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Learning and Thriving

A number of parents joined me last Thursday to discuss the book "Mindset," by Carol Dweck. We had a very interesting discussion. If you'd like to learn more about the growth mindset, there is a great TED Talk by Eduardo Briceño on the topic at www.youtube.com/watch?v=pN34FNbOKXc.

In addition, at the coffee I mentioned a book titled "Racing to Justice: Transforming Our Conceptions of Self and Other to Build an Inclusive Society," by John A. Powell. Dr. Powell, a professor at Berkeley, has been engaged to work with the District in exploring solutions to our equity gap.

Student Climate Survey

As you may be aware, Thurgood Marshall Elementary has been collaborating over several years with a local non-profit, Sound Discipline, to improve school climate and make our school a place where everyone can learn and thrive. We have been invited to participate (at no cost to us) in a trial of a school climate survey on Monday, Nov. 10. The information will help us know what students think and help us learn where we still need to improve. The students will use *iclickers* (a remote response device) to answer questions about how they experience our school.

Data will be collected per class and *all of the answers will be anonymous*. The iclickers are passed out randomly so no one will know how your student answered the questions.

Although we hope that all students will participate (because it helps us understand our school) it is not mandatory and you may opt out by contacting Ms. Patu at hjpatu@seattleschools.org on or before Friday, Nov. 7.

Boundary Changes

You may be aware that the district is planning changes to attendance area boundaries for the 2015-16 school year. Thurgood Marshall is currently slated to receive an additional 90 students due to the boundary changes (86 from Bailey Gatzert and 4 from John Muir reference areas). We do not appear to be losing any current students at this time.

The district has a number of community meetings planned to communicate the changes. You can see the maps of the changes, and get more information, on the Growth Boundaries website: www.bit.ly/GrowthBoundaries. Questions and comments may be emailed to growthboundaries@seattleschools.org.

Community Meeting Schedule

When	Where	Language Interpretation
Thursday, Oct. 30 6:30-7:30 pm	Northgate Community Center 10510 5th Ave NE	Spanish and Somali
Monday, Nov. 3 6:30-7:30 pm	Alki Elementary 3010 59th Ave SW	Spanish and Somali
Tuesday, Nov. 4 6:30-7:30 pm	Beacon Hill International 2025 14th Ave S	Cantonese

EVENT CALENDAR

Fri., Oct. 31

Book-o-ween Celebration
Wear book-themed costumes to school!

TOMORROW!

Now through Friday, Oct. 31 ...

Annual Giving Fund Fall Challenge Match
Double your TM donation this month!
Forms in office or online @ tmlink.org

Fri., Nov. 7

Veterans Day Assembly in Cafeteria (9:35 am)
Choir performance, and Ms. Sheridan's class will perform – *Families welcome!*

Sat., Nov. 8

Intro to Parent Leadership Workshop
8:30 am-3:30 pm in Library

Tue., Nov. 11

No School (Veterans Day)



Thurs., Nov. 13

Washington Middle School
Information Night
6:30-8 pm in Stevens Elem. School Cafeteria

Fri., Nov. 14

Thankful Fall Party/Dance/Potluck
6:30-8 pm in Gym



Tues., Nov. 18

PTA Meeting
6:30-8 pm in Library



Wed., Nov. 19

Picture Day Retakes

Nov. 24 – 28

No school all week—Parent/teacher conferences and Thanksgiving holiday

LOOKING AHEAD

Thurs., Dec. 5

Washington Middle School
Information Night
6:30-8 pm at Washington Middle School

Sat., Jan. 24, 2015

Pancake Breakfast
Morning in Cafeteria

TUTU'S PANTRY

Oct. 27: 1st-Grade Donations

Nov. 3: 2nd-Grade Donations

Nov. 10: 3rd-Grade Donations

Nov. 17: 4th-Grade Donations

Dec. 1: 5th-Grade Donations

Dec. 8: PEACE/Kindergarten Donations

Questions? Contact Tutu's Pantry Coordinators Kim Enochs at kimenochs@comcast.net or 206-604-1202 or Maggie Trapp at maggietrapp@yahoo.com or 206-399-8320.

Thanksgiving Sharing at Thurgood Marshall

Thanksgiving is right around the corner! We have an annual tradition at Thurgood Marshall of sharing the spirit and tradition of Thanksgiving by **matching families**



who want to donate ingredients for the meal with families who need that food to make the holiday complete. Through generous donations, we will provide a **Thanksgiving Meal-in-a-bag** to each Thurgood Marshall family in need.

