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Back-to-School Reminders

It was wonderful to see you at Curriculum Night! I know this was a bit of a whirlwind on the first day of school and I appreciate everyone's flexibility. Thank you for all of your positive comments and feedback. Many of you let me know how excited your child is about their teacher and all that they will be learning this year!

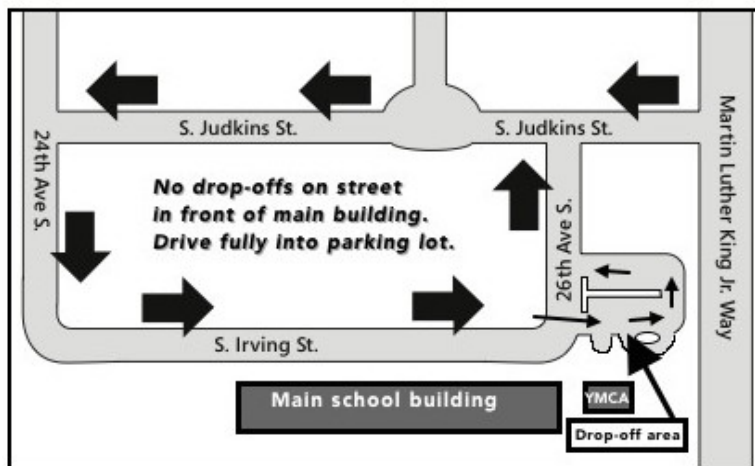
Many of you have been closely following news about the teachers' strike. If so, you are aware that the SEA Membership voted Sunday to accept the new contract. We began school six days late, so the make-up days will be **Oct. 9, Jan. 29, June 24** and **June 27**. There will be an additional 2 days that have yet to be determined. Now that we are officially "back-to-school," I have some important reminders that will get us off to a smooth and safe start.

Label, label, label! Please make sure everything you send your child to school with comes home at the end of the day by labeling all belongings with your child's name. Our lost-and-found is already filling up! When we organize the lost-and-found periodically, if a child's name is on his or her coat/lunchbox/water bottle/hat we do our best to return it to their classroom. The contents of our lost-and-found is donated to Goodwill at Winter Break, Spring Break and the end of the year. Unlabeled lunch boxes can lead to confusion when multiple children in the same class have the same one. Writing their name on the outside of the lunch box can ensure that the child you packed that lunch for is the child who eats it!

School Traffic Procedures You can help us make sure every one of our children arrives to and from school safely by following our traffic procedures. We have found that everything moves more smoothly when we create a one-way traffic loop near our school.

- Drivers turning onto Judkins from Martin Luther King Way: please go west all the way to 24th, then south on 24th, east on Irving and into the parking lot. This loop may take more time than a turn onto 26th, but we need to reserve that street for northbound cars and buses.
- If you enter Judkins from 23rd Avenue, please join the loop by making the first right onto 24th.
- In the parking lot, please enter in a single row for student safety. By driving into the lot in two rows, a child's life can be endangered as they pass in front of a row of offloading cars.
- Pull forward as far as you can, even to the cutout, to let your children out. - If they are ready to go with their backpacks and a loving goodbye, we'll help off-load them, and you can be on your way through the lot and out to the street.

- Never unload in the street or in the entrance to the parking lot, even if the line is backed up, for obvious safety reasons. And if you plan to come into the school, please park on the "exit" side of our lot.



EVENT CALENDAR

Friday, Sept. 25, 8:15 a.m.
Coffee and tour for new families
Also: Enrichment & TM forms due!



Thursday, Oct. 1, 9:15-10 a.m.
Coffee with Principal May. Discuss the book "Blindspot: Hidden Biases of Good People." (See p.2 for more.) Also, bring questions about school.

Monday, Oct. 5
Enrichment classes begin

Tuesday, Oct. 13, 6-8:30 p.m.
PTA Social & Meeting (See p.2 for details.)

Reminder: Please return your first-day packets to the school by tomorrow, Sept. 25

Grade Level Potlucks

Please bring a dish to share based on your child's last name. (The PTA will provide water, plates and cutlery.)

- A-M Main Dish
- N-R Side or Salad
- S-Z Dessert

→ All potlucks are 5:30-7 p.m. in the Cafeteria

- TODAY, Thursday, Sept. 24 – Grade 2**
- Monday, Sept. 28 – K and Grade 1**
- Tuesday, Sept. 29 – Grade 5**
- Wednesday, Sept. 30 – Grade 4**

If you are interested in helping set up or clean up, contact Brenda Fackler, PTA Events Chair, at belskifackler@gmail.com

See the calendar at tmlink.org/news-and-events/calendar for more updates

Questions about the PTA or want to get more involved? We'd love to talk! Email us at pta@tmlink.org

Counselor's Corner

Social & Emotional Learning

Thurgood Marshall School Counselor Meghan Kaloper's comments will appear frequently in Pup Press.

