

# PUP PRESS



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## THE THURSDAY NOTE:

As we move into the cold and rainy season, please know that unless we are experiencing a major downpour or temperatures well below freezing, *we always go outside for recess*. Make sure students are dressed appropriately for the weather. Raincoats are a must!

As part of our school's safety plan, we are required to conduct monthly drills, including fire, reverse evacuation, lockdown, and earthquake drills. In the event of a real emergency evacuation, we need a hard copy of your emergency contact information. **Attached to this Pup Press you will find two copies of the Emergency Contact Form. Please fill out both forms and return them to school ASAP.** You should have also received an automated call from the District asking for the immediate return of these forms. Should we have a major emergency and need to evacuate the building, teachers have one copy of the emergency contact form and the nurse/office has the second.

While on the subject of safety, many of our students are now walking to school. I encourage all families to sit down with their children to discuss what to do if a strange adult ever approaches them. In a perfect world, your child would walk to school with an adult or with other children. If your child does walk to school alone I can help facilitate a "walking school bus" like many neighborhoods have created. Please contact me to learn more.

We're almost two months into the school year and the honeymoon period may have worn off for your child. If your child is struggling, I urge you not to wait for your parent-teacher conference, but instead contact your classroom teacher immediately. Students can be masters of bottling up their frustrations until they arrive home and open the front door. The sooner a teacher knows about a child's struggle, the sooner we can address the concern.

Lastly, if you have a child in APP, you should have received an email from the Thurgood Marshall PTA with a survey link regarding program delivery and location issues. If not, email me at [jabreidenbach@seattleschools.org](mailto:jabreidenbach@seattleschools.org) and I will forward that email to you.

- Julie Breidenbach, Principal, Thurgood Marshall

## Got School Spirit?

Order forms for Thurgood Marshall T-shirts and sweatshirts will be sent home this week with your student. Be sure to check those backpacks! If you are placing an order, send back to the classroom a completed form with a check made payable to the Thurgood Marshall PTA. Orders must be placed by October 31.

## Give a Sweet Treat to our Troops

Wondering what to do with all that Halloween candy? This year donate some or all of your candy to send to deployed U.S. service members and wounded soldiers.

**DATE:** October 31 - November 8

**WHERE:** Place candy in the labeled box located in the school's main office

Contact Jodi Snodgrass at [jodi\\_snodgrass@hotmail.com](mailto:jodi_snodgrass@hotmail.com) if you have questions.



## EVENTS CALENDAR

### October 24th - TONIGHT!

APP AC Meeting

### October 28th

Meeting, Seattle Special Ed PTSA

### October 30th

2-Hour Early Dismissal

### October 31st

"Book-a-ween"

### November 4th

Picture Retake/Class Group Photos

### November 11th

NO SCHOOL

### November 15th

All-School Fall Dance

### November 21st

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

## TUTU'S PANTRY CALENDAR

Grade level donations are every Monday while school is in session.

### October 28th

1st Grade Donations

### November 4th

2nd Grade Donations

### November 12th

3rd Grade Donations

### November 18th

4th Grade Donations

### December 2nd

5th Grade Donations

### December 9th

PEACE & Kindergarten Donations

**Want more?** Visit the Thurgood Marshall PTA online at [www.tmlink.org](http://www.tmlink.org) for more Pup Press, a full calendar of school events, and more.

## Mark Your Calendar: Let's Dance!

Don't forget the Fall Dance will be FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15th from 6-8 pm. We will have a DJ, fun games and lots of dancing. You can join the planning committee this Friday in the cafeteria at 2:30 pm. We still need a volunteer photographer, donated fall themed décor, and lots of helping hands. To get involved email the Chair at: [shyla@consciously-chic.com](mailto:shyla@consciously-chic.com).



## Navigating the Social World

Hello! Quite a few families have asked me recently for suggestions about what to do when social conflicts arise between friends and classmates. Although there are several books available that help coach parents on how to support their children socially, the books by Rosalind Wiseman make the social lives of kids and teens come to light in a new way. Although some of the material is aimed at teens, there are relevant parts for elementary-aged kids, too. "Queen Bees and Wannabes" is about how to help your daughter, and "Masterminds and Wingmen" is aimed at helping sons. Both of these books are available through the Seattle Public Library as well as local bookstores. The second title just came out. I have not yet read it, but it's next on my list.

