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## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!



Dear Thurgood Marshall Parent:

I would like to officially welcome you and your child back to school for the 2014-15 school year at Thurgood Marshall. This is my first year as your Principal (my twentieth in education) and I am so excited to get the ball rolling! It was wonderful to see so many of you at our annual Ice Cream Social on Tuesday. I am excited to get to know all of you!

We discovered a number of inconsistencies with our class lists yesterday that required changes to some room assignments. I understand the frustration this causes and apologize for any upset. Please know that we are working on fixing the problem so we avoid this situation in the future. Thank you for your patience.

**First Day Packets:** Thank you PTA Volunteers for helping to prepare the packets of paperwork that went home with each child for the first day. Parents, please make sure that your child's lunch form is returned to school immediately so there is no interruption to lunch service. It is extremely helpful to us if you can send the rest of the forms back to the school office by **Monday, Sept. 8**. Be looking for PTA packets to come home with your child tomorrow.

Christine Helm is returning to her role as Assistant Principal this year. I have enjoyed working closely and planning together with her this summer. I wanted to let you know how we have divided our responsibilities so you will know who to go to with questions this year. Christine will be supervising grades K, 2, and 3. I will be in charge of grades 1 and 1/2, 3/4, 4 and 5. We will each be handling the discipline, questions, IEP Meetings, etc. for our respective grades. If you have a question about something happening in a classroom, please do be sure to see your child's teacher first. Your child's teacher wants to support your child and work together with you to create a wonderful school experience for your child.

Traffic flow at the beginning and end of the day will take a little longer as we all adjust to the drop off and pick up routine. Please take a deep breath and listen to the instructions from our staff posted at the front of the school. It is easiest and safest for our children if we all treat South Irving Street as one way, moving from west to east. If you are dropping your child off in the morning, it is important that you either park and walk your child to the playground (which is open beginning at 9:10 am), or drop them in the designated zone in front of the YMCA building. If you are walking, please use the crosswalks marked for this purpose. We want your child to arrive safely at our school!

**Curriculum Night:** This year our Curriculum Night will be **Thursday, Oct. 2**. Please note that *this is a change* from our earlier date of Sept. 25. The schedule for Curriculum Night will be:

**6:00 – 6:45 pm** – classroom presentations for parents of K-2 and PEACE Academy students

**6:45 – 7:15 pm** – parents will gather in Gym for Principal presentation and introduction of new specialists

**7:15 – 8:00 pm** – classroom presentations for parents of grades 3-5

Our YMCA will be offering child care on this evening at no cost to parents. The maximum number of students they can take is 30, so please reserve a space by calling Diane at 206-720-1932.

I will also be holding a parent coffee each month to keep you informed about what is happening in our school or other parenting topics of interest. Our first coffee will be **Monday, Sept. 22** at 9:15 am in the Library. Our wonderful PTA will be providing coffee! I hope to see you there.

Best wishes for a great start!

Katie May, Principal

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Tues, Sept. 9**

PTA General Meeting  
6:30- 8:00 pm in Library



**Thurs, Sept. 11**

5th-Grade Potluck  
5:30- 7:00 pm in Cafeteria

**Mon, Sept. 15**

4th-Grade Potluck  
5:30- 7:00 pm in Cafeteria

**Tues, Sept. 16**

3rd-Grade Potluck  
5:30-7:00 pm in Cafeteria

**Wed, Sept. 17**

2nd-Grade Potluck  
5:30-7:00 pm in Cafeteria

**Thurs, Sept. 18**

K & 1st-Grade Potluck  
5:30-7:00 pm in Cafeteria

**Wed Sept. 17-Fri Sept. 19**

5th-Grade Field Trip to Camp Orkila

**Mon, Sept. 22**

Coffee with Principal May  
9:15 am in Library



**Tues, Sept. 30**

Picture Day

**Thurs, Oct. 2**

Curriculum Night  
(see left for details)

**Fri, Nov. 14**

All-School Fall Dance in the evening  
(exact time TBD) in Cafeteria

**Tues, Nov. 18**

PTA General Meeting  
6:30- 8:00 pm in Library



**Mon Dec. 1-Fri Dec. 5**

Scholastic Book Fair



## MEET PRINCIPAL MAY AT OUR FIRST PTA MEETING

The first PTA meeting of the year will be held Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 6:30 pm in the Library, and will feature our new Principal, Katie May, sharing her vision for Thurgood Marshall. You'll also hear from our new music teacher, Kelsey French, and our new art teacher, Beth Zirngible.

