

**Donate to the “LDC & IB Anniversary Giving Tree” and support these wonderful programs!**



The “LDC & IB Anniversary Giving Tree” commemorative leaves are being offered this year as a way for families to show their gratitude and support of the wonderful programs that Mark Twain Elementary offers.



In celebrating the 25th anniversary of the renowned Literary Development Center (LDC) Program and the 10<sup>th</sup> year as an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, the Mark Twain PTO is installing a custom-mounted metal relief of an “LDC & IB Anniversary Giving Tree” at the entrance to the school. Commemorative leaves on the tree will only be offered during significant anniversary years.

Please support these programs and consider a tax-deductible donation. For families that donate \$500 or more, your show of gratitude will be displayed at our school with a commemorative leaf. Donations must be received by Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Leaf inscription: \_\_\_\_\_

(example: “Sally & Owen Brown” or “The Brown Family” or “Our Thanks to Mrs. Powers”)

Company Matching: Yes or No / Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to give a tax-deductible donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (must be at least \$500 for a commemorative leaf)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Please make check payable to Mark Twain PTO. Return form and payment in person to the office **or** donate online at [marktwainpto.org](http://marktwainpto.org) **or** by mail to:

Mark Twain PTO Friends and Family  
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For questions, contact Megan Rose: [meganrose72@gmail.com](mailto:meganrose72@gmail.com).

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Mark Twain Elementary PTO is a tax exempt organization 501(c)(3)

## Mark Twain Anniversary Tree

25 years - Literary Development Center  
10 years - International Baccalaureate Program

*“Why not go out on a limb? That is where the fruit is.” – Mark Twain*

The faculty and staff of Mark Twain Elementary went “out on a limb” in 1990 with a pledge to instill a love of reading and created the Literary Development Center. The LDC challenges students to read, think critically, and communicate effectively so they can connect and interpret the intricacies of the world in which we live.

In 2005, the Mark Twain community rebuilt the school and became authorized to provide the Primary Years Program of the International Baccalaureate. As an IB World School, we create a community of life-long learners, built upon a collaborative spirit that fosters inquiry-based learning.

The tree that will be installed is a symbolic reflection of the spirit and dedication of the people who created, developed and nurtured the programs that have become the heart of our school.

Installed by Mark Twain PTO Friends and Family Campaign

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