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Right Time for Math & Engineering Night

In recent years, Thurgood Marshall has hosted a Math Night on or around March 14 (3.14) to celebrate "Pi Day." This year we are celebrating *TMagination: Math and Engineering Night* tonight (Dec. 15), 5:30-7 p.m.

Why the change? We are taking a multi-pronged approach as we transition to new national standards for science. The Next Generation Science Standards were written in part as a response to

our quickly changing economy and work force. Careers in science, technology, math and engineering today are not what they were when we adults were kids. The coalition of science and teaching groups that developed the standards said that "A significant difference in the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) is the integration of engineering and technology into the structure of science education. This integration is achieved by raising engineering design to the same level as scientific inquiry in classroom instruction when teaching science disciplines at all levels and by giving core ideas of engineering and technology the same status as those in other major science disciplines." So having a math and engineering night is one response to our new collective responsibility of having kids master new and more challenging standards. (To learn more about NGSS, see www.nextgenscience.org.)

We tend to think about careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics as origins of innovation in our economy. However, this is not quite true anymore. We must ensure scientific and technological literacy for all students.

Holding a Math and Engineering Night now allows us to recast the focus and start the conversation earlier in the year. We will have math games, engineering challenges, and of course, pizza (pie)! If you are so inclined, bring a dish to share. Or bring a math game to share. We are always looking for new games to introduce to our students and their families.

The Common Core math standards ask us to develop stamina and be problem solvers. Even if you don't understand how to do a problem, you can coach your child by asking good questions, modeling stamina, and developing a genuine curiosity for doing the math. Math and Engineering Night is the perfect opportunity for practicing these skills.



New Goal: Let's Get **\$30,000** in Matching Funds!

Thank you for your incredible response to the Winter Challenge Match. We are excited to announce we have raised \$20,000 for the Annual Giving Fund and met the match.

We have secured \$10,000 more in matching funds, so the challenge is still on! If you haven't given yet, your donation can still be matched 1:1. Send in a gift via kid mail or USPS, to TM Annual Giving Fund, 2401 S. Irving St., Seattle WA 98144. Or give at www.tmlink.org. Learn more in the attached flier.

Thank you for your support of our kids and our school.

EVENT CALENDAR

TODAY, Thurs., Dec. 15: Deadline to retrieve Lost & Found items. Most items to be sent to charity.

TONIGHT, Dec. 15: TMagination: Math & Engineering Night, 5:30-7 p.m. Potluck (optional): bring pizza. Games for the whole family! *Volunteers needed starting at 4:30:* www.tinyurl.com/TMagination

TOMORROW, Fri., Dec. 16: Student Council's Spirit Week ends with "Class Choice" Day.

TOMORROW, Fri., Dec. 16: Choir performance at Assembly, 9:40 a.m. in Cafeteria. Parents welcome!

TOMORROW, Fri., Dec. 16: 1-hour early dismissal: 2:45 p.m. Winter Break is Dec. 17-Jan. 2.

Tues., Jan. 3: School resumes. Most Winter Enrichment classes begin this week.

Sat., Jan. 7: School Board member Stephan Blanford community meeting, 10-noon, Douglass-Truth Library, 2300 E. Yesler Way.

Fri., Jan. 13: Martin Luther King Jr. Day Assembly, 9:40 a.m. Parents welcome!

Mon., Jan. 16: No school (Martin Luther King Jr. Day).

Mon., Jan. 16: PTA Focus Day in Olympia. Lobby legislators on education issues. Learn more at http://www.wastatepta.org/meetings/focus_day/index.html. If the Thurgood Marshall community organizes a group effort, it will be publicized in Pup Press.

→ Full year of events online at www.tmlink.org!

TUTU'S PANTRY

See you in the new year! The week of Jan. 3: Grade K and PEACE Academy families are asked to donate non-perishable foods (in bins in the front hall). (*Donations welcomed from all.*)



Sleepwear Spirit

Grade 1 teachers, from left, Lacey Sheridan, Rob Long and Marcie von Beck show sartorial style during Spirit Week's Wednesday theme: "PJ Day."

Bullpup Briefs

Course Helps You Support Your Student in New Ways

The registration deadline for "Family Connectors University" has been extended to Monday, Jan. 9. In this course, you'll learn to become a better advocate for your child and educational success. Gain understanding of what the public school system can do for your student. This Winter Quarter 2017 class is held at Garfield High School for 10 Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m., starting Jan. 11. Small fee; scholarships available. Free K-12 tutoring onsite. More info: <http://bit.ly/FamConnectors> or 206-252-0248.

Contact Trinia Washington (TM parent) to hear about her experience in the class: trinia.washington@live.com or 206-406-7403.

Learn More, Offer Feedback at Meetings on '17 Budget Gap

SPS officials will discuss 2017-18 budget challenges and solicit feedback at meetings organized with the Seattle Council PTSA. Get involved in the debate over possible cuts, and hear how to contact legislators and attend PTA Focus Day on Jan. 16 in Olympia.

