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## Staff Appreciation; Websites for Students

"One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child." –Carl Jung

Thank you, PTA members and parents, for the beautiful ways you have recognized the hard work of our teachers and school staff in this week of Staff Appreciation. Our teachers are truly amazing, and like the quote above indicates, they care as much about helping all

of our children develop into well-rounded, kind human beings as they do about making sure that all learning targets are met. I am proud to work with this amazing group of people each day.

At our Technology Parent Coffee last week, several parents asked about worthwhile **websites for children**. I wanted to share a few well-regarded sites. These are great for practicing academic skills, good for summer learning and get good reviews from students, too. When you think of having your child practice skills on a computer, it is a good idea to think of **balancing screen time with other ways of learning** – for example, to practice math, you can use Dreambox or you can cook with your child (fractions), have her help you with a building project (estimating and measurement), or recite math facts while jumping rope.

**Websites used at Thurgood Marshall** (your child should have logins for these sites):

**EnVision Math** (math curriculum used at Thurgood Marshall):

[www.pearsonsuccessnet.com/snapp/login/PsnLandingPage.jsp?showLandingPage=true](http://www.pearsonsuccessnet.com/snapp/login/PsnLandingPage.jsp?showLandingPage=true)

**Dreambox** (online math learning that allows students to work at their own pace):

[play.dreambox.com/play/login?requested\\_url=%2F](http://play.dreambox.com/play/login?requested_url=%2F)

**iRead** (reading program for students (K-2); allows teachers to track student progress):

[teacher.scholastic.com/products/iread/familyportal/](http://teacher.scholastic.com/products/iread/familyportal/)

**Typing Agent** (keyboarding program for SPS 3-5 graders): [www.typingagent.com/login/](http://www.typingagent.com/login/)

**Other favorites – all free!:**

**Khan Academy** (Students can create an account; parents can track student progress. Useful for helping students with math topics at home; search for the appropriate topic and watch a short lesson together.): [www.khanacademy.org/](http://www.khanacademy.org/)

**National Library of Digital Manipulatives** (math games and practice):

[nlvm.usu.edu/en/nav/vlibrary.html](http://nlvm.usu.edu/en/nav/vlibrary.html)

**PBS Kids** (learning games for younger students): [www.pbskids.org/](http://www.pbskids.org/)

**Duolingo** (fun, interactive website for learning languages): [www.duolingo.com/](http://www.duolingo.com/)

**Common Sense Media** (information for parents on all sorts of digital media, and modules for students to learn about Internet safety): [www.common Sense Media.org/](http://www.common Sense Media.org/)



## A Huge Cheer of Thanks!

Sixty-six Thurgood Marshall families GaveBIG on Tuesday, May 5, a day of giving sponsored by the Seattle Foundation. Together, we raised \$7,550 to help send our teachers to Columbia University Teachers College. Congratulations on TM's biggest GiveBIG success yet!

Fundraising is done for the year! Thank you for your generosity and enthusiasm for the Annual Giving Fund. We beat our goal, raising nearly \$140,000 for PTA-funded programs and resources.

- ❖ 236 families participated (52%), and 76 of them made more than one gift this year.
- ❖ Every classroom participated in the AGF. Highest participation was Room 202 with 92% of families giving!

## EVENT CALENDAR

**Fri., May 8**

Last Day of Staff Appreciation Week

**Sun., May 10**

Deadline for Bell Times Survey (see page 2)

**Thurs., May 14**

Spring Open House, 6:30-8 pm

**Fri., May 15**

Deadline for Summer Staircase (see page 2)

**Sat., May 16**

TM Mariners Night, 6:05 pm

**Tues., May 19**

**NO SCHOOL**—Teacher Walkout



**Wed., May 20:**

Final Tour for Prospective Families (8:45-10 am)

## Important Remaining Dates ...

**May 21-May 28:** Arts Showcase Week

**Thurs., May 21:** Spring Instrumental Concert

**Mon., May 25:** Memorial Day—**NO SCHOOL**

**Tues., May 26:** Arts Reception, 5:30 pm & PTA General Meeting, 6:30 pm

**Thurs., May 28:** Spring Choir Concert

**Fri., May 29:** Move-a-Thon

**June 3-9:** Class Picnics (see [www.tmlink.org](http://www.tmlink.org))

**June 6:** TM Night at Seattle Storm

**June 10:** 5th Grade Promotion (4:30-6 pm)

**June 11:** Field Day

**June 16:** Last Day of School (**UPDATED**)

## TUTU'S PANTRY

**THIS WEEK'S NEED:** CEREAL



**May 11-May 15:** 1st-Grade Donations

**May 18-May 22:** 2nd-Grade Donations

## Move-a-thon Vols Needed



Get ready to move! The Move-a-Thon is **Friday, May 29**. Art teacher Ms. Zirngible and staff need help preparing materials for classes as well as many volunteers to help the day of the event.

To see different ways to help, go to our Signup Genius page: [www.bit.ly/moveathon15](http://www.bit.ly/moveathon15)

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## What is the Spring Arts Showcase?



This year **we will celebrate the arts** at Thurgood Marshall with a weeklong celebration, **May 21-28**. During the week, student artwork will be displayed throughout the school, as well as informational displays describing the drama and dance programs.

