

# PUP PRESS



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**Principal  
Katle May**

## Charitable Work at School and Beyond

Our Student Council this week decided to raise money for [Splash.org](http://www.splash.org), an organization that works to provide people around the world with clean water. Splash is currently helping people in Nepal. Our students chose this organization because of its current efforts in Nepal, and because some students previously raised money for this Seattle-based charity. Students will present information at tomorrow's assembly.

We will be holding a penny drive from now until the end of May.

There will be penny collection containers in each classroom, and you can also donate by going to [www.splash.org/nepal-earthquake](http://www.splash.org/nepal-earthquake). Thurgood Marshall has several families with connections to Nepal, and our students were eager to reach out to support people in need there. It is impressive to see the care and concern our students are demonstrating.

**Why involve children in charitable work?** Children want to do things that make a difference in the world. They are often told what they are too young to do, and it is exciting for them to see that their actions can make a difference in someone else's life. When they can connect their charitable acts to an existing interest they have, this can be even more exciting for them.

*Small ways to get started:*

- The next time you are cleaning closets, talk to your children about places that accept donations and how the donations are used to help others. Let your children decide where to donate.
- Bring your children with you to volunteer at a soup kitchen or a food bank.
- Visit elderly neighbors who could use some company. Being around children can brighten their day. Help your child to see the difference this small act can make.
- If your child is a pet lover, consider fostering stray animals waiting to find a good home through a local shelter or the Humane Society.
- Participate in a trail cleanup at a local park or favorite hiking trail.

Early involvement in these types of activities can spark a lifelong interest in your child in helping others. People who help others feel good about themselves – a positive side effect. The small things that children can do today can help create a better world.

**Please join us at our Spring Open House** this evening from 6:30-8 pm. Come visit your child's current classroom and take a look at what they have been working on recently. As time allows, feel free to visit classrooms at the next level and see what is in store for your child next year.

**Reminder:** Summer Staircase Applications (Seattle Schools' summer program) are due in the office tomorrow – Friday, May 15.

## May 26 PTA Meeting Features Arts and Technology

**5:30 pm Arts Reception** Please join families in the TM lobby for an Arts Reception and an opportunity to walk around the school and see all of the beautiful art our students have created this spring. Refreshments will be sold by the 5th Grade to benefit their class art project.

**6:30 pm PTA Meeting** Would you like to learn how technology is used at TM? Join us in the Library as Consultant Jim Dunnigan presents findings from his PTA-supported study and his recommendations for future plans. He and Principal May will answer questions following the presentation. Free child care will be provided by the YMCA.

## EVENT CALENDAR

**Thurs., May 14**

Spring Open House, 6:30-8 pm

TONIGHT!

**Fri., May 15**

EAT OUTSIDE Day (*see page 2*)

TOMORROW

Deadline for Summer Staircase (*see last issue*)

**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)

**Mon., May 25**

Memorial Day – **NO SCHOOL**



**Fri., May 29**

Move-a-thon



## May 21–May 28: Arts Showcase Week

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

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

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

## June Dates ...

**June 3-9:** Class Picnics (*see page 2*)

**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:** BEANS & CORN

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

**May 26-29:** 3rd-Grade Donations



## Arts Showcase Next Week

TM will kick off the weeklong Spring Arts Showcase next week. From May 21-28, **student artwork** will be displayed throughout the school, and **displays will describe the drama and dance** programs.

*Calendar of Events:*

Thurs., May 21, 7 pm:  
**Instrumental Concert**

Tues., May 26, 5:30 pm:  
**Arts Reception** (*see left*)

Thurs., May 28, 7 pm:  
**Choir Concert**



If you are unable to attend any of these events, stop by the school any time during that week to view the displays.

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## Parents Invited to Join Students for 'Eat Outside Day' Tomorrow

Student Council has voted to have an "Eat Outside Day" tomorrow. Students will be allowed to take lunches (brought or bought) to the play areas. **Parents are invited to bring their own lunch** and join the kids (between 11:50 and 12:45 pm). Parental help is needed for patrolling the field and assisting students (especially younger ones) with their lunches. The weather promises to be beautiful, so come to Thurgood Marshall and dine "al fresco"!



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## Arts, Move-a-thon Volunteers Needed

Thank you to all who volunteered time or brought in food to ensure the success of last week's **Staff Appreciation** Breakfast and Lunch. Staff also were grateful for many other gestures made throughout the week.

