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Principal
Katie May

The Energy of a New School Year

I would like to officially welcome you and your child back for the 2016-17 school year at Thurgood Marshall. It was wonderful to see so many of you at our annual Ice Cream Social on Tuesday.

After a quiet summer of planning, it is fun to see the school come alive with the energy that children bring.

First Day Packets: Thank you, PTA Volunteers, for helping prepare the packets of paperwork that went home yesterday.

Parents, please return your child's **lunch form** to school immediately so there is no interruption to lunch service. **It will be extremely helpful to us if you can send the rest of the forms back to the school office by Monday (Sept. 12).**

Administration: Sabrina Kovacs-Storlie, our Assistant Principal, and I are looking forward to working with our teachers, your children and you! Each year we divide our responsibilities so that you know who to go to if you have questions or need help. **Sabrina will be supervising Grades 2 and 5.** You can also go to her with



Ms. Kovacs-Storlie

questions about specialists and non-classroom teachers. **I will be in charge of kindergarten and Grades 1, 3 and 4.** We will each be handling the IEP Meetings for our respective grades, and will share discipline responsibilities. If you have a question about something happening in a classroom, please be sure to see your child's teacher first. The teacher wants to support your child and work with you to

create a wonderful school experience for your child. If you still have questions after you talk to the teacher, please be in touch with Sabrina or me.

New Staff: Please join me in welcoming the following to our school:

2nd Grade: **Mariluz Garzon**

2nd/3rd Grade: **Debby Halperin**

4th Grade: **Eunice Davis, Lisa Sorenson, Mike Zetterberg**

5th Grade: **Brie Damitio**

.5 PE Teacher: **Chris Brannon**

Instructional Assistant: **Deron Bryant** (Room 104)

Literacy Tutors: **Diana Lesemann** (formerly of our YMCA child care)

Speech Language Pathologists: **Kacky Brown, Claire Ambroviak**

Pup Press will present more info about them in upcoming issues.

Curriculum Night: This important event will be **next Thursday, Sept. 15.** The schedule will be:

6:30-7:15 p.m. – classroom presentations for parents of Grades K-2 and PEACE Academy students.

7:15-7:45 p.m. – parents will gather in gym for Principal presentation and introduction of our specialists (art, music, PE, etc.)

7:45-8:30 p.m. – classroom presentations for parents of Grades 3-5 students

5th-Grade Camp: Students will go to Camp Orkila Sept. 21-23. Paperwork will come home this week. Please return this as soon as possible.

Best wishes for a great start!

Katie

EVENT CALENDAR

TODAY, Thurs., Sept. 8: Enrichment Program registration opened at 7 a.m. Catalog was sent home in PTA Packet; use paper form or go online to register by Sept. 18 at www.tmlink.org/enrichment.

Mon., Sept. 12: First day of school, Grade K. (K family-teacher visits Sept. 7-9.)

Tues., Sept. 13: 5th-grade Potluck, 5:30-7 p.m. Cafeteria. Siblings welcome! See article, Page 2.

Wed., Sept. 14: 4th-grade Potluck, 5:30-7 p.m. Cafeteria. Siblings welcome! See article, Page 2.

Thurs, Sept. 15: Curriculum Night, 6:30-8:30 p.m. See schedule in Ms. May's column, at left.

Fri., Sept. 16: New Families Coffee & Tour, 8:15-9:15 a.m. Ask questions, meet other parents.

Sat., Sept. 17: School Board member Stephan Blandford community meeting, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Capitol Hill Library, 425 Harvard Ave. E.

Sun., Sept. 18: Enrichment registration deadline.

→ Full year of events on flier in PTA Packet, and in the online calendar at www.tmlink.org!

TUTU'S PANTRY



Tutu's Pantry serves 20-30 TM families weekly with a free weekend supply of food. **If your family would like to benefit,** please fill out the form (sent home in the PTA Packet and also available at

www.tmlink.org). **Tutu's Pantry depends on donations of non-perishable items,** and this space will list grade levels asked to make a special effort during the current or upcoming week. Donation bins are in the front hall.

