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Keeping It R.E.A.L.



Dear Parent:

We all made it through our first week of school! I am amazed that all of our preparation this summer has come to fruition. There are wonderful things happening around our school in every classroom. Students are settling in to new routines, learning the expectations of their classrooms, and making new friends. Teachers are helping students develop study habits that will set them

up for a successful year. I have seen students goal-setting, creating "All About Me" projects, sharing summer highlights, and showing what they know in writing and math pre-assessments. We are off to a great start!

We held our first Friday Assembly this past week. The theme? **Keeping it R.E.A.L.!** Your children each received a purple wristband that they wore proudly as their "ticket" into the assembly. Christine Helm and I taught students what R.E.A.L. stands for: Resilient, Empathetic, Accountable Lifelong Learners! Teachers shared what they are currently learning – sign language, baking, how to wire a house, and how to be comfortable making mistakes and trying again, among many others. We ended our assembly with a message from Kid President. Here's the link if you'd like to watch it, too: www.youtube.com/watch?v=RwlhUcSGqgs Our assembly happens at 9:35 am each week and parents are always welcome to join us. This Friday, students will be treated to a performance of "La Mariposa" from Book-It Theatre. Students in 1st and 2nd grades will participate in theater workshops following the performance. Thank you, PTA, for supporting our students with the funding to make this possible.

Lunchroom Help We are looking for parents who are willing to help us in our lunchroom. We would love to find parents who are willing to commit to helping once per week, but are also open to parents who will pop in to help when they can. What's involved? Directing student traffic as students enter and exit the lunchroom, engaging students in conversation, and helping to open those tricky thermoses and water bottles. Our lunches run from 11:50 am-1:00 pm each day. Please email Jen Ellis at jenniferellis.206@gmail.com if you can help.

Just a reminder – our playground opens at 9:10 am each day and we have staff on hand to supervise. Teachers will come out to pick up students when the first bell rings at 9:25 am. A couple of parents have asked what happens when it rains. Students play outside at recess in a light drizzle – they are Seattle kids after all! – but when the rain is a bit more serious, we open the building at 9:10 am so they can go straight up to class. Today was a bit colder, and a good reminder to us all to be sure children are prepared with a warm sweatshirt or coat.

APP is now HCC You may have noticed that the district APP (Accelerated Progress Program) has a brand new name. APP has become HCC for Highly Capable Cohort. The name change came about because of concern that APP could be confused with AP (Advanced Placement) classes that take place at the High School level. The new name does not reflect any programmatic changes.

Looking Forward,

Katie May, Principal

PTA Forms Reminder

Last week you received a PTA packet (the one with our adorable Bull Pup mascot sticker on the front). We'd love to be able to communicate with you better so please return your forms by **Tuesday, Sept. 23**. Annual fund forms may be returned at any time.

DEADLINE REMINDER

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

Questions about the PTA? We'd love to answer them! Email us at pta@tmlink.org.

EVENT CALENDAR

Thurs, Sept. 11

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

TONIGHT!

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. 23

Instrumental Music Information Night
6:00-8:00 pm in Music Room

Tues, Sept. 30

Picture Day (dress sharp!)



Thurs, Oct. 2

Curriculum Night
6:00-6:45 pm K-2 & PEACE (Classrooms)
6:45-7:15 pm Presentation (Gym)
7:15-8:00 pm Grades 3-5 (Classrooms)

TUTU'S PANTRY

Sept 15: 1st Grade Donations

Sept 22: 2nd Grade Donations

Sept 29: 3rd Grade Donations

Questions? Contact Tutu's Pantry Coordinators
Kim Enochs at kimenochs@comcast.net/
206-604-1202 or Maggie Trapp at
maggietrapp@yahoo.com/206-399-8320.

What to Bring to Potlucks

We hope you can make it to your grade's potluck (see dates above)! 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

To help with a potluck, contact Daniella D'Louhy at daniella_ganeva@hotmail.com.

Ways to Help at Thurgood Marshall

Here are a few ways you can help at the school if you have some spare time.

- **Office Help** - If you have 30 minutes - 1 hour to spare during the next two weeks, Ms. Patu & Ms. Dickey would love your help in the front office sorting and alphabetizing paperwork. Stop by the front office and they can get you started.
- **Vision and Hearing Screenings** - Nurse Chin needs full day volunteers for the vision and hearing screenings on Oct 7 or 8. Contact Mai Nguyen at mainoodle@yahoo.com if you are able to help.

