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All Students Are Welcome Here

Thurgood Marshall is a school for all our students and their families. You are all welcome here. This is the message we want all our kids to hear every day. However, in light of current political events, we know that some students may be worried about how they will be accepted.

Our school adults will be meeting with their classes this week to talk about how students are feeling, and to review strategies to regulate their emotions and take care of themselves and each other. We want classrooms to feel safe, but we are seeing students react to stress they feel outside of school. This means we may spend more time on social and emotional learning, such as having class meetings and reviewing RULER lessons to help students to feel safe and remember that they have problem-solving strategies. When students feel fear, they are less likely to be learning.

A few students have approached me about organizing their own protest. I found this heartening. Our students realize they do have power, and are learning how to exert it to stand up for themselves and what they believe in. I will keep you posted.

During drop-off tomorrow (Friday), a group of parents and staff will stand together to welcome our students with signs declaring "Hate Has No Home Here." Feel free to make your own sign and join in! You may be seeing demonstrations of this type around the District as we stand up for our students, particularly immigrant and Muslim families. (See box at right for more information.)

The Seattle School District has been putting on events to support families with information about immigrant rights. We will continue to post information about these events in Pup Press to make sure our families are informed. United We Dream has more about immigrant rights: <http://unitedwedream.org/toolbox/>.



Show of Community Support Friday

Parents throughout the District on Friday will be holding signs of welcome and support for their immigrant and Muslim neighbors. At TM, supporters are asked to arrive at 9:10 a.m. (and no later than 9:35), to stand along the sidewalk at the flag pole and to the west. Homemade signs are encouraged! (If you don't have time to make one, some "Hate Has No Home Here" signs will be available. The graphics, as seen at left, are online at <https://hatehasnohomehere.wordpress.com/>.)

There won't be chanting; the idea is to simply welcome people to school and show community support for all kids and families, regardless of gender, ethnicity, religion or sexual orientation.

EVENT CALENDAR

TOMORROW, Fri., Feb. 3: "Welcome to School" show of support, 9:10-9:35. See details below.

Sat., Feb. 4: School Board member Stephan Blanford community meeting, 10-noon, Douglass-Truth Library, 2300 E. Yesler Way.



Mon., Feb. 6: School Choice Form available online. "Open Enrollment" to register for non-attendance-area schools is Feb. 13-24. See <http://bit.ly/SPSenroll17>.

Thurs., Feb. 9: Choir Concert, 7 p.m., Cafeteria. Free. (Singers arrive by 6:30.) Bring food for Tutu's Pantry!

Mon., Feb. 13-24: Open Enrollment. Submit School Choice forms during this period. See below.

Mon., Feb. 13: National African American Parent Involvement Day and Thurgood Marshall Day at TM. Parents, come enjoy the special assembly, chances to observe classes and much more. Come for a short time or the entire school day. Details on attached flier.

→ **Tours:** Families interested in TM for next year should visit our website for info. Next tour: Feb. 8.

→ **All events in the online calendar at www.tmlink.org**

TUTU'S PANTRY.

Week of Feb. 6: Grade 5 is asked to make a special effort to donate non-perishable foods. Bins are in the front hall. (Donations always welcomed from all.)

'Open Enrollment' Period is Feb. 13-24; Forms, School Assignment Info to be Online

The District's "Open Enrollment" period enables students to seek a spot at a school other than the one serving their "attendance area." Your student's current assignment for next year can be checked at <http://bit.ly/Assign17>. You will need your child's date of birth and student ID number. (If you don't know it, call 206-252-0760.)

Students are initially assigned to an attendance area school based on home address, but may apply to attend a different school or program through the School Choice process. Once enrolled,

students normally remain at that school through the highest grade served unless families again seek a change through the Choice process. Some key dates:

- Feb. 6 – Choice forms available online
- Feb. 13-24 – Open Enrollment period (for submitting School Choice forms)
- Feb. 25-May 31 – School Choice forms still accepted, but may have lower priority

Bullpup Briefs

Final Washington Middle School Tour is Feb. 8

Do you have a student headed to Washington Middle School? Or still deciding? The final 2017 tour of WMS is 8:30-10 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 8, starting in the Lunchroom. No reservations required. Info at <http://washingtonms.seattleschools.org/>.

