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THE THURSDAY NOTE:

Did you know that PTA support, community partnerships and our talented teaching staff are working 'in concert' to ensure that Thurgood Marshall students experience the arts in many ways?

*Seattle Children's Theatre Residency: Drama teachers help students in grades 1-5 develop stage presence, voice articulation, ability to express emotions through movement, and other skills.

*Book-It Repertory performances: Books such as "The Phantom Tollbooth" come to life in this theater company's traveling shows, performed in our cafeteria's stage two or more times per school year.

*Pacific Northwest Ballet's Discover Dance: Second-grade classes create their own dances! The students are led by PNB teaching artists who use curriculum that blends creative movement, choreographic tools and integration with other classroom subjects. The artists collaborate with classroom teachers to develop lessons that reflect shared goals, state standards and skills such as collaboration, creative thinking, and perseverance.

General Music: All students have a 40-minute music class on a three-week rotation between Music, Art and Physical Education. Students learn to read and write musical compositions, and to incorporate rhythm and beats into their music. Mr. Pendergrass has obtained a grant to add technology to his class. Students use iPods, headphones and a variety of software programs to enhance their understanding of musicality.

*Choir: Students in grades 1-5 have the option to join our choir, which practices before school on Tuesdays and Thursdays and performs at various concerts and festivals throughout the school year. Of course, they also entertain us: mark your calendar for the Spring Performance at Thurgood Marshall, 7 pm on June 3. [Students need to participate in at least one full semester of choir. There is no cost at this time.]

Instrumental Music: Students in grades 4 and 5 have the option of learning an instrument, and performing twice a year in a concert for our community. It is awesome to see 150 students from all of our school's programs playing contemporary music like a professional orchestra. Join us for our next concert, 7 pm on May 22.

Visual Arts: All students come to the art room for 40-minute classes on a 3-week rotation. Students enhance their skills through Discipline-Based Art Education (DBAE) and study the elements and principles of art using a variety of materials. Twice a year we host an "Art Walk" in conjunction with another PTA evening event. Hope to see you at our spring Art Walk and Bingo Night on April 4!

These are just a few of the many important programs supported by your generous donations to our PTA. We thank you for your support, and ask that when you consider making a donation, you picture how important the arts are to every child at Thurgood Marshall Elementary.

– Christine Helm, Interim Principal

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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 7, Friday

Deadline to join Principal Hiring Comm.

March 9, Sunday

Daylight Savings Time

March 20, Thursday

Central Region Town Hall w/ Seattle Schools Superintendent, Garfield High School, 400 23rd Ave. @ 6:30-8:30 pm

NEW DATE!

March 27, Thursday

PTA General Meeting @ 6:30 pm in Library

April 4, Friday

Bingo Night and Art Walk @ 6:00 pm in Cafeteria

PTA Mtg Moved to March 27

The PTA General Meeting has been re-scheduled to Thu., March 27 to allow families to attend the Central Region's Town Hall meeting with Superintendent Banda on March 20. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We hope you will be able to join us at 6:30 pm on March 27.

Tutu's Pantry Donations

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

March 10: 4th Grade

March 17: 5th Grade

March 24: K/PEACE

March 31: 1st Grade

April 7: 2nd Grade

April 21: 3rd Grade

DEADLINE: Principal Hiring Committee

We are looking for four parent volunteers to serve on the Principal Hiring Committee. Deadline to join is tomorrow, March 7.

To join please mail us by 4 pm on March 7 at president@tm-link.org. Include 1) Your child's grade level and teacher; 2) Why you'd like to join the committee; 3) If you've ever served on a hiring committee.

Annual Fund Update: We're 90% of the Way There!

Thank you to 5th-grade parents Tina and Kyle Shepard for their design work on the Frisbees your children brought home on Monday. As we cheer on our TM Ultimate Frisbee Team, we see our fundraising goals within close reach!

The PTA only needs to raise \$11,887 more to meet our goal of \$130,000. We are 90% of the way there! Thank you to everyone who has already donated.

How to Donate: please make checks payable to: "Thurgood Marshall PTA" and mail to TM Annual Giving Fund, P.O. Box 22305 Seattle, WA 98112. Or you can donate online at www.tmlink.org. Thank you!

Your contributions make a difference, see "Lion Dance Team Thanks PTA"

Lion Dance Team Thanks Our PTA

We received this thank-you note from the Franklin Lion Dance Team after they performed at our Lunar New Year celebration last month.

"Thanks very much for your generous donation to the Franklin Lion Dance Team. The students are still talking about the photo shoot with the Thurgood Marshall children! The students are saving up for new equipment and repairs to old equipment."

Your donations help make these events possible. The PTA *thinks you* for contributing to the Annual Giving Fund.

Open PTA Positions for 2014-2015

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

CO-PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
ANNUAL FUND CHAIR	MEMBERSHIP CHAIR (<i>New position!</i>)
COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR	WEBMASTER
PUP PRESS EDITOR	

Contact our Nominating Committee Chairperson, Casey Sommers, if you are interested at caseypilar@gmail.com. Job descriptions available on request.

Our Students Recommend Books

Librarian Merilee Hudson has been asking TM students, "Which non-fiction books do you like?" In the next few weeks *Pup Press* will feature students' top choices. This week students in Rooms 203 (5th Grade) and 206 (4th Grade) liked the following:

Building our House by Jonathan Bean

A young girl narrates her family's move from the city to the country, where they live in a trailer while building a house from the ground up with the help of relatives and friends. Lovely illustrations.

In Search of Sasquatch by Kelly Milner Halls

Draws on interviews with cryptozoologists, linguistics experts, anthropologists, biologists, and others to examine evidence related to the existence of Sasquatch.

Bodies from the Ice by James M Deem

Examines the science of glaciers and looks at discoveries made as the ice masses move and melt, including the preserved frozen remains of Otzi, the oldest human mummy ever found in ice, believed to be at least 5,300 years old.

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. If you are interested, please contact Ms. Martin at bamartin@seattleschools.org.

Enrichment Catalogs are Here!

The latest Enrichment Catalogs go home with students today, so check those backpacks! The spring session will start on April 7. Registration ends on March 21. Please note: some classes, such as Engineering Challenge and Sewing, fill up quickly so submit your registration form early. For more information contact Sudeshna Sen at sudeshnanw@gmail.com or Caryn Gold at carynlgold@yahoo.com.

New Requirement for Volunteers

As of Feb. 1 all volunteers in Seattle Public Schools must complete an online course on Adult Sexual Misconduct Prevention. Current volunteers have until the end of the school year to complete the course and provide school with the certificate of completion. Go online at <http://tiny.cc/asmmps>.

Take Time for School Breakfast

Breakfast keeps kids focused and energized at school, and it's a great timesaver on busy mornings! Grab a friend and join us in the cafeteria before school from 9:05-9:25 am. It only costs \$1.75 for students and \$2.75 for adults. See you there!

Fun Facts Quiz

Really?!

1. Who co-hosted a nationally-syndicated teen magazine show called "Scratch" for two years as a teenager, interviewing celebrities, and filming episodes across the country?
2. Who worked on a National Geographic wildlife cruise touring remote places in Baja, Mexico?
3. Who was part of a climbing expedition in the Himalaya Mountains that made the first ascent of a 22,000 ft. peak?
4. Who once played on an Ultimate Frisbee team in Japan?

Answers: 1. Althea Chow, 2. Bianca Gomez, 3. Will Miller 4. Cindy Gano

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