – Spring Picture Day
- Thursday, 3/26 – “Wild About Reading” Family Reading Night (6:00 to 7:30pm)
- Monday, 4/6 to Friday, 4/10 – Spring Break – NO SCHOOL

**Attendance Line:** (586)439-6990 - 24 hours/ 7 days

**Twain Website:** <https://www.fraser.k12.mi.us/Twain>