For Girls Who Like Running & Empowering Themselves

The deadline for students in Grades 3-5 to register for Girls on the Run is Feb. 17. The program will be 4-5:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays starting March 6 and ending May 23. More info in the flier sent home with today's Pup Press or at www.girlsrun.org. Register online or with the form available at the TM main office.

Last Chance for Ultimate

The sign-up deadline for TM's coed Ultimate Frisbee teams is today (Feb. 2)! Grades 3-5 students last week. The deadline is Feb. 2! The form and info are also on www.tmlink.org. Practices start Feb. 28, with games running through May.

KUOW Report on HCC Equity

National Public Radio affiliate KUOW last week presented a 6-minute report examining the lack of diversity in the Highly Capable Cohort. Among the people interviewed were Principal Katie May and TM parent Devin Bruckner (an Equity Action Teams co-leader). See www.tmlink.org for more.

PTA Website Feeling Better

Access to Tmlink.org should have improved in recent days, after action taken by the company providing the PTA's website services. The company has faced "denial of service" attacks from unknown hackers. PTA email has not been affected.

The PTA welcomes your comments or suggestions regarding any of its communications resources and about Pup Press! Or, join the communications team! Email pta@tmlink.org.

Volunteers Needed in Cafeteria & for Advocacy Efforts

Lunchroom Assistants are our most urgent need right! Join kids at the tables to model ideal conduct; help with PIN input and serving to move the lines faster; prep in the kitchen; help clean up after each shift of students. Email Kim: kiechols@seattleschools.org. (If your preference is to hang out with kids, you may just show up after signing in at the office).

Class Representatives: Send an occasional e-

mail to other parents, rally volunteers for projects. It's easy to do! Does your child's classroom need a rep? Contact Laura: penutt2@msn.com.

Legislative Advocacy Chair: Inform the PTA board and TM school community about education issues at the local and state level. Write for Pup Press, report to PTA meetings, and help coordinate advocacy. Email: volunteering@tmlink.org

Choir to Perform Feb. 9

The Winter Student Choir Concert is Thursday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m. in the Cafeteria.

Music Teacher Kelsey French is asking students to arrive at 6:45, wearing dark clothing. Bring some fun props (sunglasses, glitter, hats, etc.) for the concert and also some non-perishable good for Tutu's Pantry.

Ms. French needs parent volunteers to help set up chairs at 5 p.m. the day of the concert. If you can help, email her: kfrench@seattleschools.org.

Now on March 22

Games Night Date Switch

The Annual Games Night has moved to March 22 from its original March 2 date. TM's festival of board games is presented by the PTA and Blue Highway Games, a Queen Anne store that will take purchase orders. (Free event! No obligation.) The event will start with an appetizer potluck at 6 p.m. (Share your non-messy dish and socialize before games start at 6:30 p.m.)

Volunteers are needed to help demonstrate the games (for part of the evening). Email volunteering@tmlink.org.

Senate OKs GOP Ed Plan

Republicans in the state Senate have introduced a new plan for education funding, and it was approved 25-24 Wednesday night. It now heads to the House, but it is drawing heavy criticism from Democrats and others. The Olympian newspaper offers coverage by AP at: <http://bit.ly/SenateEdPlan>.



Brunch on Irving Street

Volunteers serve up some of the hundreds of pancakes consumed at Saturday's annual PTA Pancake Breakfast and Art Walk.

