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Assistant Principal Sabrina Kovacs-Storlie

Special Treats for October

Crossing Social Boundaries

In research studies, students say the cafeteria is where social divisions are most clearly drawn. So, on Oct. 27, our students in grades 2-5 will be participating in **Mix It Up at Lunch Day**, a national effort to encourage children to identify, question and cross social boundaries.

Students will receive a token with a theme or color and then sit at the corresponding table with that same theme or color. They will also be given conversational prompts for making connections with new peers. It's a simple act with profound implications. Studies have shown that interactions across group lines can help reduce prejudice. When students interact with those who are different from them, biases and misperceptions can fall away, points out the Day's organizer, the [Teaching Tolerance Project](#) of the Southern Poverty Law Center.



Mix It Up at Lunch Day aligns perfectly with our school's focus on identifying biases within ourselves, and our goal of developing relationships across programs. It helps us keep it "REAL" (Resilient, Empathetic, Accountable, Lifelong learners) by encouraging kids to be resilient in spending some time out of their comfort zones. Parents interested in helping during this fun event: Please contact me at askovacsstorli@seattleschools.org. We need to brainstorm ideas for table themes, and create and distribute tokens to each class.

Not Halloween ... Book-o-ween!

Thurgood Marshall has a special tradition: Book-o-ween! We celebrate – this year on Friday, Oct. 30 – by asking students and staff to come dressed as their favorite book character. Start talking to your child now about their favorite books and characters. We ask that students stick to costumes that are not violent. And, no weapons– toy or otherwise – are permitted at school. We're looking forward to this fun day!

Trick-or-Treating for a Cause

We also will be participating in [Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF](#), the national campaign that empowers students and teachers to use Halloween to make the world a better place for children. Children will be able to bring home a cardboard UNICEF box (available at main office). When they go trick-or-treating, they show the box and ask for donations of cash. (The kids can still ask for candy, of course!) Trick or Treat for UNICEF has raised more than \$175 million since



1950, providing children around the world with clean water, nutrition, medicine, immunizations and education.

EVENT CALENDAR

TODAY!, Oct. 15

Family Health and Fitness Night at 5:30 p.m.

Tomorrow, Oct. 16

5th-graders return from class trip to Camp Orkila

Saturday, Oct. 16

School Board Member Stephan Blanford hosts a community meeting to take your questions. Douglass-Truth Library, 10-11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 28

Two-hour early dismissal
No after-school enrichment classes

Friday, Oct. 30

Book-o-ween
Dress like a favorite book character

Wednesday, Nov. 11

No School (Veterans Day)

Friday, Nov. 13

Fall Dance in the cafeteria

Wednesday, Nov. 18

Class Photo Day, plus individual retakes

TUTU'S PANTRY

Oct. 19-23: 4th-grade donations

THE WEEK'S NEED: jelly, pasta sauce and cereal

See www.tmlink.org for calendar updates.

Questions about the PTA or want to get more involved? Email us at pta@tmlink.org

Tonight: Food, Frolic at Health & Fitness Night

Volunteers Needed for Setup, Cleanup

Get ready to play on the rock wall, try golf, snack on creative treats, and dance along with a Zumba instructor at Health and Fitness Night! The **free** fun is at TM tonight, Oct. 15, 5:30 to 7:45 pm.

The Hope Heart Institute, Molina Healthcare and the school are sponsoring the event, which offers Zumba (5:30), free dinner (6:00) and games (6:30), as well as prizes and health tips and resources from community organizations. The entire family is welcome.

At least 10 volunteers are needed to help with setup and cleanup, and supervise activity stations. Email kjmay1@seattleschools.org to help, or just show up early or stay late.

UW Prof Discusses Issues of 'Implicit Bias'

The PTA's first general meeting of the year drew more than 60 people Tuesday night to hear a University of Washington professor speak about hidden biases we all have. In other business, Principal Katie May announced that Thurgood Marshall enrollment is at expected levels and therefore the school will not lose any staff. She also said the school's bell times may stay nearly the same next year, despite a district proposal for the TM day to start at 8:10 a.m.

The majority of the meeting featured Dr. Anthony Greenwald, a psychology professor and co-author of the book "Blindspot: Hidden Biases of Good People." Dr. Greenwald led an interactive and informative discussion on his research on implicit bias.