There are more opportunities available! If you are interested in any kind of volunteering please contact Volunteer Coordinator Jen Ellis at jenniferellis.206@gmail.com or (206) 276-4982.

Letters for Vosti

At the end of this month, some Thurgood Marshall families will be visiting former 3rd-grade teacher, Ms. Vosti, and would love to bring her some letters from her friends, families, and students.

If you would like to send along a card or note, please put it in the large envelope marked **Vosti** in the front office or send it into school with your child by **Friday, September 26**. Please email Casey Sommers at caseypilar@gmail.com or Brindy Bundesmann at brindylee@comcast.net with any questions or if you are interested in other ways to support Ms. Vosti during her treatment. **Thank you for thinking of Ms. Vosti!**

Seeking Preschoolers for Peer Models

Do you have a preschool-age child at home? Our developmental preschool program is looking for peer models to join our morning preschool session in Thurgood Marshall's room 105.

Peer models are typically developing children between the ages of 3-5 years old. Our preschool program provides a general education curriculum with accommodations and modifications for special education students.

During our preschool day, peer models provide opportunities for our students to observe, play and learn alongside one another. Typically, peers have foundational play skills, enjoy going to school, are eager listeners and have beginning self-help skills.

The program is free and will run Monday through Thursday from 9:10-11:40 am beginning Sept. 15. If you are interested in having your child join our class this year, please contact Meredith (the classroom teacher) at msfourre@seattleschools.org or feel free to call the classroom at 206-252-2747.

Volunteer for Day of Caring on Sept. 19

If you work at Microsoft or another participating company, you may be able to spend your work hours volunteering at Thurgood Marshall on Friday, Sept. 19 as part of the "Day of Caring."

If you are interested in volunteering or finding out more about the Day of Caring program, please contact Jen Ellis at jenniferellis.206@gmail.com or Colleen Daly at codaly@microsoft.com.

Art Program News – Ms. Zirngible

Hello Thurgood Marshall families! My name is Beth Zirngible, and I am the new art teacher. I am ready for an exciting year in the art room. Through our exploration of the elements and principles of art, many different artists and cultures will be covered in our projects.



Look for our creations in the hallways and the art room. I look forward to meeting you!

P.E. News – Mr. Shin

In P.E., students will be taking their first round of the **Beep Test**. Students take four Beep tests per year in Grades 1-5. The Beep Test is a test of students' cardio-respiratory endurance. Students will also be taking their physical fitness pre-tests: pushups, crunches per minute, and flexibility (hamstrings). This testing will take place this month and continue through the end of October. This is a pre-test only; post testing will take place in April.



Please make a note of your child's P.E. day(s) for each week; for some classes it changes by the week. Required dress for P.E. days are as follows:

Boys – Regular school clothes with athletic shoes are acceptable. They may also wear shorts and a t-shirt with athletic shoes. No black heeled shoes/dress shoes.

Girls – Athletic shoes and regular school clothes are acceptable. No bare midriff. No thin-spaghetti strap tops. No sheer tops. No heels. No dangling earrings or bracelets. Stud earrings are fine. If your child wears a skirt, wear shorts underneath.

Keeping Up With School News!

We want to help you stay informed! The Thurgood Marshall PTA and the School District provide several forms of communication to help parents and students learn more about the events, people and programs that make Thurgood Marshall a great school.



Here are some ways you can get school news:

The Pup Press – the newsletter you're reading right now! Produced by school staff and PTA volunteers, Pup Press is focused on events, all-school news and more. A printed copy is sent home on paper with every student and emailed by the school to all parents/guardians. You can read past issues online here: www.tmlink.org/newsandevents/puppress/

The PTA Website, tmlink.org. Our website features a calendar, school news, PTA news, our Amazon shopping links, and more!

Our school website, marshalles.seattleschools.org, lists school events and news and has handy links to important areas on the Seattle Public Schools page (www.seattleschools.org). You can also find teacher contact information.

The Source, ps.seattleschools.org, is the School District's source for test scores, library access, and more.

PTA emails: In order to get important news emailed to you from the PTA, please make sure you fill out the yellow PTA Student Directory Form in your PTA packet so we have your email address.

School emails: The District and Thurgood Marshall staff may send all-school or classroom-specific email.

Your child's folder & your mailbox! Many important pieces may come home in your child's folder, or directly to you in the mail. These pieces may be from Thurgood Marshall teachers or staff, the PTA, or District staff.

For critical or urgent news (like snow closures or delays), you may also get **recorded calls** ("robo-calls") from school staff, or from the school district.