Chess Just for Girls? Join Effort to Make It Happen in 2017-18

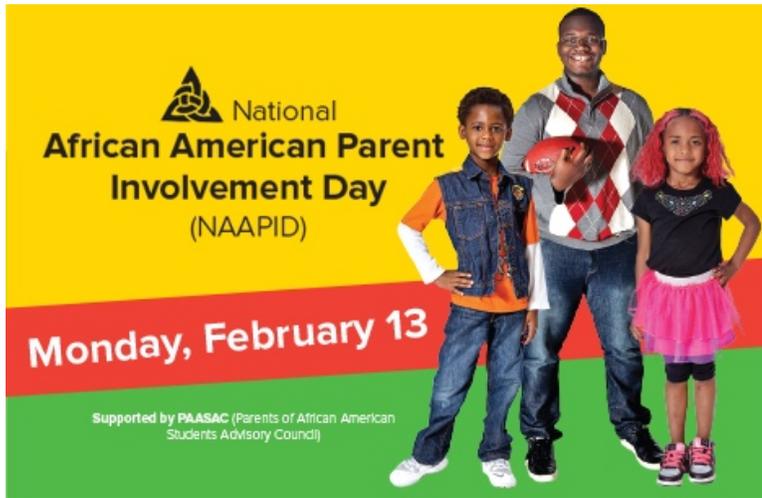
TM parent Katherine Barr is wondering whether there is interest in creating a "girl power" chess club next year.



She is hoping to hear from families whose daughters might enjoy an all-girl Enrichment class led by an amazing female coach. (Stevens Elementary has had a successful class for several years. Also, there is a girls-only tournament every spring.)

Contact her at katherine.barr@gmail.com or through her post last month on the Bullpup Parents Facebook page.

Not a member of Bullpup Parents? It is a private Facebook group open to TM parents and guardians only. Search on Facebook for it, and request to join.



**Thurgood Marshall ES
celebrates
African American
Parent Involvement
Day!
*Monday, Feb. 13***

We will have activities throughout the day in recognition of National African American Parent Involvement Day. We will also be observing our annual celebration of Thurgood Marshall Day, in recognition of the late Supreme Court Justice.

Come see what a day in your child's life at school is all about!

Join us all day or for the parts your schedule will allow.

We look forward to your visit!

Schedule

8:30-9:15 – Light breakfast, Principal welcome, Book Talk with Librarian Merilee Hudson about children's literature highlighting diversity

9:35-10:20 – Thurgood Marshall Day Assembly in the Cafeteria. (Whole school will attend.) Presentations from several classes, judges and lawyers in recognition of first African-American Supreme Court Justice.

10:30-11:20 – Visit 4th- and 5th-grade classes to hear judge presentations and Q&A sessions with students. (This is a traditional part of our Thurgood Marshall Day.)

OR: Parents may choose to visit their child's class.

11:20-1:05 – Join your child for recess and lunch!

- 11:20-12:05 – Grades 4-5 recess and lunch
- 11:45-12:30 – Grades K-1 recess and lunch
- 12:20-1:05 – Grades 2-3 recess and lunch

1:05-1:35 – Art class open to parent visitors

1:40-2:10 – Music class open to parent visitors

2:15-2:45 – PE class open to parent visitors

2:45-3:15 – Tour of the building (meet in the Cafeteria at 2:45)

3:15-3:45 – Presentation by Assistant Principal Sabrina Kovacs-Storlie: "Supporting School Success at Home" (in Library)

**This event is co-planned and co-sponsored by Thurgood Marshall Elementary
and our Black Family Advocacy Support Group**



Girls on the Run Spring 2017 at Thurgood Marshall ES

What is Girls on the Run?

Girls on the Run is an after-school program that uses running to give girls the tools to celebrate their bodies, honor their voices, recognize their gifts and activate their limitless potential!

Who is it for?

Girls on the Run is for 3rd-5th grade girls of **ALL** fitness and ability levels. The only requirement is to believe in **GIRL POWER!**

Why?

Studies show that during adolescence, girls' confidence drops about twice as much as boys', and their risk for anxiety and depression goes up. Girls on the Run gives girls the tools & life skills to navigate the challenges in life. We want girls to be confident and know that they are capable of achieving anything.



Location: Thurgood Marshall Elementary

Dates: 3/6-5/23 Days: Mon/Wed

Times: 4-5:30 p.m.

Cost: based on a sliding scale, scholarships available

To register, go to www.girlsrun.org or get form at TM main office
Registration deadline is Feb. 17.

Contact us at info@girlsrun.org or 206-528-2118 with questions.
Learn more about our program at www.girlsrun.org.