Ensuring Safe Dropoffs, Pickups

Traffic flow at the beginning and end of the day will take a little longer as we adjust to the dropoff and pickup routine. Principal Katie May asks you to take a deep breath and abide by these instructions:

- It is easiest and safest for our children if we all treat South Irving Street as **one way**, heading east.
- If you are dropping off, it is important that you **either park and walk your child to the playground (which is open at 9:15), or drop off in the designated zone in front of the east building** (former Y child care). Please pull up as far as you can in the zone so cars behind you can also pull in off the street.
- If you are walking, please **use the crosswalks** marked for this purpose. We want your child to arrive safely at our school!

Ready to Guide Social/Emotional Learning



Counselor's Corner
Meghan Kaloper

Hello and a welcome to everyone! I am looking forward to another wonderful year together as we learn new skills through our classroom counseling lessons. I will be updating you regularly through the Pup Press about the counseling activities and happenings here at school. Part of my role as Counselor is visiting all the classrooms regularly to guide students in social/emotional learning. Together we will learn about feelings, problem solving, communication, empathy, skills for learning, and much more!

It is normal for the first week of school to be full of highs and lows.

Sometimes the first few weeks feel like an uncomfortable social struggle. If your child is still having a hard time adjusting socially after a month at Thurgood Marshall, please contact me with your concerns. I run small group counseling throughout the school year for supports in making friends, controlling emotions, and dealing with tough issues like divorce and grief/loss. I will reach out frequently through Pup Press to update you about our counseling program and what your child is learning. If you need resources or have questions, feel free to get in touch: mrkaloper@seattleschools.org or 206-252-2808. I am in the building Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Thanks for being such caring and supportive parents. I look forward to getting to know you and your kids, and collaborating with you this this year!

Bullpup Briefs

Enrichment Program Offers Longer Sessions

Registration is now open for the fall session of the PTA Enrichment Program, which for the first time will schedule classes to meet during every week of the school year from Sept. 26 to June 16.

Catalogs were sent home Wednesday and may be downloaded from www.tmlink.org/enrichment, which is also the starting point for the preferred registration method (online). The catalog also offers a paper form.

Deadline is Sunday, Sept. 18, with most classes beginning Sept. 26-30. Students eligible for free lunch are invited to register for a class at just 10% of the normal fee.

Oct. 8 Workshop on 'Puzzle of the Gifted Family'

An 8-hour workshop on Oct. 8 will teach parents how to use tools developed by the international nonprofit SENG ("Supporting Emotional Needs of Gifted"). Specific tools to be covered in "Putting Together the Puzzle of the Gifted Family" include: 1) measuring certain gifted traits in family members, 2) examining how different patterns can cause ongoing conflicts and misunderstandings, and 3) identifying some strategies to help address those challenges. Participants will gain methods to help their family be more cohesive and harmonious. The presenters are Anne van Roden and Gloria Sandford, licensed mental health professionals who work with gifted families in the Seattle area.

The workshop will run 9 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Good Shepherd Center in Wallingford. Cost is \$175 for 1 parent, \$245 for 2 (in same family). More info: <http://bit.ly/SENGoct8>.

Be in the Family Directory!

Have you provided contact info for the Family Directory? You can do it online by starting at <http://tmlink.org/dir/> or use the paper form. (No need to do both!) The email address you provide ensures you'll be on classroom and PTA e-lists. A free copy of the Directory will be sent home with every student next month.



A Blank Slate (But Not for Long)

Teacher Sarah Gese on Tuesday stands near the new wall that divides most of the space in the former YMCA child-care building into two 4th-grade classrooms. Ms. Gese said she is looking forward to working in the light and airy building.

Have You Enjoyed the Food at Grade-Level Potlucks?

You may already know that the Grade-Level Potlucks that start next week are a great way to connect with other TM families. But have you experienced the food? Many parents (perhaps you?) create dishes that reflect their cultural heritage or a special cooking interest. The PTA will provide water, plates and cutlery.

What to bring...

If your student's last name begins with

A-M: Main Dish

N-R: Side or Salad

S-Z: Dessert

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

- **Tuesday, Sept. 13 - Grade 5**
- **Wednesday, Sept. 14 - Grade 4**
- **Tuesday, Sept. 20 - Grade 3**
- **Wednesday, Sept. 21 - Grade 2**
- **Tuesday, Sept. 27 - Grades K&1**