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THE THURSDAY NOTE:

I am enjoying being your Interim Assistant Principal. The staff, families and your children have been very welcoming, and in just one month's time have made me feel quite at home.

In the mornings I am stationed at the parking lot in front of Thurgood Marshall. We are fortunate to have a parking lot that allows for an orderly drop-off and pick-up. Many Seattle schools must do this on public thoroughfares. Unfortunately, I've seen kids running across the lot without looking, and cars parked in the wrong place, compromising our children's safety. Let's review our drop-off procedure and prevent injury!

- Enter at a slow speed (5 mph). Some cars are going too fast!
- Upon entering the lot, you'll notice dashed-striping creating three lanes: left, middle and right.
- To drop off a student, pull forward as far as you can in the right lane. Everyone will benefit if your students have coats and backpacks ready before you stop!
- As soon as your child has exited safely, drive forward or into the middle lane to leave the lot. You may have to wait a minute while those ahead of you exit, but it will be so much safer for the children!
- Please do not park or off-load in the left or middle lanes. This may be different from what seems normal, but it's for everyone's safety.
- If you need to come into the building, you are welcome to use the above procedure, and then park on the street or in the lot.

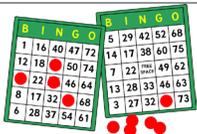
If you have any other ideas, please share them with me at (206) 252-2812.

- Birgit McShane, Interim Assistant Principal

ATTN PARENTS: New Guitar Class, Spanish Class Needs Students

- "Guitar with Mr. Ryan" is now being offered on Wednesdays (Returning) and Fridays (Beginning) from 8:10-9:10 am. Cost: \$144 (cost is prorated for seven weeks instead of eight because Mr. Ryan will be on tour for two weeks in May).
- "Spanish," now offered through the reputable Sponge school, requires at least eight students to continue. Mondays 8:25-9:10 am. Cost: \$160.

Registration ends March 21. Submit your completed form with payment to the office. Form can be found online at www.tmlink.org under "PTA Forms" on the right. Questions? Please contact Sudeshna Sen at sudeshnanw@gmail.com or Caryn Gold at carynlgold@yahoo.com.



'White Elephant' Gifts Needed for Bingo Night

Bingo Night is Fri., April 4 and we need prizes to pass out to winners. There will be many winners! Please donate a white elephant* type gift. Donations may be left in Ms. Gano's classroom across the hall from the front office.

*unwanted by the owner but difficult to dispose of; valuable but burdensome

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 20, Thursday

Central Region Town Hall with Seattle Schools Superintendent at Garfield High School 6:30-8:30 pm

New Date!

March 27, Thursday

PTA General Meeting @ 6:30 pm in Library w/ Guest Speaker (see below)

April 4, Friday

Bingo Night @ 5:30 pm in Cafeteria

April 14-18, Mon.-Fri.

NO SCHOOL - Spring Break

April 27, Sunday

Mariners Game @ 1:10 pm

May 5-9, Mon.-Fri.

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 15, Thursday

Game Night at school @ 6:00 pm

June 13, Friday

Field Day at school

Guest Speaker at PTA Mtg

The PTA General Meeting will be held on March 27 at 6:30 pm in the Library. Our District 5 Seattle School Board Director, Dr. Stephan Blanford, will be speaking and answering parent questions. We hope to see you there!

Hang New Artwork

Got an hour to "hang" at school? The week of March 24 you can help art teacher Ms. Martin replace winter student artwork with some great spring masterpieces. Interested? Please contact Ms. Martin via email at bamartin@seattleschools.org.

Want more? Visit the Thurgood Marshall PTA online at www.tmlink.org for more Pup Press, a calendar of school events, and more.

Open PTA Positions for 2014-2015

We are looking for volunteers to fill the following PTA Board positions next year. We hope some new families will join our great team of volunteers!

SECRETARY

ANNUAL FUND CHAIR

COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR (*New position*)

Contact our Nominating Committee Chairperson, Casey Sommers, if you are interested at caseypilar@gmail.com. Job descriptions can be found online at www.tmlink.org/info/join-pta-board/.