Free child care for school-age children will be provided during the meeting at the YMCA next door.

We hope to see you there!

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## WELCOME FROM THE PTA

On behalf of the Thurgood Marshall PTA, we welcome you to the new school year! Tomorrow your student will be coming home with a packet of information from the PTA. Please review it for details about upcoming events, the Annual Giving Fund, the latest Before/After-School Enrichment Classes, and our School Directory.



Please note that in order for the PTA to communicate with you, or to include you in our School Directory, you must complete the enclosed forms. We thank you in advance for taking the time to complete them!

### DEADLINE

All PTA forms, including Enrichment Enrollment, are due  
**TUESDAY, SEPT. 23**

The PTA information packet also includes details about volunteer opportunities. Please consider finding a way, small or large, to contribute your time. Getting involved in school events is a rewarding way to connect with the Thurgood Marshall community. The PTA also welcomes your suggestions at [pta@tmlink.org](mailto:pta@tmlink.org).

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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

It was wonderful to see so many interested volunteers at the Ice Cream Social and First Day Coffee and Tea. Thank you to all who have already signed up to volunteer this year. Below are some specific volunteer positions still in need of help.

- **Grade Level Potluck:** Arrange setup, running, and clean up of your grade level potluck. Supplies provided by the PTA. Time commitment: 30 minutes before and after the event.
- **Fall Dance:** Help plan the all-school Fall Dance in November. A great opportunity if you like music, decorating or party planning!
- **Lunch Line Help:** Volunteer during the lunch hour (11:00-noon pm) to help the lines run smoothly.

If you are interested in any kind of volunteering please contact Volunteer Coordinator Jen Ellis at [jenniferellis.206@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferellis.206@gmail.com) or (206) 276-4982.

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## FALL ENRICHMENT CLASSES ARE HERE!

The Thurgood Marshall PTA sponsors a variety of before and after school enrichment programs. Enrichment Class Catalogs will be sent home tomorrow in the PTA Welcome Packet.

**CATALOG CORRECTION:** The Mobile Apps class is listed as an afternoon class on page 3. It is held on Thursday mornings from 8:10-9:10 am. The description on page 6 is correct. We apologize for any confusion.

Registration forms for Fall Session are due **TUESDAY SEPT. 23**. Classes begin the week of September 29th.

Some classes fill up quickly so please register early. For more prompt registration, return the form and payment to the Enrichment box in the front office. Classes are open to all Thurgood Marshall students. Scholarship funds are available.

Questions? Please contact Enrichment Program Coordinator Sudeshna Sen at [sudeshnanw@gmail.com](mailto:sudeshnanw@gmail.com).

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## NEW TEACHERS AT THURGOOD MARSHALL

Curious about the new faces at school this year? Here's a list of the new teachers for the 2014/2015 school year.

**Emily Goldner** – Intermediate PEACE Academy  
**Mrs. Bridgette Carney** – 1st grade  
**Ms. Lacey Sheridan** – 1st/2nd grade  
**Mrs. Sarah Gese** – 2nd grade APP  
**Ms. Cora Glass** – 3rd grade APP  
**Ms. Laurie Jensen** – 3rd grade APP  
**Ms. Cat Serpe** – 3rd grade APP  
**Mrs. Susan Kingsbury** – 3rd/4th grade APP  
**Mrs. Beth Zirngible** – Art  
**Ms. Kelsey French** – Music

For full teacher bios, and a full staff lineup, see the Thurgood Marshall website: [www.tmlink.org](http://www.tmlink.org)

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## GRADE-LEVEL POTLUCKS

To kick-start the year and help you meet the families and students in your child's grade, the PTA hosts "grade-level" potlucks in September. All potlucks will be held in the Cafeteria from 5:30-7:00 pm. Please see the calendar on the previous page to learn when your grade's potluck is scheduled.

