

April 25, 2025

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

The next two Friday nights are very exciting.

Tonight we have the San Miguel Talent show starting at 6:30. Next Friday will be the BBQ and movie night. The movie that will be shown is an oldie, but a favorite, 'A Bug's Life'. Since it is now lighter later, the movie won't begin until 8:00, so feel free to come just for the BBQ if the movie is too late.

Warm regards,

Patrick Eagle



board meeting to find out how you can help. Please feel free to email Kara Kaufman at kkaufman@mwusd.org if you would like to learn more.

UPCOMING DATES

4/25/25 - Talent Show Performance, 6:30

5/2/25 - Movie night, Walk in 6:30, Dinner 6:30, Drive in 7:30

5/15/25 - Open House

5/16/25 - No School, unused emergency day

5/26/25 - Memorial Day, School Holiday

6/4/25 - Field Day

6/5/25 - Last Day of School 😞

6/9-6/27 - [Summer Enrichment Academy](#)

DRIVE IN/WALK IN MOVIE

On Friday, May 2nd, we'll host a Drive-In movie night at San Miguel thanks to a generous neighbor. In addition, the PTO is sponsoring a BBQ dinner (grilled hot dogs and hamburgers) before the movie, starting at 6:30. Cars will be let in at 7:30, walk-ins with chairs can come in at 6:30.

BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Book Fair Volunteers needed the week of May 12th through the 15th! Please sign up for multiple slots if you're available to help! Feel free to contact Shilo at snicholls@mwusd.org. [Click here to sign up.](#) Thank you!

PTO UPDATE

Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up in a few weeks. Below is a link to sign up and help how you can! There are many ways to help, from picking up an item and dropping it off at school, showing up to help set up a meal for the staff, and even helping to decorate our school to honor our staff! Teacher Appreciation Week: [Sign up here](#) We have 4 open positions on the board. These positions are necessary in order to keep the PTO a successful, thriving, group. The positions available are: President, Vice President, Secretary and Parliamentarian. If you are interested or would like more information on any of these positions please contact Mika Holman at mika.holman@gmail.com.

A 'NOTE' FROM THE MUSIC TEACHER

Music classes will continue until mid-May for 4th-, 5th-, and 6th-grade music students. Please help music students be on time to class, bring their instruments, bring their books/folders, and practice regularly! Students will be most successful in music if all four of these goals are met each week. Everyone will have at least one more performance in mid-May, and several groups will also have the chance to perform at Music Appreciation Day at the LBC Farmer's Market on Saturday, May 17. Flyers about final performances will go home soon! The music program is supported by the Mark West Education Foundation. If any parents or community members are interested in doing more to support music and arts education in the Mark West district, please consider joining us at our next

A NOTE FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE REGARDING AMS

Dear Mark West Union School District Families:

In November of 2022, the voters of California approved Proposition 28, The Arts and Music in Schools (AMS) initiative, that provides additional funding for arts education in California public schools. In order to develop a robust program for our students, the District gathered input from our students, staff, and families regarding their preferences related to visual and performing arts. This input will be incorporated into the development of our Visual and Performing Arts program that will compliment the music program already in place for our students. The District is very excited this program will be offered to our students beginning in the 2025-26 school year and looks forward to supporting our new highly qualified Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) teacher and introducing her to the Mark West Union School District family!

Regarding computer labs at our elementary school sites, these were introduced in our district over twenty years ago when computers were not available to students in the classroom. Given that our students readily have access to Chromebooks etc. in their classrooms, the need for computer labs has lessened. The District values every minute of the school day and made the decision to align with the voters of California and the VAPA program will supplant students attending computer labs. Our highly qualified teaching staff teaches all Common Core State Standards including the Computer Science Standards for California Schools. Often these standards are embedded into daily lessons that incorporate technology. Lastly, computer science and visual/performing arts can be used in conjunction with one another as well and often are in today's world.

The Mark West Union School District continues to value supporting the "whole" child in our district and strives to achieve our vision of ensuring that all students receive an empowering education that will enable them to achieve their personal best, be prepared in skill and mindset for the challenges of the future, and become compassionate, socially responsible, and productive members of our diverse community.