I will be visiting all the classrooms regularly to guide students in social emotional learning. The students and I will explore emotions, problem-solving, communication, empathy, skills for learning, and more!

It is normal for the first few weeks of school to be a bit uncomfortable socially. If your child is still struggling to adjust after a month here at Thurgood Marshall, please feel free to contact me with your concerns. I will be reaching out through Pup Press frequently to update you about the counseling program and what your child is learning at school.

Infants needed for 'Roots of Empathy'

We are looking for three infants & their families to help with our Roots of Empathy Program. Do you know of any families from the school or our neighborhood who have a baby who will be between 2 and 4 months old in October? If so, please contact me for more information at mrharris@seattleschools.org. The family commitment is nine 30-minute visits during the school year.

Turn In Enrichment Forms Tomorrow!

Sept. 25 – tomorrow – is the registration deadline for fall Enrichment classes, which begin Oct. 5.

Note that:

- Fashion and Guitar-Beginner are both filled.
- Capoeira is a Thursday afternoon class (not morning, as is shown on the schedule grid).
- Great classes still open include Cooking, Dance, Drama, App Inventor, Garden Club, Lacrosse, Mad Science and Scratch. (See catalog for exact titles and descriptions.)

The catalogs for the PTA-sponsored before- and after-school programs went home last week within the PTA packet, but is also downloadable at www.tmlink.org.

For prompt registration, students can place their form and payment directly in the registration box on the front counter of the front office. Questions? Contact Enrichment Coordinator Percy Allen at percyallen2@gmail.com.

Band and Orchestra to Begin Next Month

Mr. Yarr and Ms. French have sent home paperwork packets and will meet with 4th- and 5th-graders next week to discuss the band and orchestra program. Second-year students should bring their instruments to school the first week in October. Information about instrument choices will go home with first-year students in the first week of October. Regular band and orchestra instruction will begin in mid-October, exact schedule TBA.

Volunteers Needed for Picture Day, More

Volunteering is a great way to get to know the school. Unless otherwise noted, contact Volunteering Coordinator Kimberlee Barber at berlee@zipcon.com.

Health Screening Event: Nurse Chin needs one more coordinator and several full-day (preferred) or partial-day volunteers on **Oct. 7-8**. Please indicate date preference and contact Erinn McIntyre: erinnmcintyre@yahoo.com.

Office Help: Have 30-60 minutes to spare in the next two weeks? Ms. Patu & Ms. Dickey would love help in the front office, sorting first-day packets. Just stop by.

Picture Day: Receive a **free** photo package if you commit to a half-day or full-day shift on **Sept. 30!** Volunteers are needed to gather forms and assist the photographers.

'Blindspot' Author at PTA Meeting Oct. 13

The guest speaker at the first PTA General Meeting of the year, on Tuesday, Oct. 13, will be noted author and UW Professor **Anthony G. Greenwald**.

Greenwald and Mahzarin R. Banaji's book, "**Blindspot: The Hidden Biases of Good People**," explores the biases people carry from a lifetime of exposure to cultural attitudes about age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, social class, sexuality, disability status, and nationality. More at <http://spottheblindspot.com/the-book/>.

Principal May and the TM staff read "Blindspot" this summer and are inviting parents to help apply the lessons to our school. The TM Library will have copies to check out – contact Ms. Hudson at mhudson@seattleschools.org.

The meeting is 6:30-8:30 p.m. There will be a **Parent Social** at 6 p.m. and all who attend are encouraged bring an appetizer to share. Free child care will be available (no sign-up) at the YMCA building for school-aged children.

Oct. 8 Deadline for Advanced Learning Form

Parents or guardians may refer their children for testing for Advanced Learning Programs, such as TM's "HCC," by filling out a *Rating Scale and Permission Form* by Oct. 8.

The District will separately contact a child's teacher to fill out a similar rating form. Eligible Thurgood Marshall students would be scheduled for a cognitive test at TM on Saturday, Nov. 7. Full info: www.seattleschools.org/advlearning.

Tutu's Pantry Program: Help or Be Helped

TM families who need extra food for weekend meals can rely on the PTA's Tutu's Pantry program. There is **no charge**. To sign up, see the flier sent home last Friday. It is also in the main office and at <http://tmlink.org/?p=2968>. Each week, we ask for non-perishable food donations, by grade level. This week was **Grade 1**; next is **Grade 2**.