Gov. Jay Inslee on Tuesday released a budget proposal with markedly higher education spending, but the Legislature, which is under court order to improve school funding, normally would not pass its next state budget until June. (See <http://bit.ly/InsleeBudget17> for a Seattle Times story.) That is after the District's 2017-18 spending plan is expected to be set. The District will need to plan for the worst-case scenario (currently, \$74 million in cuts).

The meetings will have Somali, Spanish, Mandarin and Vietnamese interpreters:

- **Thursday, Dec. 15**, 6:30-8 p.m., South Shore PreK-8, 4800 S. Henderson St.
- **Tuesday, Jan. 3**, 6:30-8 p.m., Franklin High School, 3013 S. Mt. Baker Blvd.

Classes at Center for Gifted

The University of Washington's Robinson Center for Young Scholars offers Saturday enrichment classes for gifted students. The Winter quarter options are at <http://bit.ly/Robinson17W>.

Help Available to Families Dealing with Changes



Counselor's Corner
Meghan Kaloper

Family changes big and small can take a toll on young minds. Sometimes as educators, we notice big shifts in students at school, but we aren't sure what might be going on in a student's life.

If you and your family are going through changes or transitions, we want to help support you and your child in any way possible. Sometimes a child gains great relief just knowing that a counselor or teacher understands what is happening outside of school. Changes might include moving, job change, relatives staying with you, separations or divorce, death in the family, sick pet, new sibling or a new activity outside of school.

The more that adult family members are able and willing to partner with myself and other school staff, the better we are able to work as a community to support and encourage your child. We appreciate hearing from you and look forward to connecting if and when changes or additional supports are needed! Reach me at mrkaloper@seattleschools.org or (206) 252-2808.



The artworks of Michelle Arimura, left, and Romy Vos. All entries except the dance video are online (see link in story).

TM Entries in PTA's Reflections Contest

Congratulations to the 12 TM students whose work in literature, photography, dance choreography and visual arts advanced to the citywide level of the national PTA's annual "Reflections" program. Our entrants (whose work is posted at <http://seattlereflections.com>) are:

Literature

- Torin Hough** "I'm Slow and Steady like a Hardwood" (Gr 5)
Luke McNally-Crain "Me and Dad at Greenlake Catching Lots and Lots of Fish" (Gr 1)

Photography

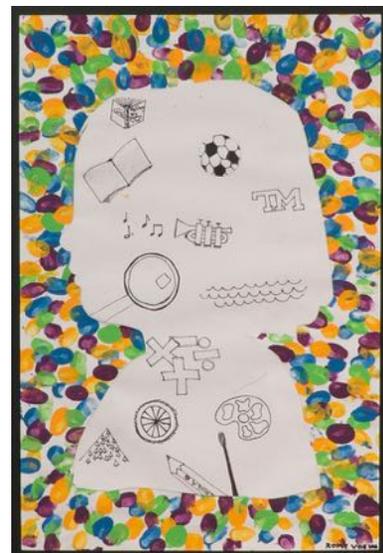
- Vinayak Venugopal** "A Hungry and Solitary Bee" (Gr 2)
Abby Nakamoto "Me in My Room" (Gr 5)

Dance Choreography

- KeyShawn Williams-Gibson** "Papa Was a Rolling Stone" (Gr 5)

Visual Arts

- Tenzin Phentok** "Walking in the Forest" (Gr 3)
Maia Solverud "Tiny Aged Trip" (Gr 2)
Lydia Knight "The Playing of Lydia and Sophia" (Gr K)



- Michelle Arimura** "Keep Calm and Learn On" (Gr 4)
Romy Vos "Self Portrait" (Gr 5)
Lourdes Fomenko "The Nature in Danger" (Gr 2)
Noemi Weinsheimer "Redhead in Japan" (Gr 3)



Double your gift with the Winter Challenge Match!

Supporting our Thurgood Marshall PTA is so critical, given Seattle Public Schools' potential \$74 million budget shortfall. **Your gift is more important than ever before, so we can continue to provide what the District doesn't fund: school counselor, full-time librarian, literacy tutors for all K/1 students who need the help, school supplies, and theater, dance and other arts programming.**

The PTA spends **\$300** per student annually. Every donation helps, so please give today.

If you give now, you will automatically be participating in our **Winter Challenge Match**. A generous group of donors has agreed to match your gift 1:1, making it go even further for our students! We now have **\$30,000 in pledged matching funds**, so please help us meet our goal.

- Do you have a check in your wallet for the AGF? Turn it in via kid mail or send it to TM PTA Annual Giving Fund, 2401 S. Irving St., Seattle WA 98144.
- Been meaning to give online? Go to www.tmlink.org and make it happen!

Thank for your support and dedication to making Thurgood Marshall a great school for our kids!

Questions? Contact us at giving@tmlink.org.

YES, I/we will make a gift to support Thurgood Marshall students in the amount of:

\$5 \$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 \$300 \$500 \$750 \$1,000 Other

I have enclosed a check made payable to Thurgood Marshall PTA.

I will make _____ monthly contributions of \$_____ each.

I prefer to pay by credit card and will make my donation through the PTA website: www.tmlink.org

My employer, _____, will match my donation.

Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Student: _____ Room # _____ Your relationship _____

Student: _____ Room # _____ Student _____ Room # _____