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Move-a-thon Funds Field Trips, Camp

This week, I wanted to let you know about a school-wide fundraising project: the **Thurgood Marshall Move-a-thon**.

Who: All TM students participate!

What: Each year we set aside about 30 minutes on Move-a-thon day for each class to walk laps on our playfield. Students collect donations from friends and family members to support their participation.

Why: Our Move-a-thon has become an annual tradition. The money collected goes into our school Self-Help Account and every dollar we raise goes directly towards helping **fund field trips and 5th-grade camp for students** who would not otherwise be able to afford these activities. We want every child at our school to benefit from all the educational resources in our community, but we cannot provide this without your help.

When: We will have our “Kick-off” assembly tomorrow, **Friday, May 22**. Students will learn more about the Move-a-thon and receive their donation packets. This year’s Move-a-thon will take place on **Friday, May 29**. You will receive more info from your child’s teacher about when your child’s class will walk.

How can I help? We need parent volunteers on the day of the Move-a-thon to help direct classes, and to mark laps on each student’s bib. Students also love to have parents walk with them or just cheer them on! To volunteer, see www.bit.ly/moveathon15.

Other details? Make sure your child wears appropriate footwear and comfortable clothing for walking on May 29. Also think about packing a water bottle on that day.

Thanks for your support of our school!

Last week I discussed how to involve children in charitable work, focusing on our fundraising for Nepal. On that note, keep bringing in those pennies to your child’s classroom!

Two Concerts This Month (with Bake Sales!)



We hope you can attend one of our upcoming concerts:

Instrumental Music Thurs., May 21 (tonight!), 7 pm*	Choir Performance Thurs., May 28, 7 pm*
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(* Concert participants should get to school by 6:45 pm)

For both concerts, volunteers are needed immediately after school to help set up chairs, and put away chairs after the performances. To volunteer, please contact Kelsey French at klfrench@seattleschools.org, or just show up!



The **5th grade bake sales**, held before both concerts **from 6-7 pm**, will raise money for the 5th-grade legacy tile mosaic class project!

‘March Match-ness’ Donation Leads to Storm Tickets

Congratulations to the family of **Tierney Masterson (5th grade)**, who won a drawing for four free tickets to the game. Every family that made a donation to the Annual Fund’s “March Match-ness” drive had a chance to win.

Storm Tickets: Corrected Link

If you had errors using the link in last week’s Pup Press to buy Storm tickets, try using the long link below (use the promo code **thurgood**):

<http://oss.ticketmaster.com/aps/storm/EN/link/promotion/home/09f0099d83754e1ff541257f9eacfd86079630a1>

Want more? Get PTA and school news online at www.tmlink.org for in-depth articles, links, calendar of events, and more. **And visit our new Facebook page!**

EVENT CALENDAR

Thurs., May 21:

Instrumental Concert, 7pm

TONIGHT!

Mon., May 25

Memorial Day – **NO SCHOOL**

Tues., May 26:

- ◆ Arts Reception, 5:30-6:30 pm
- ◆ PTA General Meeting, 6:30-8 pm

Thurs., May 28

Choir Concert, 7 pm



Fri., May 29

Move-a-thon



Wed., June 3

Two-hour early release

Thurs., June 4

Volunteer Appreciation Event, 3:45-4:30 pm on Playground (Cafeteria in case of rain)

Sat., June 6

TM Night at Seattle Storm basketball

Year End Dates ...

June 3-9: Class Picnics—*see schedule at* www.tmlink.org/newsandevents/calendar

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

June 11: Field Day (*see reverse*)

June 16: Last Day of School (**UPDATED**)
(one-hour early dismissal)

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THIS WEEK’S NEED: Tuna or Canned Meat

May 26-29: 3rd-Grade Donations

June 1-5: 4th-Grade Donations



TM & SPL Offer Summer Fun

Mynique Adams from the Douglass Truth Library will be with us the afternoon of Tuesday, **May 26** to share the Seattle Public Library program “**The 2015 Summer of Learning: Wild Science**” with our students. Thank you to the Public Library for their many fun, free, and helpful programs throughout the year.

Summer Library Hours for Students

The Thurgood Marshall Library will be open **every Tuesday this summer** for current and incoming students **from 4-7 pm**. Students can check out books and **popsicles** will be provided!

Mark down these open library dates: June 23 & 30; July 7, 14, 21, 28; and August 4, 11, 18, 25.

Arts, Tech at Next PTA Meeting

The year's final PTA meeting, on Tuesday (May 26), will be preceded at 5:30 pm by an **Arts Reception**. The 5th grade will sell goodies. All are welcome (no PTA membership required).