We'll also celebrate performing arts with the **Instrumental Concert** on Thurs., May 21 and the **Choir Concert** on Thurs., May 28. There will be an **Arts Reception** immediately before the May **PTA General Meeting** on Tues., May 26, at 5:30 pm, giving families another chance to peruse the artwork. If you are unable to attend any of these events, feel free to stop by the school any time during that week to view the displays.

### Help Display the Artwork...

Ms. Zirngible would appreciate extra help to prepare for the Arts Showcase week. If you can help mount or hang art, please contact Jen Ellis at [jenniferellis.206@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferellis.206@gmail.com)

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## Summer Staircase for K-4 Students

SPS is running a **Summer Staircase program** for summer learning from **June 22 to July 31**, Monday-Friday from 8:30 am-12:30 pm, to eliminate opportunity and achievement gaps by serving current K-4 students who are below grade level as determined by classroom assessments, MAP, Amplify, and the SBA.

**For more information on Summer Staircase, and a registration form**, visit our website: [www.tmlink.org/?p=2559](http://www.tmlink.org/?p=2559)

Registration will be open through **May 15**. Registration forms are also available at the Front Office. Completed forms can be dropped off at the Front Office. Questions? Please email John Hughes at [jehughes@seattleschools.org](mailto:jehughes@seattleschools.org)

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## More PTA Volunteer Openings for Next Year

**Volunteer Co-Coordinators** If you like organizing volunteers and connecting with other parents, this is the role for you! Much of the work can be done from home via email and through Sign Up Genius. It's a great role for two people to share.

**Grants Writing Experience** If you have experience writing grants, the PTA would love advice and help on exploring these opportunities, especially pertaining to technology.

Please contact Jen Ellis at [jenniferellis.206@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferellis.206@gmail.com) for more information on these and other openings.

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## Seattle Storm Night for Thurgood Marshall

The **Seattle Storm basketball team** play the LA Sparks on **Sat, Jun 6** at 6:00 pm in KeyArena; sections have been set aside for our community at a special price of \$15 per ticket. To sit with friends, buy your tickets together or coordinate your purchase (*use seating chart when you buy*). Use this link to buy tickets: [www.bit.ly/TMatStorm15](http://www.bit.ly/TMatStorm15). Click on **Find Tickets** and type the promo code: **thurgood**



*Tickets are only available online. If you are unable to order tickets online, please send the PTA a note via the Front Office or email us at [pta@tmlink.org](mailto:pta@tmlink.org) and we will place an order on your behalf.*

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## Think Math! Math Olympiad Last Weekend

For the last five months, 22 5th-grade students have been preparing for their participation in the **Washington State Math Olympiad**, a math competition that takes place in middle and high schools across the state.

Participating Olympians: **Katelyn Alexander, Julissa Chaves Mendoza, Ben Fleishman, Abby Jeweler, Micah Lee, Tierney Masterson, Saskia Meijer-Irons, Moses Miller, Natalie Miller, Ceci Miovic, Piper Nay, Mason Ott, Nick Porter, Avery Rosnick, Cora Schmidt, Vivian Sohn, Monica Thomas, Calvin Tran, Clio Vos, Jovie Webbeking, Teja Zeribi, & Lily Zhen.**



The "Archemedeans" were recognized for excellent achievement in the 7th-grade math competition!

Facilitated by **Ms. Kierstead, Ms. Von Beck, and Ms. Egelhoff**, the students met once per week in school and once per week outside of school with parent coaches. They competed **Saturday, May 2** at Seattle University in groups of 3 or 4 along with many other students from the greater Seattle area. Working for 3 hours on challenging math can be exhausting; teams brought home ribbons and medals! They should all be congratulated on their perseverance and ability to work as a team!



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## Bell Times Survey Due This Weekend

The Seattle Public Schools Bell Time Analysis survey is available until **May 10** for all parents, staff and members of the community to collect their input on possible bell time changes for schools. The District would like your input because a change in the start and end time for a school day has the potential to affect the entire community.

Visit [belltimes.www.seattleschools.org](http://belltimes.www.seattleschools.org) to take the survey in one of ten available languages.

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## Parents Needed for Hiring Committees

Parents are needed for upcoming hiring committees. All participants must have taken the site-based hiring training through the district. If you have not taken the training and are interested, you can register by calling the Seattle Education Association at 206-284-8443. **Pre-registration is required.**

All trainings take place from 4-5 pm at the John Stanford Center for Educational Excellence, 2445 Third Ave S, Seattle, WA 98124

Dates and room numbers: Thurs., May 14 - Auditorium, Tues., June 9 - Rm. 2700, Tues., June 23 - Auditorium

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## Mariners Tickets Coming Home Next Week!

Check your child's backpack closely next week if you ordered Mariners tickets. We'll have a crowd of about 300 cheering on the Mariners together! If you have questions, please contact Janet Chung at [janetc619@gmail.com](mailto:janetc619@gmail.com).

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### Thank You, TM Staff!

On behalf of all Thurgood Marshall families, the PTA would like to thank our teachers and staff for all of your incredible work. We "officially" celebrate you this week but please know that we appreciate what you do each day of the year. Thank you for inspiring, encouraging, teaching, and caring for our children. You ALL make Thurgood Marshall the amazing school that it is!