We kick off with the **5th-Grade Potluck** on **Thursday, Sept. 11**.

Please bring a dish to share based on your child's last name as shown below. The PTA will provide water, plates and cutlery.

**A – M** Main dish  
**N – R** Side or salad  
**S – Z** Dessert

We need a Volunteer  
for each grade for this



Coordinator and helpers  
event. If you are able to

help, please, contact Daniella D'Louhy at  
[daniella\\_ganeva@hotmail.com](mailto:daniella_ganeva@hotmail.com). Thank you!

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## MUSIC PROGRAM NEWS – MS FRENCH



I am happy to introduce myself as the new music teacher at Thurgood Marshall! I am sure that we will have a great year. Here is some important information for 1st through 5th-graders.

Enrollment forms for choir and instrumental music will be sent home on Thursday, September 4th. Please have your student return it to me, Dan Yarr, or the office by **Tuesday, Sept. 9**.

**Advanced band and orchestra** will meet for the first time on Tuesday, Sept. 16th, (instruments will be checked out to students on that day). Students who already have an instrument do not need to bring it. **Beginning band students** will start on Tuesday the 23rd and also do not need to bring instruments.

**Choir for grades 1-3** will meet for the first time on Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 8:10 am in the Music Room.

**Choir for grades 4-5** will meet for the first time on Thursday, Sept. 18 at 8:10 am in the Music Room.

Let's look forward to a musical year!

Kelsey French

For more news, see the new music website:

<http://thurgoodmarshallmusic.wordpress.com>



# Tutu's Pantry: Taking Care of Our Own



**What is Tutu's Pantry?** The Thurgood Marshall Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) created Tutu's Pantry to provide families with food for weekend meals. Students whose families have asked for Tutu's Pantry assistance will take home a backpack of items each Friday while school is in session. There is **no charge**.

## TO RECEIVE FOOD

**Who can apply?** Any family with a student now enrolled at Thurgood Marshall.

**How to start?** Fill out the form on the other side, and return it to your child's teacher or the front office. Forms are available from teachers all school year, and you may start (or end) at any time.

## TO DONATE FOOD

**When do donations start?** See below for suggested weeks that each grade is asked to bring in food donations. Nonperishable items such as canned meats, pasta, rice, beans, peanut butter, and cereal will be collected in the big bins inside the main school entrance.

**Want to volunteer?** See below for our contact information.

→ The first food backpacks will go home on **Friday, Sept. 26**.

**Questions?** Contact Tutu's Pantry Program Coordinators Kim Enochs at [kimenochs@comcast.net](mailto:kimenochs@comcast.net), 206.604.1202, or Maggie Trapp at [maggietrapp@yahoo.com](mailto:maggietrapp@yahoo.com), 206.399.8320.

## Tutu's Pantry Grade-Level Donation-Week Schedule

PEACE / K	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
9/8/14	9/15/14	9/22/14	9/29/14	10/6/14	10/13/14
10/20/14	10/27/14	11/3/14	11/10/14	11/17/14	12/1/14
12/8/14	12/15/14	1/5/15	1/12/15	1/20/15	1/26/15
2/2/15	2/9/15	2/18/15	2/23/15	3/2/15	3/9/15
3/16/15	3/23/15	3/30/15	4/6/15	4/20/15	4/27/15
5/4/15	5/11/15	5/18/15	5/26/15	6/1/15	6/8/15

***Tutu's Pantry is one of the ways the Thurgood Marshall PTA brings our school community together! Thank you for being a part of it***

# Tutu's Pantry Food Distribution Program Application

Please fill out this form if your family would like to receive weekly food donations. Your information is used by the PTA only for Tutu's Pantry, and will not be shared with anyone else.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_ Room Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any siblings at Thurgood Marshall

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Name of adult contact \_\_\_\_\_

Language(s) spoken \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

How do you want us to contact you? (Please circle one):

Phone call

Email

Mail

Text (if you listed a cellphone #!)

May we include meat products in your backpack?

YES

NO

Number of children under age 12 in the home: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return to your child's teacher or the Thurgood Marshall main office.*

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