Donors will provide:

- **\$20 gift card to QFC or Safeway**
- **2 cans green beans**
- **1 bag cubed bread stuffing**
- **1 box instant mashed potatoes**
- **1 can cream of mushroom soup**
- **1 can cranberry sauce**
- **1 pound yams or sweet potatoes**
- **1 ready-made pie crust**
- **1 can pumpkin purée**
- **1 can evaporated milk**

Watch for the flier in next week's Pup Press for instructions on how to sign up to give or receive a meal. If you have questions, email Katie Egolf (kathryn.egolf@gmail.com).

We Love Our Volunteers ...

Here are some available volunteer positions:

- **Academic Volunteers:** Assist Kindergartners with reading stations and writing labs. Commitment time: 45 min. once a week. Morning and afternoon slots available.
- **Enrichment Assistant:** Help facilitate registration and parent communications for the winter quarter.
- **Front Office Help:** Ms. Patu and Ms. Dickey need help sorting paperwork in the office. Drop in if you have a few minutes to spare.
- **Fall Dance Volunteers:** Volunteers will be needed the day and night of the dance. Contact us for more information.
- **Pancake Breakfast Chair:** Plan and execute an all-school pancake breakfast scheduled for **Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015**. Work with volunteers who can assist with procurement, cooking, serving, and clean up. A written job description and task list is available.

For more information, or more opportunities, go to www.tmlink.org/info/volunteering or contact Volunteer Coordinator Jen Ellis at jenniferellis.206@gmail.com or (206) 276-4982.

Global Reading Challenge—Let's Do This!

Librarian Mrs. Hudson is anxiously awaiting the delivery of the top secret **Global Reading Challenge** books next week.

Each year six to eight teams of 4th- and 5th-graders compete in the Seattle Public Library's **Global Reading Challenge**. These students take on the challenge of reading 10 books selected by the Seattle Public Library and then competing in a "knowledge bowl" style competition. Students work in teams of seven. Each team includes both 4th- and 5th-graders and must have both girls and boys, as well as students from both the general and HCC programs.

Students should sign up for this program with Mrs. Hudson by **Thursday, Nov. 13**. Our first meeting will be on Nov. 13 from 12:25-1:00 pm in the Library. Students must be willing to meet once a week, on Thursdays, from **Nov. 13** until **Feb. 5**.

Our in-school competition will be **Monday, Feb. 9**, and the winning team will have a time commitment until **Tuesday, Mar. 24**, the all-city final.

Just 10 More Days 'Til Free Parent Workshop

We hope you can make it to the FREE workshop our PTA is hosting along with Community with Parents for Public Schools.

Introduction to Parent Leadership will help you and other Thurgood Marshall parents understand how to **better support your child** at school and home, learn how and why your involvement contributes to **your child's success**, and share your strengths—and your voice—to enrich the Thurgood Marshall experience.

Saturday, Nov. 8, 2014

8:30 am-3:30 pm

FREE breakfast, lunch & child care provided.

Please register by **Thursday, Nov. 6** at pta@tmlink.org or 206-550-9506.

Nearly Time: Thankful Party/Dance/Potluck

The Fall Dance is just around the corner! This year's theme is **Thanks and Giving!** DJ Eric is back again and has many fun ideas to get us moving.



We hope to see you on **Friday, Nov. 14** from **6:30-8 pm** in the Cafeteria and Gym.

We'll start with a potluck of savory snacks and sweet treats. Please bring something based on your last name:

- **A-H = Fruit or a dessert**
- **I-P = Cheese, protein or veggie, and crackers**
- **Q-Z = Chips, pretzels, or something similar**



If you're able, please also bring along items to stock Tutu's Pantry. Especially welcomed are rice, dried beans, dried lentils, and peanut butter/jelly, but anything you can bring is appreciated.

We need lots of hearty/happy feet to help during the event. Please click the sign-up site below to **offer a gift of your time**. Shifts are as short as 30 minutes or you can be part of our setup team and help decorate! Sign up here: www.bit.ly/ThankfulDance

Happy "Book-o-ween"!

Tomorrow, **Friday Oct. 31**, is Book-o-ween, the way we recognize the Halloween holiday at Thurgood Marshall. Your child may wear a book-themed costume to school or dress as a favorite book character. Please do not send students with masks or costumes that are violent in nature or with weapon accessories.



We can't wait to see what your child chooses to wear!

TM Briefs

Used books: One more day to drop off your used books for grades 1-2: can you help? Send books to the front office marked "Attn: Ms. Lyons" by **Friday, Oct. 31**. Many thanks to those who have sent in books!

Reflections contest: Want more information about the Reflections contest or need to download an application? See our article at www.tmlink.org/2014/10/26/pta-reflections/

Kyle Dine: Thanks again to Kyle Dine for coming to school with his fun, interactive show that teaches kids about allergies. To read more about Kyle and see videos of him performing, visit his site: www.kyledine.com