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Principal

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**Student of the Month:** Congratulations to the following students who were chosen by their teachers as AWESOME for the following months:

Room #	September	October
101	Julian Rivera	Ashley Delgadillo
102	Brianna Macias	Citlali Ochoa
103	Santiago Padilla	Leonardo Franco
104	Isis Garcia	Jayden Rivera
105	Luis Ruiz	Brianna Castro
106	Sofia Martinez	Jayden Nunez
107	Emma Crowley	Daniel Corona
109	Dominic Furco	Ariel Romero
111	Kayleen Alvarez	Ezequiel Cisneros
166	Jayleen Perez	Lucas Herrera
167	Christian Galvan	Jaime Zapata
168	Cristina Rios	Xavier Gomez
169	Veronica Uchanski	Meghan Orr
201	Kristy Tapia	Edgar Cabrera
202	Jessica Johns	Sebastian Villagomez
203	Jayla Delgado	Briana Lopez
204	Priscilla Gonzalez	Julio Martinez
205	Nevaeh Leno	Jayden Lara
206	Victor Leal	Anabelle Luna
207	Lyndsey Herrera	Angelo Trevino
208	Kylie Vazquez	Angelo Hernandez
209	Karen Macias	Osvaldo Castro
210	Azalia Gonzalez	Angel Vazquez
211	Sarah Herrera	Jorge Toledo
213	Michael Manriquez	Natalie Calderon
214		Darren Quezada
250	Melodie Almazan	Joshua Hernandez
255	Adan Tapia-Colin	Joselyn Rojas
257	Noelani Elizalde	Valentino Hernandez
259	Grace Escutia	Alejandro De Santiago
261	Emiliano Padilla-Plascencia	Mia Espinosa
262	Aaliyah Garza	Juan Salgado
263	Lisette Vela	Maxamillion Kalafut
264	Brenda Castro-Macias	Elizabeth Hernandez
265	Diego Dominguez	Hayley Gonzalez
266	Kevin Blancas	Sherlyn Garibay
267	Melissa Tapia	Alondra Dionicio
268	Nicole Hamilton	Nicole Brzezinska
269		Aldo Mendoza

***Keep up the good work!***



**Honor Roll:** We proudly announce the names of students in grades 3-8 who earned **highest academic honors** in the first quarter. They received all A's in the major subjects and no less than B in every other area. BRAVO!

Grade 3: Mateo Atilano, Naima Saldivar, David Solarczyk, Gabriel Aguilar, Melanie Garcia, Alejandro Munoz, Sebastian Carabez

Grade 4: Emilia Bielanski, Fernanda Portales, Katarzyna Stachowska, Scarlett Arroyo, Yaire Espinoza-Diaz, Gabriela Campa, Ivan Sanchez, Alejandro De Santiago, Karol Zagorski

Grade 5: Anna Barajar, Alondra Galvan, Fernando Rocha, Samantha Covarrubias, Maxamillion Kalafut, Christina Murillo, Emily Palafox, Aylene Perez, Oliwia Sarna, Leonardo Maldonado, Amelia Zarowny, Alondra Dionicio

Grade 6: Paulina Grela, Esther Komperda, Lizette Serrano, John Delgado, Yamilet Garcia, Jazmin Hernandez, Emiliano Munoz, Lezly Andrade, Sofia Arroyo, Diego Lagunas, Adrian Mroz, Ariana Saldivar, Nicole Brzezinska, Christopher Hernandez, Meleena Salgado, Patrycja Topor

Grade 7: Lyssette Duran, Karen Macias, Annie Rybarova, Joanna Soltys

Grade 8: Klaudia Gasienica, Rafal Michalczak, Andrea Banuelos, Caitlin Bitunjac, Daniel Bogdal, Crystal Campos, Andrew Diaz, Priscilla Gonzalez, Antonio Guevara, Lizzette Gutierrez, Jakub Kowalkowski, Kasia Kuruc, Jacob Laboy, Jada Oliver, Attzy Rodriguez, Victoria Rodriguez, Lisa Soto-Sida, Amelia Spirczak, Ashley Tapia, Imani Williams

**Principal's List:** Kudos to the following students in grades 3-8 who are also to be commended for their academic achievement: no grade lower than B in all areas. Keep up the great work!