The PTA would like to hear from you about other suggestions for parent education at future meetings. Technology use? Positive Discipline? Amy Lang and the Birds and Bees? Please let us know what you'd like to see by writing pta@tmlink.org.



UW Professor of Psychology Anthony Greenwald spoke to some 60 people in the Cafeteria on Tuesday.

Discovering Career and College Pathways

This week Thurgood Marshall has been participating in DiscoverU! DiscoverU is an exciting week for students across Seattle and South King County to explore college and career options.

Students have been participating in conversations and activities to help them think about how education can help them reach their dreams.

Some highlights this week include students learning about their educators' college and career paths, seeing staff proudly sporting their college gear, and engaging in fun activities that encourage them to explore their futures. To help your child reach for his or her dreams, talk together regularly about education, college, and jobs that you have had or that your child might be interested in some day! Learn more at

<http://roadmaptocollege.org/discoveru/>.



Counselor's Corner
Meghan Kaloper

Interested in Orienteering?

Orienteering – a combination of cross-country racing and navigation with a map and compass—is a great way to exercise your body and mind. The Cascade Orienteering Club runs a league each year.

The season's eight events occur roughly every other Saturday, November to February. Each event explores a different park in the Puget Sound area. Please contact Jared Hopkins (father of 3rd-grader Kyle) for information: jedroach@uw.edu.

Looking for a Hard-Working Vacuum

Second-floor teachers are looking for a vacuum to share. Have a hard-working upright that can do the job? Email Bianca Gomez, btgomez@seattleschools.org



New Volunteer Opportunities

Legislative Advocacy Chair: Inform the PTA board and TM community about education issues at the local and state level. Write articles for Pup Press, report to PTA meetings, and help to coordinate events around Focus Day and the February 2016 Schools First Levy.

Lost-and-Found Coordinator: Help keep the lost-and-found organized. Twice a year (January and June) you'll make sure items with names get back to classrooms, and take unclaimed items to a donation center.

Online Enrichment Registration Researcher: Review a few registration options as we look to transition to an online system. Please email pta@tmlink.org if you are interested.

Classroom Reps needed for the following classes:

Ms. Kent • Ms. Jensen • Mr. Miller
Mr. Paul • Ms. Egelhoff

Email berlee@zipcon.com and please contact your teacher and let them know you are their new class rep.

Fall Dance Planning Team

Looking for volunteers to join returning Fall Dance Chair Traci Adair in getting ready for one of the most popular events of the year! If you are interested in helping with some of the planning and preparation before the November 13 event, please email adairheeb@hotmail.com.

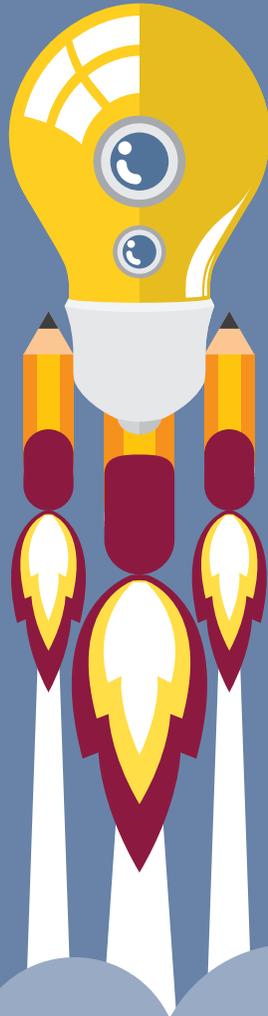
Nov. Deadline for National PTA Art Contest

Students in pre-school through grade 12 are encouraged to submit works of art in the medium of their choice— dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts — reflecting on this year's theme, "let your imagination fly."

Deadline is Nov.13. See the flier attached to Pup Press for information about the Reflections national PTA contest.



Be Part of PTA's Reflections® Program



2015-2016 Theme: *Let Your Imagination Fly*

Entries from all grades and all abilities welcome.

Categories include: **dance choreography, film production, music composition, literature, photography, and visual arts.**

Submissions are judged on interpretation of theme, creativity, and mastery of medium. Twelve will move on to the next round of judging AND be displayed in the Seattle Center during Winterfest (Dec 5 - Jan 3). Divisions include: Primary (grades K - 2), Intermediate (grades 3 - 5), and Special Artists.

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Deadline for entries: **Friday, Nov 13 to the Art Room**

For details, contact: **blzirngible@seattleschools.org**

Learn more and get involved!

PTA.org/Reflections

