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THE THURSDAY NOTE:



Thank you to all the staff and parents who attended Camp Orkila with our fifth graders last week. Because of your enthusiastic participation, students were engaged, challenged, and happy. Giving up three days of your personal lives is a huge commitment! Thank you, thank you, thank you.

A last minute reminder: tonight is Curriculum Night for parents. Presentations for PEACE Academy and K-2 classrooms are from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm; presentations for grades 3-5 are from 7:00 pm-8:00 pm. Specialists will be available from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm in their rooms. There will be very minimally supervised childcare in the lunchroom for students in grades K-5. We do not have sufficient staffing to include younger or older students. Please use this only if you are unable to secure childcare. Students must bring work to keep them busy during this time.

Please have your children practice opening the food containers you send in their lunch boxes. I notice many students struggling to open both the environmentally friendly re-usables and commercially packaged items such as yogurt tubes. Supervising the lunchroom includes disposing of garbage and cleaning, so I can't vouch for the cleanliness of my hands when I help students open containers. I also know that students are more apt to throw away or ignore food that is hard to unwrap.

Did you receive a couple of summer reminder emails from me in August? If not, your current email address is not in our database. Please call the office and give the correct information to Ms. Dickey or Ms. Patu. I rarely use email, but when I do it is for adult eyes only. Students are apt hear the robo phone calls or read notes that go home. Email is my only way to communicate with parents without young eyes and ears intercepting the message.

Already the Lost and Found is filling up. Please use a permanent marker to label coats, sweaters, water bottles, and lunch bags. Items with identification are returned quickly.

Due to Parent/Teacher conferences there will be no school for students the entire week of Thanksgiving, November 25th - 29th. Please note that conferences will be held on November 23rd - 26th. If you plan to leave town early, please request a conference on Saturday, November 23rd.

Yesterday's early release gave staff a valuable afternoon for professional development and planning. Teachers had an opportunity to assess student writing and plan instruction to address individual needs. Be assured that we use each early release day to improve instruction for all students.

5th Grade Potluck next Tuesday

The final "get acquainted" potluck for the year is for 5th Grade. Meet in the school cafeteria to socialize with the families and children that your child is interacting with and learning with each day. Invitations with meal assignments will go home in kid's backpacks.

Last Name:	What to bring:
A - F	Dessert
G-R	Main Dish
S - Z	Side/Salad

Bookmark it!

Make us your go-to resource for PTA information. Visit the new Thurgood Marshall PTA website at www.tmlink.org.

EVENTS CALENDAR

September 26th -TONIGHT!

Curriculum Night
K-2nd and PEACE 6:00pm-7:00pm;
Grades 3-5: 7:00pm-8:00pm

September 30th

SPS Boundary Change Meeting
6:30-8:00pm, Meany Building

October 1st

APP/AC Meeting 6:30pm-8:00pm
at Hamilton Middle School

October 2nd

5th Grade Potluck
5:30- 7:00pm in school cafeteria

October 3rd

Deadline to submit APP application

October 7th

Picture Day

October 11th

NO SCHOOL

November 15th

All-School Fall Dance

NEW!

TUTU'S PANTRY CALENDAR

September 30th

3rd Grade Donations

October 7th

4th Grade Donations

October 14th

5th Grade Donations

October 21st

PEACE Academy Donations

October 28th

1st Grade Donations

November 4th

2nd Grade Donations

From the School Counselor

I have had the pleasure of visiting all the classrooms for an introductory school counseling visit. As a school, we explored what it means to be a school counselor, where I am located, and how to seek out help from the counselor if needed. Everyone is now familiar with my "school counselor toolbox". The students were asked to creatively think of how the objects in the box related to being a school counselor- the originality and awareness in their answers astounded me! Ask your child what his or her favorite object from the box was and see if he/she can remember what reasons the class came up with for why it was included. I look forward to more class visits with your students throughout the year!

- Meghan Kaloper, School Counselor

Hello from Art

Most classes have completed the first school-wide project from the art room. Please watch the entry way of the school for your students self-portrait and name displayed on a hexagon they created!

Speaking of those 500+ hexagons, I am looking for volunteers to help get them all hung for display ASAP! If you are interested in volunteering a few minutes or a few hours any time during the school day, please email me at bamartin@seattleschools.org.

- Mrs. Martin, Art Teacher

Update: SPS Growth Boundaries Proposal

On September 17th the Seattle Public Schools released its draft proposal to address a growing student population with changes to some elementary and middle school attendance area boundaries. Parents are invited to provide feedback, through email at GrowthBoundaries@seattleschools.org or by attending a community meeting. The last meeting near Thurgood Marshall is Monday, September 30 6:30-8:00 pm in the Meany Building. To learn more visit www.seattleschools.org.

Common Core Questions?

The PTA will discuss the Common Core at an upcoming General Meeting. Watch the Pup Press for details. In the meantime you can visit the National PTA website to learn more here: <http://pta.org/content.cfm?ItemNumber=2909>.

PTA Meeting Minutes

You can find the minutes from PTA meetings online at www.tmlink.org/about/pta-board-meeting-minutes and on the bulletin board inside the school entrance. A copy will be attached to next week's Pup Press.

Have an article for PupPress? Send it to Julia Janak at julijanak@gmail.com. If your e-mail submission is not acknowledged within 24 hours, please call or text to confirm receipt at 206-473-0980.



Challenge Match Opportunity - Double Your Donation!

UPDATE: Annual Giving Fund

Total: \$27,327

Participation Rate: 14%

We have an great opportunity this month to meet the PTA's September goal of \$40,000 and 20% family participation and help make each donation count for more. A group of generous families from across grade levels will combine their gifts to match our donation totals made between now and next Tuesday, up to \$7,200! That means if we can raise \$7,200, these families will donate \$7,200, enabling us to raise \$14,400 and reach our fall goal. This is a wonderful opportunity to make your donation count for even more.

Please mail or send in your green donation form before next Tuesday. Contact Casey Sommers at caseypilar@gmail.com with questions.

Picture Day Volunteers

Picture Day for students is Monday, October 7th and we'd love a couple volunteers to gather money and assist the photographers. Could you help for a 1/2 day or all day shift? Your child will get a free photo package if you are able to help! Please contact Wendy Eckert at 206-769-8842 or wseckert@yahoo.com.

Shoes That Fit

Thurgood Marshall is fortunate to participate in a program called "Shoes That Fit" where about 75 of our students will be fitted for free pairs of shoes. Nurse Chin would like to have a couple helpers to measure feet for 2 hours on September 26th or 27th.

Eyes and Ears

Nurse Molly Chin needs volunteers to help with this year's hearing and vision screening. The dates are October 8th (12:30 pm-3:30 pm) and October 9th all day. Contact: Laurie Milodragovich at lmilodragovich@msn.com.

Annual Asbestos Notification

In accordance with the Federal Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), the Seattle Public Schools notifies parents, teachers, and other employees each year of the availability of the Asbestos Management Plan and actions the District is taking to maintain asbestos containing materials in its buildings.

A periodic surveillance of asbestos-containing materials is conducted every six months and a complete reinspection of each school building is conducted every three years. The latest reinspection was completed during the summer of 2013.

The Asbestos Management Plan includes the results of each periodic surveillance and the most recent reinspection as well as documentation of asbestos related activities.

If you would like additional information regarding the District's Asbestos Program contact Troy White at 206-252-0528 or twhite@seattleschools.org.