Grade 3: Jazmine Torres-Mata, Arnold Suarez, Ana Mendoza, Briana Godinez, Lesli Garcia-Sanchez, David Garcia, Hector Franco, Laisha Delgadillo, Jayden Avelar, Francisco Infante, Paulina Lesnicki, Adrian Ortiz, Leilani Reyes, Sebastian Villagomez, Sebastian Bahena, Anahi Cahue, Sophia Celis, Kacper Grela, Natalia Gutierrez, Gissele Macias, Alejandro Perez, Jacquelynn Rocha, Octavian Solis, Sophia Vasquez, Edward Wapniarski, Jorge Covarrubias, Amy Carrasco, Diego Diaz, Marco Flores, Nevaeh Leno, Sebastian Madrigal, Eilen Medina, Breanna Murillo, Leslie Nunez, Alitzel Rangel, Damaris Salto, Breanna Cahue

Grade 4: Maya Atilano, Joanna Benitez Nunez, Andrzej Blachuta, Luis Collado, Dael Garzon, Isabella Gonzalez, Joshua Hernandez, Elisa Liera-Calderon, Debahni Martinez, Max Menchaca, Robert Nunez, Perla Rodriguez, Michael Sudekis, Luis Valdez, Emiliano Valdivia, Bianca Arroyo, Noelani Elizalde, N'Dyia Mahon-Godfrey, Dayanara Marinez, Alejo Martinez, Jaden Rivera, Meleny Rodriguez, Santino Schraer, Patryck Torres, Camelot Yepez, Isabelle Ascencio, Leah Juarez, Nayeli Lopez, Noveli Lopez, Amber Miller, Mia Nagamine, Vanessa Nino, Jiana Soler, Iveth Barcenas, Lesly Contreras, Brissa Espino, Luis Jimenez, Francisco Martinez, Mauer Nalewajko, Angel Ocon, Aldahir Perez, Dalleline Uribe, Denise Zavala, Eduardo Vargas, Cesar Herrera, Diego Perez

Grade 5: Madeline Bitunjac, Mia Espinoza, Constanza Guzman, Everardo Guzman, Rocco Kalafut, Renata Marusarz, Kimberly Michalec, Marco Padilla, Emiliano Padilla, Karime Preciado, Richard Vargas, Angela Vazquez, Karol Bednarz, Jocelyn DelaTorre, Amparo DePaz, Jakub Naglak, Lisette Vela, Diego Dominguez, Hayley Gonzalez, Hank Hyzny, Alexander Salgado, Jan Spirczak, Antonio Caballero, Braulio Castro, Jessica Tapia, Melissa Tapia, Carl Maczka

Grade 6: Nadia Cahue, Alexia Campos, Jorge Collado, Lena Coronado, Lindsey Mendoza, Mia Millan, Narda Preciado, Vicente Rodriguez, Julissa Torres-Mata, Eduardo Sandoval, Jocelyn Barraza, Brenda Castro-Macias, Laura Diaz, Andres Duarte, Elizabeth Hernandez, Citlaly Hernandez-Mendoza, Emily Laboy, Amelia Palarz, Cassandra Rangel, Elias Vasquez, Anahi Rodriguez, Khari Anderson, Joshua Arceo, David Arredondo, Guadalupe Cahue, Eriq Medina, Rubi Perales, Olivia Potoczak, Alyssa Raber, Daniela Silva, Kevin Blancas, Isabel Castillo, Alia Castro, Samantha Deantes, Casey Kwiatkowski, Jordan Ptak, Jeremiah Reyes, Sophia Sanchez, Jozef Skibinski

Grade 7: Diego Aguado, Lizbeth Cisneros, Lyndsey Herrera, Kamila Martinez, Maria Martinez, Julia Pattermann, Claudia Solorzano, Angelo Trevino, Osvaldo Castro, Dulce Dominguez, Vanessa Garcia, Natalia Machaj, Alexander Mojica, Krystian Vazquez, Arianna Ayala, Jakub Bobak, Gisel Garcia, Jacob Kulawiak, Paulina Slowakiewicz, Andrew Lukanus, Daisy Salto, Carolyn Mata, Daphne Garzon, Damian Belciak

Grade 8: Kristian Alvarado, Kevin Duong, Damian Espinosa, Jesus Hernandez, David Martinez, Julio Martinez, Daisy Nieto, Leslie Porcayo, Kally Roman, Yair Sandoval, Roberto Villeda, Abril Alvarez, Alejandro Alvarez, Cristian Alvarez, Jazmin Amaro, Juan Cahue, Luz Cortez, Destiny Duran, Leonardo Flores, Felipe Gonzalez, Merci Jurevis, Victor Leal, Anabelle Luna, Andrzej Machaj, Marco Martinez, Nathan Miller, Andre Mojica, Ingrid Nava, Julian Sanchez, Liliana Sanchez, Daisy Silva, Haila Yousef, Angeli Zacarias, Nicholas Cervantes, Maria Flores, Christian Jaimes, Mariela Lopez, Jennifer Noriega, Christian Olavarria, Leslie Ramirez, Jonathan Rojas, Azeneth Torres, Kylie Vazquez, Brandon Armendarez, Paulina Baran, Jazlyn Barrera, Amaris Castillo, Kira Davis, Gabriel Gamez, Regina Garza, Diego Guerra, Gael Herrera, Valentino Lara, Angel Magallanes, Adolfo Marquez, Natalie Palato, Justyna Waligora, Maria Zamora



**Perfect Attendance:** We began our school year with great attendance on the first day 99%, only 13 students absent. We are very proud of this achievement and remind you that our goal is to maintain a daily attendance rate over **96%**. Please note: arriving late for school or leaving early counts against perfect attendance. If your child is sick please remember to call the school and send a note on the day he/she returns to school.