Volunteer with the Kindergarteners!

I have a room full of eager learners and would love to have volunteers during our Reading and Writing Workshop. Help us write our stories and listen to children read. Please contact Ms. Naze at kayagley@seattleschools.org if you are interested.

- Ms. Naze, Room 109

Help Fund New Project in Mrs. Gano's Class

If you would like to help fund Ms. Gano's latest school project please visit www.donorschoose.org/gano. Ms. Gano is in need of supplies to teach chain reactions and thinking outside the box for creative problem solving. Enter code INSPIRE at check out before March 17 and your donation will be matched by the organization! DonorsChoose.org allows teachers to request funding for projects and people from all around the world will donate.

Needed: Reps for Building Leadership Team

Principal Helm is looking for a parent representative from both the ALO/Gen Ed program and the APP program to serve on next year's Building Leadership Team (BLT). In this role you would represent the parent community at monthly meetings to discuss the school budget, the Continuous School Improvement Plan (CSIP) and staff professional development. The BLT representatives occasionally attend PTA Board meetings, too. If you are interested, please email Wendy Eckert at wseckert@yahoo.com.

Thank You 'Principal Hiring Committee' Volunteers

The PTA would like to thank the parents who have volunteered to serve on the Principal Hiring Committee. The committee includes Angie Jenkins, Liz Porter, and Annette Sherr. Tania Westby and Margaret Montsaroff will serve as alternates. We are pleased to have this diverse group of parents representing a variety of grade levels and all three school programs: Gen Ed/ALO, APP and the PEACE Academy. Interviews will take place the weekend of March 22-23.

School Requires Permission to Dispense Medication

No prescription medications, homeopathic or over-the-counter drugs may be administered at school without a Seattle School District medication administration form signed by both the prescribing health care professional and a parent. - Mrs. Chin, School Nurse

The permission form is available from the nurse's office, the main office, and on the PTA website at www.tmlink.org under "PTA Forms" on the right side.



Mariners Game on April 27

Save the Date! Join other Thurgood Marshall families as we attend a Mariners baseball game together! Sun., April 27 at 1:10 pm at Safeco Field. Flyers with purchase information will be distributed to classrooms soon.

Note: A limited number of partial scholarships are available for one child/one adult guardian on a first-come, first-serve basis. Contact the PTA for details at pta@tmlink.org.

Most "Checked Out" Books

The most checked out non-fiction book in our collection has got to be *Chased by Sea Monsters: Prehistoric Predators of the Deep* by Nigel Marven and Jasper James. The illustrations, based on scientific evidence, describe prehistoric sea creatures from the Ordovician period, 450 million years ago, to the Pliocene period, four million years ago. Maybe it's the illustrations, maybe the topic, but this book is always checked out. It's been a favorite for years.

Also, extremely popular is *The Blue Planet: a natural history of the oceans* by Andrew Byatt, Alastair Fothergill, and Martha Holmes, published to accompany the documentary Blue Planet. I'm looking for a new copy as our old copy is completely worn out!

- Merilee Hudson, Librarian

ISO Range/Oven for Staff Room

We are looking for a free standing range/oven to replace the malfunctioning oven in the staff lounge. If you are remodeling and care to donate your old oven, please contact Donna Dugan at ddugan@seattleschools.org. Thank you!

Fun Facts Quiz

1. Who served as an umpire for Little League?
A. Mr. Long B. Ms. Von Beck C. Mr. Pendergrass
2. What was the name of the village in Guyana where Ms. Quinlivan served in the Peace Corps?
A. Monkey Mountain B. Mud Hut C. Cow Town
3. Which one of our teachers met, and took a photo with, famous '90s hip-hop artist Tupac Shakur at a gas station in California? (*Hint: His picture is in this teacher's classroom right now!*)

Answers: 1. B. Ms. Von Beck, 2. A. Monkey Mountain, 3. Ms. Huss

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