-Meghan Kaloper, School Counselor

## PCC Cards Support Our School

A few PCC cards are still available for purchase. Cost is \$10 per card. Cards can be re-loaded (for a minimum of \$50) and used indefinitely. 5% of all purchases come back to the Thurgood Marshall PTA. Simply send a \$10 check to the school including a note about PCC and we will mail the PCC card to the address on the check. Make checks payable to "Thurgood Marshall PTA." Contact Casey Sommers at [caseypilar@gmail.com](mailto:caseypilar@gmail.com) with questions.

## Seattle Special Education PTSA

Do you have a child ages 3-21 who receives Seattle Special Education? Are you an educator or other provider of specialty education? If so, you are invited to attend a general meeting of the Seattle Special Ed PTSA. This school year meetings will be held at 7:00 pm on the following Mondays: 10/28, 11/25, 12/16, 1/27, 2/24, 3/24, 4/28, and 5/19. Meet in Room 2700 of the John Stanford Center for Educational Excellence. Visit them online at [www.seattlespecialedptsa.org](http://www.seattlespecialedptsa.org) for more information.

Visit [www.tmlink.org](http://www.tmlink.org) for more school news.

## Next Steps on SPS "Growth Boundaries" Proposal

Thank you to the over 150 people who responded to the PTA's online survey about APP delivery. According to our survey the most important factors for the majority of families in selecting the APP program are: experienced administrators and teaching staff, rigorous curriculum, and cohort size. Some families are also concerned about their lengthy commute to Thurgood Marshall. While these families want APP closer to home, most don't want to sacrifice quality for location.

The Thurgood Marshall PTA will use your feedback to advocate for our families with the District. A copy of our letter to Superintendent Banda and the School Board as well as a summary of the PTA survey results will be posted online at [www.tmlink.org](http://www.tmlink.org) within the next week.

Tonight, October 24th, APP families have the opportunity to provide feedback at the APP Advisory Committee meeting held at Washington Middle School (cafeteria) from 6:30-8:30 pm. The APP AC will collect feedback and comments from the meeting and pass it on to the District before the October 25 deadline.

The District proposal also expands the attendance area of Thurgood Marshall to include an area just west of Rainier Avenue, along with a portion north of the school to Jackson Street. Because the boundary is expanding rather than contracting, families currently at our school are not impacted directly.

The total impact of the Seattle Public Schools "Growth Boundaries" proposal is still in development. There will be a revised proposal released on November 6. If you have thoughts on any aspect of the "Growth Boundaries" proposal, you have until Friday, October 25, to respond to Seattle Public Schools' survey online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7BKFRS3>.

## Thank You from Nurse Chin

Thanks to our volunteers, 474 students were screened for hearing and vision at Thurgood Marshall this month. There were several re-screens and more than 30 students were referred for further professional vision or hearing evaluations. A huge "thank you" goes out to the coordinators, Laurie Milodragovich and Jenny Sabora, for their hard work. Thanks also to the many volunteers who helped: Holly Batty, Rachel Beda, Lisa Chrysanthakopoulos, Laura Crain, Dawana Dennis, Mica Dibuz, Daniella D'Loughy, Ann Easton, Amy Harper, Cara Holloway, Catherine Hynds, Robin Kuran, Mel Nalbandian, Robert Njegovan, Audrey Querns, Katy Ransom, Christine Shigaki, Barbara Staley, Kanna Teferi, Amy Vore, Phil Wallace, and Natalie Zhen.

## Calling All Photographers!

The Thurgood Marshall Yearbook project is underway, and we can use your photos. Any photos of school events, classroom events, candid photos of students and staff are great additions to our yearbook library.

So remember to bring your camera on field trips and other student adventures, then upload your best photos to our shared online mailbox at:

[http://dbinbox.com/Thurgood\\_Marshall\\_Yearbook](http://dbinbox.com/Thurgood_Marshall_Yearbook). Please email any questions to our volunteer yearbook coordinator Kathryn Crawford Saxer at: [katesaxer@gmail.com](mailto:katesaxer@gmail.com).

## Seattle School District Hosts a LGBT Families Dinner

The annual lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) Families Dinner will be held 6-8 pm on November 7th at NOVA/Seattle World School (the old Meany Middle School). School Board members will attend and all District families and staff are welcome! Please RSVP to Lisa Love in the Health Intervention Office at (206) 252-0982 or [llove@seattleschools.org](mailto:llove@seattleschools.org).

**Have an article for Pup Press?** Send it to Julia Janak at [juliajanak@gmail.com](mailto:juliajanak@gmail.com). If your e-mail submission is not acknowledged within 24 hours, please call or text to confirm receipt at 206-473-0980.