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Students' school pictures were taken earlier this week and will be sent home to families as soon as they arrive. We used a new photographer this year, and I welcome your feedback about the quality of the photos when you receive them. Please note that classroom group photos will be taken during picture retake day on November 4th.

A big thank you to the parents and family members that helped on picture day and during the health screenings this week. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

For families new to our building, we do things a bit differently on October 31st. We celebrate the day as "Book-o-ween" and give students the option to dress up as a favorite book character. Last year I dressed up as the beloved bull from *Ferdinand*. We encourage students to keep it simple and try to spend only a few dollars at the most. All I ask is that no student dress in anything with blood, gore, weapons, or that represents violence.

This year I think I will don feathers and a beak on October 31st and transform into *Petunia*. *Petunia* carried big books under her wings and pretended to be a reader. She gave out awful advice because she pretended to understand books. Only after she did the hard work did she actually become a reader. I never miss an opportunity to preach the importance of literacy!

While your students are sleeping in and enjoying a day off from school tomorrow, our teachers will be involved in professional development and planning activities at school. We will be drafting part one of our school improvement plan and setting our own professional goals for the year. That plan will be finalized in November and will be accessible on the district website at www.marshalles.seattleschools.org.

A day off from school doesn't mean a day off from learning! Please be sure your child reads every day over the long weekend.

Calling All 4th and 5th Grade Leaders!

If you are in the 4th or 5th grade and want to become a Conflict Mediator or Recess Mentor, now is your chance! Fill out an application and return it to Ms. Kaloper by Monday October 14th.

The training will be held each morning from 8:15 - 9:30 am from October 21st - 25th. Need an application? Ask your teacher or Ms. Kaloper.

We are still in need of parent volunteers to assist with role plays and to help make training books. If you are able to help, please email Ms. Kaloper at: mrharris@seattleschools.org.

I look forward to another great year of problem solving and conflict resolution!

- Ms. Kaloper, School Counselor



Picture Retake and Class Photo Day

Note: We will take Class Group photos, and individual photo retakes on November 4th.

EVENTS CALENDAR

→ **October 11th**
NO SCHOOL
No Before/After School Class

October 18th
Planning meeting for Fall Dance
3:00 pm in Staff Lounge

October 30th
2-Hour Early Dismissal

November 4th
Picture Retake/Class Group Photos

November 11th
NO SCHOOL

November 15th
All-School Fall Dance

November 21st
PTA General Meeting 6:30-8:00pm

November 23rd - 27th
Parent-Teacher Conferences

TUTU'S PANTRY CALENDAR

October 14th
5th Grade Donations

October 21st
PEACE/Kindergarten Donations

October 28th
1st Grade Donations

November 4th
2nd Grade Donations

November 12th
3rd Grade Donations

November 18th
4th Grade Donations

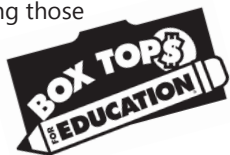
Note: Delivery of backpacks will begin October 18th

Bring In Box Tops By October 18

The Box Tops program has a deadline approaching, so I will be collecting box tops from your child's classroom on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18th. Please bring your box tops in before then.

There will be another collection in the spring, so please keep collecting those box tops!

- Ann McCurdy
Box Top volunteer



The Seattle Public Library and You

The Seattle Public Library (SPL) provides many resources for parents and students both at the branch libraries and online. Now SPL wants to know if there are other programs, resources, books or materials that would more effectively support students, parents and families.

The City Librarian will host 12 Community Conversations around the city to learn how the library can better serve the community. Light refreshments will be served.

Three Community Conversations will be held at these libraries near the Thurgood Marshall Elementary school community:

Douglass-Truth Branch Library, 2300 E. Yesler Way
November 6th from 3:30 - 4:45 pm

Beacon Hill Branch Library, 2821 Beacon Avenue S.
January 16th from 5:30 - 6:45 pm

Capitol Hill Branch Library, 425 Harvard Ave. E.
February 13th from 5:30 - 6:45 pm

Thank you,

Merilee Hudson, Thurgood Marshall Librarian

We Need Your Feedback! Our School Affected by Proposed Boundary Changes

As many of you may know, the District is proposing school boundary changes that impact Thurgood Marshall, along with most of the schools in our District. For details on the proposals, visit www.seattleschools.org and click on "Planning for the Future: Growth Boundaries" on the right-hand side under "Additional Links."

We would like your feedback on two proposed changes to Thurgood Marshall so we can share it with the District. Please read below and email the contacts listed. The District will present their recommendations to the School Board on October 16th, with a final vote on November 20th. Now is the time - let us know what you think!

Neighborhood Boundary

The proposal expands the Attendance Area of Thurgood Marshall to include an area just west of Rainier Avenue, along with an portion north of the school to Jackson Street. Please email your comments to Sharmila Williams, PTA Co-Chair, at: sharmilanw@yahoo.com.

Accelerated Progress Program (APP)

The proposal creates a new optional pathway in West Seattle for APP (elementary at Fairmount Park and middle school at Madison) starting in 2014. The APP Advisory Committee would like your feedback. Please email comments to Jeanne Thompson, Chair of APP AC, at: jeanne_thompson@hotmail.com and Jennie Wyatt, TM Parent Rep for APP AC, at: jenniewyatt@hotmail.com.

Thank you!

Interest Meeting for Fall Dance

We are happy to report we have a Fall Dance chair ready to make our November 15th event fun for all of us! But she'll need many hands to make the event a success. Please consider helping with decorations, games/activities, or setting up the event.

Please join us for an interest meeting on Friday, October 18th at 3:00 pm in the staff lounge at school. Please email our chair Shyla Wilcynski at: shyla@consciously-chic.com with any questions you may have.

Before and After School Enrichment Classes Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY, 10/11
Morning 8:10 - 9:10 am Guitar Beginning (Music Rm) Karate (Gym) Spanish (Rm 209) Afternoon 3:50-5:20 Sewing (Rm 101) 3:45-4:45 Golf (Gym) 3:45-5:20 Engineering Fundamentals (Rm 205)	Morning 8:10 - 9:10 am Japanese Beginner (Rm 210) Afternoon 3:45-5:20 Ipad Animation with Lego (Library)	Morning 8:10 - 9:10 am Guitar Returning (Music Rm) Karate (Gym) Spanish (Rm 209) Afternoon 3:45-4:45 Creative Computing w/ SCRATCH (Computer Lab)	Morning 8:10 - 9:10 am Basketball (Gym) Japanese Intermediate (Rm 103) Afternoon 3:50-4:50 Mad Science (Rm 201) 3:45-4:45 Drama: Greek Myths (Cafeteria) 3:45-4:45 Tennis (Gym)	NO SCHOOL NO BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES

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