**Congratulations to the 466 students who had perfect attendance for the 1st Quarter.** Students who have perfect attendance for the entire school year will receive awards in June. The names of all students with perfect attendance this quarter were entered in a raffle for special uniform shirts. The lucky winners are:

Grade K: Michal Belciak 169

Grade 3: Paulina Lesnicki 202

Grade 6: Michael Daly 264

Grade 1: Maricruz Hernandez 103

Grade 4: Julian Romero 257

Grade 7: Daniela Tchoryk 207

Grade 2: Joshua Rodriguez 111

Grade 5: Shayla Ceballos 263

Grade 8: Federico Cedillo 208

**Book Fair Volunteers:** Twain students and staff would like to express our gratitude to the parents and community members who helped out during the book fair. Their hands-on customer service was exceptional and very much appreciated. Thank you! Guillermina Diaz, Ivan Hernandez, Hoa Nguyen, Eleazar Flores, David Szaflarski, Marina Roman, Laura Saldivar, Claudia Robles, Eloisa Negrete, Maria Gonzalez, Lauren Morales, Susan Magallanes, Sandra Montoya, Hilda Santos, Miriam Diego, Eva Duran, Teresa Bucio, Marlene Atilano, Mary Galvan, Angelika Bochenek, Viridiana Hernandez, Maria Nieto, Julia Diaz, Nickasha Wilson, Kelley Escamilla, Rosemary Lopez-Martinez, Cynthia Moreno, Marisol Campos, Teri Korolewicz, Alejandra Guzman, Suzanne Bitunjac, Sarreta Tomasello, and Ms. Gonzalez. Thanks also to **Clifford**, the big Red Dog for visiting us at Mark Twain School. Thanks also to all of the book fair shoppers. Proceeds from the book fair will be used to purchase birthday books for the students.

**Eighth Grade Volleyball Team:** Congratulations to Twain's 8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball team and their coaches Mrs. Bitunjac and Mr. Jurevis on their first win of the season in the Hale Park League. Keep on hitting and spiking your way to the top! Team members: Katarzyna Kuruc, Imani Williams, Lizzette Gutierrez, Lisa Soto-Sida, Emilia Potasnik, Merci Jurevis, Caitlin Biunjac, Amaris Castillo, Liliana Sanchez, Kira Davis, Destiny Duran, Gabriella Rosales, and Azeneth Torres.

**Happy Birthday Samuel Clemens AKA Mark Twain:** Twain will celebrate our name sake's birthday on November 30. To acknowledge Samuel Clemen's impact on literature and to promote a love of reading each student will have the opportunity to select a birthday book to keep. Please encourage your child to read daily. Readers are leaders!

**Garfield Ridge Library: Teacher-in-the-Library:** available for homework help Mon. – Thurs. Call 312-747-6094 for information.

**Science Fair:** Our annual Science Fair will be held in the school gym on Thursday and Friday, December 15th and 16th. Parents may view projects during the school day on Thursday. Winners will be announced after judging is complete. Good luck to all of our hard working students and future scientists.

**Kudos to Twain's Safety Patrol for their work keeping our corners safe each day!** 2016 Safety Patrol: Vanessa Hernandez, Rafal Michalczak, Daniel Hedger, Estrella Pena, Krystian Vazquez, Nathan Zaldo, Lesly Aguilera, Aliany Alonzo, Madeline Bitunjac, Everado Guzman, Emely Torres, Joshua Torres, Angela Vazquez, Jorge Collado, Aaliyah Garza, Jacqueline Pizano, Jada Johnson, Jesus Torres, Jacob Cusulick, Hannah Diaz, Rebecca Diaz, Anika Hedger, Max Kalafut, Brian Lukaszcyk, Jisel Sanchez, Jasmine Martinez, Anthony Santiago, Natasha Reyes, Daniel Roman, Darius Smith, Angel Hernandez, Erick Olaguez, Erick Hernandez, Aziz Motan, Vincent Viola, Daniel Guzman, Nicole Hamilton, Guadalupe Ortiz, Hector Rivero, and Ivan Urzua.