At the meeting (**6:30 pm in the Library**), Consultant Jim Dunnigan will present findings from his PTA-supported technology study and **recommendations for future technology plans**. He and Principal May will answer questions following the presentation. Also, there will be an **election for next year's PTA Board**.

Free child care for school-aged children will be provided by the YMCA from 6:30 pm until the meeting ends.

Go, Girl, Go! Panel and Activities

Girls between the ages of 6 and 18 are invited to participate in **Go, Girl, Go!**, a **free**, all-female Q & A panel (sponsored by FIRST, Washington FIRST Robotics, IEEE, and ICRA). The event takes place Saturday, **May 30, 9 am-3 pm** at the Washington State Convention Center. For a schedule, details, and to register for this free event, go to: gogirlgo2015.eventbrite.com



Community Meeting on BTA Capital Levy

Seattle Public Schools is hosting a **community meeting** to share information, receive comments and answer questions about the upcoming **Operations Levy** and **BTA IV (Buildings, Technology, Academics/Athletics IV) Capital Levy**, to be submitted to Seattle voters in February 2016.

The meeting is 6:30-8 pm **Tuesday, June 2** in the John Stanford Center Auditorium, 2445 3rd Ave S., from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Full meeting info is at www.bit.ly/BTAJune2015

Field Day Schedule and Volunteers

Thurgood Marshall's annual Field Day is **Thursday, June 11**, with the following schedule:

- **Morning session:** K-2nd Grade & PEACE: 9:30-11:30 am
- BBQ Lunch for everyone
- **Afternoon session:** 3rd-5th Grade: 12:45-2:45 pm.

Students will enjoy activities at different stations, including **face painting, tug of war, atomic isotope, giant tangrams, an obstacle course, and water balloon toss**.



It takes many volunteers to run a successful Field Day; please help with one of the most fun all-school events for the school year. Sign up at www.bit.ly/FieldDayTM2015. Questions? Email Jen Hobbs at jen@jenfu.org.

Missing Another Sweatshirt?

Please come check out the **Lost and Found** during Arts Week for missing sweaters, sweatshirts, and coats! Lost and Found is located by the Gym and Cafeteria.



Are You a Bullpup Parent? Read This Article

WHO is a Bullpup Parent? **YOU are a Bullpup Parent.** Any parent or caregiver of a child at Thurgood Marshall is a Bullpup Parent. The Bullpup is the school logo, the puppy to Washington Middle School's Junior Bulldogs, and Garfield's Bulldogs—dogs with discipline, perseverance, and the ability to work together.



WHAT is the Bullpup Parents' Group? An informal, online and in-person social group with the purpose of sharing ideas, thoughts, and issues pertaining to our children's school experience.

WHY a Bullpup Parents' group? In a school as large and diverse as Thurgood Marshall, the Bullpup Parents' group offers a way to get to know TM families not connected with your child's classroom. You might want more opportunities to socialize or you might not be able to attend PTA meetings. Bullpup Parents lets you stay connected to the school and other families in a more informal way.

Join the Thurgood Marshall **Bullpup Parents** group: www.facebook.com/groups/TMBullpupParents

PTA Offers Ways to Help School Next Year

Most of these volunteer jobs **can be done from home**. Great for working parents! For more information on these or other positions, contact Jen Ellis at jennifereellis.206@gmail.com.

Membership Coordinator: Register PTA members with the Washington State PTA through their online system and process payments with the PTA treasurer.

Class Rep Coordinator: Occasionally send reminders and forward emails from the PTA to the Class Reps. Can be done from home and takes very little time.

Enrichment Assistant: Work alongside our current Enrichment Program Coordinator to process class payments and handle vendor arrangements.

Enrichment Catalog Editor: Update the Enrichment catalog with class descriptions/schedule, and oversee printing and distribution. Happens several times a year.

Box Top Volunteer: Put reminders in the Pup Press every few months, collect Box Tops from the classrooms, and send them in to be redeemed for cash. (This year we received more than \$500!)

Grantwriting Consultant: The PTA would love help in exploring funding opportunities, especially pertaining to technology.

Reminder: Penny Drive for Nepal

Student Council is holding a penny drive from now until the end of May to raise money for Splash.com, an organization that works to provide people around the world with clean water. Splash is currently working to help people in Nepal.

Please support the work happening in Nepal and our families at TM with connections to Nepal by sending coins into school or donating online at www.splash.org/nepal-earthquake. Thank you!



Due to technical issues with the hosting company, the PTA website (www.tmlink.org) might not be available on some devices. We hope this issue will be resolved soon. Other ways to follow TM news include Facebook pages for the school (www.bit.ly/TMESonFB) and Bullpup Parents (see above). For urgent needs/questions, email the PTA at pta@tmlink.org