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Dear Thurgood Marshall Students



Enjoy your Mid-Winter Break! Take this time to rest and relax, but don't forget to read! Don't already have a book you want to read? Check out Ms. Hudson's column on Guided Reading on the back for suggestions, or visit your local Seattle Public Library. See you back at school on Feb. 24!

Save the Dates

Thurgood Marshall Day

On Feb. 28 we celebrate Thurgood Marshall Day at school. Please join us for a special assembly at 9:40 am in the Cafeteria.

New Principal Hiring Committee

A community meeting will be held on March 5 at 6:30 pm to discuss the hiring process for a new principal at Thurgood Marshall. Everyone is welcome.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 17-21

NO SCHOOL - Mid Winter Break

Feb. 24, Monday

Back to School

Feb. 26 & March 5

School Tours @ 8:45 am
Meet in Library

Feb. 28, Friday

Thurgood Marshall Day

March 5, Wednesday

Community Mtg re Principal Hiring

March 20, Thursday

PTA General Meeting @ 6:30 pm
in Library



Fun Facts Quiz



How well do you know our teachers and staff? Take our quiz and find out!

- Who named their son after Lyndon B. Johnson because he was the first U.S. President to set foot on Samoa?
- Is our 1st Grade teacher Ms. Kohls related to:
A. Dr. Seuss B. Daniel Boone C. Mr. Shin
- Who lived on the island of Cyprus in the village of Skouriotissa; and is Skouriotissa on the Greek or the Turkish side of the island?
- Who has skied in the French, Swiss and Italian Alps?

Answers: 1. Ms. Patu from the Main Office, 2. Daniel Boone, 3. Ms. Naze, Kindergarten, Greek side 4. Nurse Molly Chin

Lost and Found

Two clear Rubbermaid tubs with red lids were left at the Lunar New Year Potluck Dinner last week. You may pick them up in the Staff Room.

The Thursday Note

Where is today's "Thursday Note," you ask? Don't worry, our weekly Thursday Note from the Principal will be back after the break.

Teachers Moving Next Year

Three of our beloved teachers have been selected as Planning Teachers at Fairmount Park Elementary, the new APP option school in West Seattle. The three teachers are: Ken Pendergrass, Alyssa Quinlivan and Jennifer Cowan. They will continue teaching at Thurgood Marshall for the rest of this school year while also taking on additional planning responsibilities on evenings and weekends.

They will be deeply missed at Thurgood Marshall. They go with our blessings and gratitude for their years of innovative, creative and passionate service to this community.

Tutu's Pantry Donations

Specific needs include: canned vegetables, canned fruit, peanut butter, and tuna fish.

Donation dates by grade level are:

- Feb. 24: 2nd Grade
- March 3: 3rd Grade
- March 10: 4th Grade
- March 17: 5th Grade
- March 24: K/PEACE
- March 31: 1st Grade

We Need Your Donation in February!

Goal for the year: \$130,000

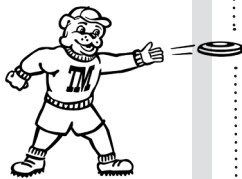
Raised so far: \$106,368

What we need: **\$23,632**

Participation goal: 60% of families

Participation so far: 39%

What we need: **21% more family participation**



Why is it important to donate in February?

1. **CRITICAL BUDGET DECISIONS:** The school budget process starts March 1. The TM administration and the PTA Budget Committee are better able to make decisions regarding staffing and programs if we know what funds are available for next year.
2. **DOUBLE YOUR DONATION:** Donating during February means doubling your donation. During the February Challenge Match, donations will be matched by a group of generous TM families (up to \$4,000).
3. **SHOW SUPPORT:** Donating this month helps us reach our participation goal. Families show their support for TM in many ways, and making a contribution to the Annual Giving Fund is a crucial part of showing support. Every donation - \$5, \$50, \$500 - keeps our school thriving.

If you haven't made a donation yet this year, February is the time to do it. Please make checks payable to: "Thurgood Marshall PTA" You can mail donations to TM Annual Giving Fund P.O. Box 22305 Seattle, WA 98112, send them in with your child, or go to www.tmlink.org to donate online. Thank you!

What is Guided Reading?

- From Ms. Merilee Hudson, Librarian

Guided Reading is the curriculum we use to help children become strong readers. It levels, or grades, books so that children are reading texts that are just right for them.

A "just right" book is one a child can read independently at a comfortable pace. It is not too difficult or too easy. The book is fun and satisfying to read, and takes into account a child's age and maturity level as well as the difficulty of the text. Here are two websites to help you find "just right" books:

Check a book's level: www.scholastic.com/bookwizard

Find a book to match your child's interest: www.abookandahug.com

Memory Book & Gift for Principal Breidenbach

Please stop by the office between now and the end of February to sign the Memory Book for Principal Julie Breidenbach. If you would like to contribute to a farewell gift, please mail a check or cash to Laurie Milodragovich, 730 S. Rose St., 98108. Contributions will be accepted through the end of February. Thank you!

Questions? Please contact Laurie at lmilodragovich@msn.com.



We are still looking for volunteers for two exciting opportunities. If you're interested please email Wendy Eckert at wseckert@yahoo.com.

- Chair the annual Teacher Appreciation Week (May 5-9): our way of saying "thank you" for all the wonderful work our teachers do every day!
- Join the Nominating Committee for next year's PTA Board: several PTA Board positions will be vacant next year. Help us interview and select nominees for next year's Board.

Thank you to those who already volunteered for the Budget Committee!

It's Time for Taco Time!

The PTA is participating in a fundraiser selling Taco Time coupons. We'll be in the front hall of school at dismissal time on Friday, Feb. 14 with a stack of books for \$1 each. Support your school...and your stomach!

Wish List

Help fulfill a "wish" for one of our teachers.

Room 109: Old sunglasses, all shapes and sizes, for our Read the Room center.

Room 111: Old broken machines: anything without a screen is acceptable. Please wait to deliver until April.

Desea Servicios de Traduccion?

Si Ud. desea servicios de traduccion durante la reunion general del PTA, favor de avisarnos con siete dias de anticipacion. Contact: president@tmlink.org.

If you or someone you know needs translation services for a PTA General Meeting please give us seven days advance notice. Services can be provided in Spanish, Somali and Vietnamese.

The next PTA General Meeting will be held Thursday, March 20 at 6:30 pm. To request translation services please contact us ASAP at: president@tmlink.org.

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