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Principal
Katle May

SPRING UPDATES: PLANNING AHEAD

This week, I wanted to keep you abreast of our planning and preparation for next year.

Technology: Thanks to our PTA-funded Opportunity Grant, we have been working this past month with Jim Dunnigan, a technology consultant. Jim met with nearly every staff member and our PTA Board, and reviewed how we currently use technology on our campus. The result of this work was a **Technology Readiness Profile**. This profile will help to guide us in making decisions as we create a vision of technology for Thurgood Marshall. I hope you will join us for the **Principal Coffee** this month on April 30 at 9:15 am when Jim Dunnigan shares his technology findings with our parent community.

Student Growth for 2015-16: As I have previously shared, we are predicted to grow from **our current 520 students to 560 next year**, adding a 2nd-grade General Education class and a 4th-Grade HCC class. I met with our District facilities representative this week to discuss where these extra students will go! It looks like we will be able to add another double portable close to our current portable. This will cause us to shift our kindergarten play area slightly, but should otherwise have minimal impact on our campus.

Assistant Principal Hiring: Many of you have asked about our timeline for hiring a **permanent Assistant Principal**. Last week the District let me know that they are currently placing administrators who have requested transfers and the **hiring pool should be opened in the next couple weeks**.

Friday Assembly: This week's assembly is brought to us by the **Hope Heart Institute**. The program will focus on fitness and nutrition. In addition, a special surprise will be unveiled this week for our school community! As always, we love to have families join us.

Next week, **school will be closed for Spring Break**, April 13-17. We will see you back at Thurgood Marshall on Monday, April 20. While we are in our final trimester of the year, we still have much important learning left to do. Please be sure your child arrives at school on time each day, well-rested and ready to learn!

TM 5th-Grader Throws Out First Pitch at Mariners Game



Photo credit: Ted S. Warren/AP

When 5th-grader **Malachi Wayman** plays for his Seattle Central Little League team, the **New York Black Yankees**, there might be 25 fans on hand. Last night, **25,000 people** saw him throw the ceremonial first pitch at Safeco Field just before the Mariners faced the Los Angeles Angels.

Ms player Rickie Weeks caught the pitch – said to be a strike – watched by

Commissioner of Baseball Rob Manfred, who had asked the Mariners to pick a Little Leaguer for the honor. The Ms called Seattle Central, and the **League chose Malachi** in honor of his **family's commitment to SCLL**, including the many hours of volunteer time proud dad **Matt Wayman** has devoted as a coach.

Matt noted, "Malachi has shown interest in baseball since he was old enough to pick up a bat. It was second nature to him, as his grandfather played three years in the minors."

Seattle Central (www.seattlelittleleague.org) serves nearly 300 players, including other TM students. SCLL baseball team names are taken from the old Negro Leagues (roughly 1890s-1940s), both as a celebration of African-American traditions in baseball and reminder of the impact of discrimination. Girls' softball teams are named in honor of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League, which operated 1943-54.

EVENT CALENDAR

Thurs., April 9

EXTENDED deadline for **Yearbook Forms!**

Fri., April 10

Last day to send in books for the book exchange at the Library (no picture books)

Mon.-Fri., April 13-17

Spring Break: NO SCHOOL



Fri., April 24

Bingo Night
6-7:30 pm in Cafeteria



Thurs., April 30

Principal Coffee w/technology consultant
Jim Dunnigan, 9:15 am in Library

TM at the Game: Save the Date

May 16: Seattle Mariners baseball

June 3: Seattle Storm basketball

TUTU'S PANTRY

THIS WEEK'S NEED:
CANNED FRUIT



Also: Jelly, Pasta Sauce, Canned Corn

April 6-10: 3rd-Grade Donations

April 20-27: 4th-Grade Donations

Prizes Needed for Bingo Night

Just a few more weeks before **Family Bingo Night!** We'll have pizza and games starting at **6 pm on Friday, April 24**, but we still need PRIZES. Help make this night fun by bringing **new or gently used items** to the front office.

Just a few suggestions for prizes:

- board or card games
- jigsaw puzzles
- arts-and-crafts sets
- unused gift certificates



Interested in volunteering to help at this exciting event? Jobs range from distributing bingo cards to handing out prizes to eager winners. Sign up at www.bit.ly/Bingo2015atTM

CORRECTION: Today's Bingo flier has an incorrect email address to contact about prizes; correct address is belskifackler@gmail.com

Speaking of the Mariners...

The Seattle Mariners take on the **Boston Red Sox** next month, on **Saturday, May 16**, at 6:10 pm, and **Thurgood Marshall** will have a special section for families and friends to watch the game together!



Watch for a **flier to come home after break** to learn how you can buy tickets.

Book Discussion Group Expanded

We are still seeking interested parents to take part in the Tuesday morning *Face to Face* book discussion group beginning after Spring Break! In addition, **if you want to participate** in the book group **but the day/time doesn't work** for your schedule, you now have the option to **participate remotely** on your own time!

Simply follow along with the **reading at home** and participate in discussions through our **private online Facebook group**.

Please email Ms. Kaloper at mrharris@seattleschools.org by **Monday, April 13** if you wish to participate either a) in person, or b) remotely and she will order the book for you. Thank you!