**Character Education:** The Character Education committee and Student Council are sponsoring a holiday food and toiletries drive. In December, nonperishable food and toiletries will be collected to make holiday baskets for seniors in our community. This project is done cooperatively with the Alderman's Office. The drive will begin Monday, December 12 and conclude Friday, December 16, 2016. Thank you for supporting our efforts to demonstrate the character traits of kindness and helpfulness. With your support we hope to help students' recognize the needs of others and understand the importance of supporting their community.

**Adult ESL Class:** Once again we are offering an ESL class for parents who are interested in improving their English skills. The class is held every Tuesday and Thursday morning 9:00-11:00 AM. If you would like to participate, please stop in the main office for an application and class schedule. There is no charge for the class.

**Holiday Assembly:** Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will be performing in our annual holiday assembly to be held in the school auditorium on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 1:30 PM. Santa will also be at school on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> to the pleasure of the little ones.

**Band Program:** Twain Band and Mariachi students will host an evening performance on Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> in the school auditorium at 6:00 p.m. Door #10 will be open for parents and guests at 5:30 p.m.

**Dance Club:** Dance Club students will perform in the gym for their classmates during recess on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Reading Enrichment:** The Fall Into Reading program has concluded. There were over 500 participants in Grades Pre-K through 5. They each received an "I Love Reading" pencil for their success. The "Pizza Hut Book It" program is still going on for students in grades K-6. This program will continue through March. Students who read their required number of books will receive a coupon for a free personal pan pizza! Free pizza coupons have already been passed out to students for the month of October!!

**Cell Phones:** Please be reminded of school policy and Board of Education rules in regard to cell phones. In general, students are not allowed to have cell phones in school. However, we realize some parents have given their child a phone for safety reasons. Therefore, to accommodate this concern, students with parent permission cards on file may bring their phone to the office in the morning or give it to their teacher for safekeeping until the end of the school day. Phones will be sent to the office and parents contacted if students ignore this rule.

**Uniform Note:** As the cold weather arrives, please be reminded that students may wear in school their Twain sweatshirt or a navy blue sweatshirt or solid, light blue or navy blue long sleeve garment with their uniform shirt (other colors are not considered 'uniform'). While some of the **new stretch denim/skinny jeans** are dark blue, they are not considered uniform pants and **may not** be worn to school as part of the school uniform. We sincerely appreciate the parents who ensure their child is dressed in the proper uniform each day. Please call the school if you have questions or concerns as to what is allowed.

**Safety Issues:** As the cold weather arrives and the possibility of significant snowfall increases, we remind you that Twain students are not allowed to throw snow on or around school grounds. This policy is to insure the safety of all students and adults. Many times, what is intended as harmless play leads to serious injury and we certainly do not want to see anyone hurt or property damaged because students disregard this rule. Additionally, children should not arrive at school before 8:30 a.m. There is no adult supervision before this time. Please note: students are outside from the time they arrive until the bell rings at 8:30 a.m. and again at recess if the temperature is 40 degrees or above, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the cold weather.

**Please do not leave your car double parked or blocking a driveway, garage or another car when dropping off or picking up students.** We realize parking is very challenging, but we must all do our best to be considerate of our neighbors and mindful of traffic laws because the police have issued tickets. Please note: for the safety of our students, we continue to block traffic on the 5100 block of Linder Avenue in the afternoon from 3:15 – 3:45. Cars may not drive on Linder Street when the barricades (wooden horses) are in place. Thank you so much for your cooperation and understanding.

**Parents, if your child has the need to cross Central Avenue in his/her walk to and from school, please insist that either Archer and Central or 51<sup>st</sup> and Central be used because there are traffic lights. 52<sup>nd</sup> and Central is a busy corner and very difficult to cross.....one student was hit by a vehicle last year.....she is fine but we do not want another child hurt. We have communicated our concern with the city but until something changes please use the other two corners...walking one block is a small price to pay for your child's safety.**

**Notice concerning Playground and Parking Lot:** Students may not play on the playground before school starts. This includes Kindergarten students who are waiting with their parents for the bell to ring...often the equipment is wet or conflicts arise so it is best to wait to play at recess or after school. Students may not play on the playground directly after school as well, unless their parent is present and allows them to do so. We need to be able to see which children need assistance with pick-up so students may not play on the playground instead of going directly home. While there is no supervision, if parents choose to do so, they may allow their child to come back to the playground any evening, weather permitting 4:00 – 6:00. Please note: the Teachers' parking lot may not be used as a pick-up spot for after school. It is not safe for students to walk through this lot since it is so crowded. We realize parking is a challenge but we certainly don't want any of our students to get hurt because safety rules are not closely followed.

