



Twain Weekly update for the week of 3/30/2020

Dear Twain Families,

As we head into our second full week of Extended Online Learning Opportunities for our students, I want to take a moment to celebrate many successes last week. During a time of intense uncertainty and anxiety, the vast majority of our Comets have been logging into itslearning, completing learning activities, and making efforts to participate in GoToMeetings with our teachers. We know what a difficult time this is for all of our families, and we appreciate the efforts you're making to keep your kids engaged in some normalcy with learning activities and virtual meet-ups. We expect to hear more about the what the rest of the school year might look like this week from our Governor's office. In the meantime, we know that it is good for our Comets to have routines, to keep their minds busy, and most importantly, to stay connected with their teachers, classmates, and school community as much as possible.

As much as you are able, please continue to help your students to log in and stay connected. If a teacher reaches out to you – through email, Remind text, phone, etc. – please try your best to be responsive as we are all interested in making sure we are connecting with all of our families. Our staff loves your kids, and we want to continue to check in with them and you to make sure you're all doing okay. We understand many of you have work responsibilities, financial stresses, and/or health concerns that you must tend to. Our goal is to offer support and patience as we all try to navigate this challenging time together.

Reminders

- In addition to doing the assigned activities for their classroom teachers, please also encourage your child(ren) to check to click on "Specials" link at the top of their EOLO page to find activities each week to be completed for PE, HEART, Art, Music, 21st Century, and Band (if your student is in Band.)
- If you are having tech issues, please use the following link to reach out to our district for assistance: <http://bit.ly/TechAssistanceForm>
- Breakfast and lunch are being served at Twain each weekday from 10-11am and at FHS from 9am to Noon. These meals **WILL** continue over Spring Break during April 6th through 10th.
- For district information related to Covid-19: https://www.fraser.k12.mi.us/COVID-19_Coronavirus
- For updated EOLO information: <https://www.fraser.k12.mi.us/domain/451>

This Week

- Fraser Public Schools has partnered with CARE to present a virtual Lunch and Learn on **Tuesday, March 31st**, at 11:00am called *Talking to Kids About Covid-19*. I have [attached the flyer](#) with the information and registration details if you are interested.
- This Thursday, April 2nd, is **World Autism Awareness Day**. Although we would love the opportunity to celebrate with our Comets in person, we have a plan in place to acknowledge our students who are on the Autism Spectrum. Ms. Lenard and Mrs. Sarnowski will be reading a book to raise awareness of ASD and how it may impact students at school. You will find that read-aloud on our Mark Twain Facebook page on Thursday. We also encourage all of our Comets to help us "light it up blue" by wearing a blue shirt and showing their individuality through their unique hairstyles or accessories. Please post your pictures to the Twain Facebook page in the comments under the video they'll be posting Thursday! If you haven't yet connected to our Facebook page, we encourage you to do so here: <http://fb.me/TeamTwainFraser>

I hope you are all staying safe at home as much as possible and that you are remaining healthy. Our staff misses our Twain families, and we are thinking of your health and well-being during this time.

Take Care,

Laura Woods
Principal
Mark Twain Elementary