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**Principal
Katie May**

Staffing Updates for Next Year

We are working on hiring to fill out our staff for next year. I am delighted to announce that we have a new Resource Room teacher, **Katie Hardemann**. Ms. Hardemann has been working at Highland Park Elementary this year, but their student numbers were reduced and their loss is our gain! This move is beneficial for Ms. Hardemann, too, as she lives in the Thurgood Marshall Service area and her children will attend our school.

We have also hired a new kindergarten teacher, as of this morning! **Mona Tu** has taught kindergarten for eight years and has also taught 1st Grade and ELL. She recently moved to Seattle from out of state. We are very pleased to find a teacher with so much experience and skill for our kindergartners.

We are moving along with the District hiring phases to fill our remaining positions. Currently, we have 2nd-Grade general education, kindergarten, and a .5 technology specialist position open. We hope to hear about our Assistant Principal posting any day now...

I have received some emails from parents asking about **class placement for next year**. The enrollment numbers we are receiving from the district are still fluctuating, which means that we cannot yet say for certain which teachers are teaching which grades. If you have friends or neighbors that are considering Thurgood Marshall as an option for their child, it is helpful for them to make their choice as early as possible so that we are able to firm up our plans for next year. Here is some info that may be helpful to know:

- We do not take requests for specific teachers. You are welcome to email me with information about how your child learns best, the general types of teachers they have found success with in the past, etc.
- New families may request to have their child placed in a class with a child they are already familiar with to ease their transition. These requests should be emailed to Ms. Patu at hjpatu@seattleschools.org as soon as possible.
- If your child was in a split classroom this year, we will do our best not to put them in a split classroom next year. Split classrooms are not most families' preference, but they occur sometimes based on our number of students and the staffing allotted by the District.
- Your child's current teacher gives input on class placement for next year. We carefully consider a balance of boys and girls, learning styles, extra support that may be needed for a child, social dynamics, language needs and other factors when working on class lists. We want your child to have a successful year and to connect with their teacher. Our team works hard to make the best possible match for your student.

We will keep families updated on hiring and staffing as we know more!

Last Night to Raid Your Penny Jar!

Send in your pennies tomorrow for the Penny Drive for Nepal.



Last Chance for Storm Tickets

The deadline for buying 6/6 Seattle Storm basketball tickets is June 4. To buy tickets, use the link below, with the promo code **thurgood**:

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

The first 3,000 fans to the June 6 game will receive a free Jewell Loyd t-shirt!

EVENT CALENDAR

Thurs., May 28

Choir Concert, 7 pm

Includes a **BAKE SALE!!!** Bring \$ to benefit the 5th-Grade Legacy Tile project

TONIGHT!

Fri., May 29

Move-a-thon



Sat., May 30

Go Girl Go! event (9 am-3 pm, registration req'd)

Tues., June 2

Capital Levy Mtg. (6:30-8 pm, John Stanford Ctr.)

Wed., June 3

Two-hour early release



June 3, 4, 8, 9:

Class Picnics—see *schedule at*

www.tmlink.org/newsandevents/calendar

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, 6 pm



Tues., June 9

Final tour for prospective families
11 am-noon (sign in at Office)

Year End Dates ...

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

June 11: Field Day (see page 2)

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

TUTU'S PANTRY

THIS WEEK'S NEED: MAC & CHEESE

June 1-5: **4th-Grade**

June 8-12: **5th-Grade**



We Love Our Volunteers!

After all the **Teacher Appreciation** events this month, the Thurgood Marshall staff is ready to **return the favor!** Mark your calendars for **Thursday, June 4** and join us for treats on the playground right after school, 3:45-4:30 pm.

Students are welcome, as well, and they can have popsicles while you visit with other volunteers and school staff. We hope for a nice sunny day. If it rains, we'll be in the cafeteria. Hope to see you there!

- Meg Horigan & Tara Kohls

Face Painters, Games Watchers Needed

Whether you're artistic (painting faces), like watching kids get goofy (three-legged race station) or just enjoy filling water balloons, **we need you!**

Without you, we would not be able to have exciting Field Day activities like **face painting, tug of war, atomic isotope, giant tangrams, an obstacle course, and water balloon toss.**



We hope you can come help out on Field Day, **Thurs., June 11!**

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.

Please sign up now at www.bit.ly/FieldDayTM2015.
Questions? Email Jen Hobbs at jen@jenfu.org.

Final Tour Available

The PTA will offer one last tour for prospective families on **Tuesday, June 9**, from 11 am-noon for those who haven't been able to make an earlier tour this spring. Check in at the Office.

What's New With Bullpup Parents Group?

Bullpup Parents is a newly formed group whose purpose is to foster friendships and connections between families. Over the summer, you'll find **Bullpup Parent coordinators** at all of the school playdates (they'll be wearing buttons and lots of purple).



During the school year, we will be sponsoring additional school-wide events, afterschool playground fun, and social activities for families to meet and mingle.

How can you keep up with all the fun? To be sure you don't miss anything, **join the Facebook Bullpup Parents group:** www.facebook.com/groups/TMBullpupParents

(The Facebook group is private; if your request to join is not accepted, mail us at pta@tmlink.org.)

We'll also be getting in touch with parents in other ways: **announcements at the Friday assemblies** about upcoming events, notices in the Pup Press, and **signs posted at the main entrance** and at the flagpole after school.

Who can join? All parents and caregivers of Thurgood Marshall students are Bullpup Parents. We hope you'll join: this is your chance to make some new friends, and get involved with all the fun!

Gigantic Thanks From Your PTA Presidents

As this school year draws to a close, we want to thank the many volunteers who contributed their time, ideas, and enthusiasm to Thurgood Marshall Elementary. Because of these and many other day-to-day volunteers, the PTA is able to support our teachers and enrich our community in countless ways. Whether you were a field trip chaperone, event chair, or fundraising donor, you helped create an extraordinary community and learning environment for all. We thank all of you for your tremendous work in the following areas. Without you, our school wouldn't be the incredible place that it is!

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We wish you a refreshing and joyful summer. Thank you all for a great year!

– **Tasha Irvine & Casey Sommers, PTA Co-Presidents**