PTA Volunteering: What's Involved?

As we seek out new volunteers to fill open slots next year, many parents have asked, "So what's involved?" Here are the "Cliffs Notes" for some of the roles:

- ❖ **Treasurer** – You hold the purse strings! Manage the PTA budget, write the checks, and help school staff take advantage of their PTA funds.
- ❖ **Annual Giving Fund Promotions Co-Chair** – Think of fun ways to get our community involved in giving to the PTA. This year we had "March Match-ness!" You help decide what it will be next year!
- ❖ **Events Chair** – Be our party czar! Be the go-to consultant for Event Team Leads as they plan our popular events like **Fall Dance** and **Bingo Night**.
- ❖ **Communications Co-Chair** – Strengthen and inform our community through resources such as Pup Press weekly newsletter, TMLink.org, PTA bulletin board and more. Tasks are split among 3-5 people.
- ❖ **Directory Editor** – Playdates, carpools and homework help can only happen if we can reach each other—create the student directory that makes this possible!
- ❖ **Pup Press Editor** – Solicit and edit articles, do simple layout and write headlines to ensure the TM community knows who, what, where, when and why. Can be split into co-editorships.

For more detailed descriptions of the PTA Board positions, see: www.tmlink.org/info/join-pta-board.

For information on other available positions (like Box Tops Coordinator or Class Rep) contact Jen Ellis at jenniferellis.206@gmail.com

Survey for 2016 Capital Levy

Seattle Public Schools' **Buildings, Technology and Athletics/Academics (BTA IV) 2016 Capital Levy** will be submitted to Seattle voters in February 2016.

You can provide input regarding possible projects that may be included in this capital levy by filling out this survey before **April 30, 2015**: www.surveymonkey.com/r/HZ7VQHM

To learn more, or find out additional ways to provide input (including surveys available in other languages such as Spanish, Somali, and Vietnamese), visit the SPS Levy page at www.bit.ly/SPSLevies16.

For information about previous BTA capital projects, please visit bta.seattleschools.org.



Staying Happy & Healthy!



Meghan Kaloper
Counselor's Corner

I have been working behind the scenes to whip up some fun and informative assemblies for our Thurgood Marshall kiddos. Last week we had the **Taproot Theatre** performers do an imaginative play about **being an ally** to someone who is being bullied. Students learned calming techniques (ask them about *breathing soup!*) and ways to assertively stand up for themselves and others.

This week we have the **Hope Heart Institute** coming to help teach the importance of health through our food and activity choices. Hope Heart will use interactive games to teach the 5-2-1-0 framework. **5-2-1-0** means that every day, students should eat at least **5 fruits and vegetables, spend 2 hours or less on screen time (television, computers, video games, etc.), get at least 1 hour of exercise, and consume 0 sugary beverages**. Happiness comes through health of both bodies and minds!

School Cat 'Mr. Marshall' Breaks His Silence



Student **Brynn Harper** managed to catch up with the school cat, 'Mr. Marshall,' also nicknamed **Tuxedo** and **Irvig**, to give us the "inside scoop" on this busy kitty.

Mr. Marshall can often be found right outside the school doors; be sure to keep your eyes open for him and say hi!

What is your favorite thing about Thurgood Marshall? I love how the students pet me, and the students are also really smart!

What is unusual about your childhood? I didn't learn to hunt until I was eight!

What are your interests and hobbies? Well, I love snuggling with kids and I also like hanging out by the flagpole.

What is your favorite song? My favorite song is "Happy" by Pharrell Williams.

This series of profiles of notable TM faces is brought to you by members of the Student Council. Special thanks to Principal May for coordinating this effort.

Special Thanks from Librarian Mrs. Hudson

The Thurgood Marshall Library will celebrate **National Library Week April 13-18** when we return from break. Thanks to all of the volunteers and the PTSA contributions that make our library so wonderful. Special thanks to **Tanaz Kanan** who coordinates the Library volunteers, and **Melanie Nalbindian, Natalie Zheng, Karen Sampson Liu, Susan Minogue, Tawnya Christiansen, Trinia Washington and Bridget Taylor** who come each week, shelve so many books, and check out so many books to our children.

Thanks too to **all the parents** who jump right in when they have an extra minute to help. Thanks to **Ben Kim** whose hammer and know-how helped expand the Library bookroom. Our library truly reflects the care and devotion of our community and our values.

Today, **Thursday, April 9**, is the last day to order the school yearbook. Go to www.yuenluistudio.com (click Online Viewing, then search for Thurgood Marshall Elementary Yearbook).

Won Anything Lately?



You'll like the prizes at our all-ages

Bingo Night

Presented by the Thurgood Marshall PTA



6-7:30 pm • Friday, April 24

Thurgood Marshall Cafeteria

No child care for pre-schoolers, but all can play!

B I N G O				
7	25	44	57	62
15	22	40	50	70
11	30	FREE SPACE	46	74
2	28	37	55	68
10	27	39	59	75

**Food
and
Fun!**

Did we mention that there will be prizes?

Have a prize to donate? Contact Brenda at belskifackler@gmail.com

Have more fun by volunteering? Sign up at www.bit.ly/Bingo2015atTM