Ms. Zirngible still needs a few hands before May 21 to help prepare for the Arts Showcase. If you can **help mount or hang art**, please contact Jen Ellis at [jenniferellis.206@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferellis.206@gmail.com)

**For the Move-a-thon on Friday, May 29**, Ms. Zirngible and staff need help preparing materials for classes as well as many volunteers to help the day of the event. To see how to help, go to the Signup Genius page: [www.bit.ly/moveathon15](http://www.bit.ly/moveathon15)



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## Mark Your Calendar: School Picnics

Be sure to join your grade level for **end-of-the-year picnics** held nightly **June 3-9** on the school playground from 5:30-7 pm. Bring your own picnic dinner, blanket and outdoor toys. *Picnics will be canceled in the event of rain.* Please invite any families that may be joining us at TM next year.

- **K/1st Grade** – Wed., June 3
- **2nd Grade** – Thurs., June 4
- **3rd Grade** – Mon., June 8
- **4th Grade** – Tues., June 9



Fifth Grade will celebrate the end of the year at their promotion on June 10 (4:30-6 pm).

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## CPPS Event in June

Community & Parents for Public Schools is hosting a public forum called "**First, You Envision It**" June 6, 9 am-1 pm, at the Northwest African American Museum. This gathering will explore the question: **If our education system was responsive to the community, what would it look like?** For more information, visit [www.cppsofseattle.org/a-better-way/](http://www.cppsofseattle.org/a-better-way/)

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## Facebook: Two Ways to Connect!

There are now two ways to connect with Thurgood Marshall Elementary on Facebook:

- 1) "Like" the **official school Facebook page**: [www.bit.ly/TMESonFB](http://www.bit.ly/TMESonFB)
- 2) Join the Thurgood Marshall **BullPup Parents** group: [www.facebook.com/groups/TMBullpupParents](http://www.facebook.com/groups/TMBullpupParents)

**BullPup Parents** is an informal, online and in-person social group for any parent or caregiver of a TM student who wants to share ideas, thoughts or issues about our children's school experience.

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## PTA 2015-16 Board Nominations

Below is the **proposed PTA Board** for next school year. A vote will take place at the **PTA General meeting on Tuesday, May 26**.

We are still seeking a Volunteer Chair (or co-chairs). Please email Jen Ellis at [jenniferellis.206@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferellis.206@gmail.com) to learn more.

### Executive Committee

Co-Presidents  
Casey Sommers  
Jamie Fackler

Vice President  
Ben Kim

Treasurer  
Jen Ellis

Secretary  
Lauri Nakamoto

### Additional Chairs & Representatives

Fundraising Chair/Promotions – Heather Bauer  
Fundraising Chair/Accounting – Stacey Joanovic  
Communications Chair – Cliff Meyer  
PEACE Academy Rep – Annette Sherr  
PTA Teacher Liaison – Donna Dugan  
Volunteer Chair – **TBD**  
Tutu's Pantry Chair – Maggie Trapp  
Events Chair – Brenda Fackler  
Arts Liaison – Daphne Dejanikus  
Bullpup Parents Coordinator - Karen Pinkard

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## Pilobolus Brings Dance to TM

Some TM 5th-graders worked and played yesterday with artist-teachers from the **world-renowned modern dance troupe Pilobolus**. Through shape-shifting and shadow play, Pilobolus strives to "break down barriers between disciplines and challenge the way we think about dance." Pilobolus has been featured on *Oprah*, *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*, and the Academy Awards.



**Pilobolus is offering a FREE class for the whole family**, 10 am this Saturday, at the Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center ([www.langstoninstitute.org](http://www.langstoninstitute.org)).

Thank you to **UW World Series** for making this visit possible, and to parent **Ben Kim** for his photography.

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## TM Briefs

Still want to buy **Seattle Storm basketball** tickets for June 6? Use the link: [www.bit.ly/TMatStorm15](http://www.bit.ly/TMatStorm15). Click on **Find Tickets** and use promo code: **thurgood**



We will be **collecting box tops** twice more before the end of the year. Please have your student bring them to school. The program has already brought in **more than \$500** this year!

**If you ordered tickets for Saturday's Mariners game**, they were sent home with children on Tuesday. Please check their backpacks! Questions? Contact Janet Chung at [janetc619@gmail.com](mailto:janetc619@gmail.com)



**Sponge School**, which offers the TM Enrichment Program's language classes, will run weeklong camps in Spanish, Mandarin and Japanese June 22-July 24. Info at [www.sponge-school.com/sign-up/summer-camp/](http://www.sponge-school.com/sign-up/summer-camp/).

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Visit [www.tmlink.org](http://www.tmlink.org) for Information from the PTA about the teacher walkout on Tuesday, May 19.

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