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Effective Parent-Teacher Conferences

We are holding our conferences on Saturday, Nov. 18, Monday, Nov. 20, and Tuesday, Nov. 21. If you have not been in touch with your child’s teacher to schedule a conference, now is the time! Educating a child requires a partnership between the school and the family. Thurgood Marshall teachers try to find many ways to communicate regularly with parents through emails, newsletters and blogs. Fall conferences are one of the few times

that teachers have the opportunity to sit with parents and discuss their child’s learning. We value this time with you, as it allows us to share work samples and insights – both academic and social!

Here are ways you might prepare to get the most out of your conference time:

- **Ask your child in advance if there is anything s/he would like you to discuss with the teacher.** This may provide insight into academic or social issues. It also may give you information about what your child especially likes about school.
- **Make a few notes with your own questions or topics you want to be sure to address at the conference.** You may want to email questions to your child’s teacher in advance.
- **Remember that our conferences are tightly scheduled.** Plan to arrive a minute or two early and be prepared to finish at the end of your allotted time. If you run out of time but have more to discuss, ask the teacher when you might be able to speak again.
- **Share observations about what is going well for your child at school,** things your child has been especially interested in, or things you appreciate about the teacher.
- **Remember that a focus of the conference is to share how your child is doing and areas of strength or concern. Be open** to suggestions from the teacher, and share your thoughts about how your child may best be helped. And ask for advice! Teachers are happy to suggest ways to support learning at home when they see you are open to it.
- **Take notes** about what has been shared so you can refer back to them and share with your child, as appropriate.
- **If you and the teacher have decided to try something new** with your child – a plan for learning or to support behavior, for example – set a time to check back in about how it’s working.

Most important: Remember that all of our staff is here to support you and your child as best we can. We want to help you and work with you. Please let us know if there is something we can put in place to support your student.

EVENT CALENDAR

TOMORROW, Fri., Nov. 10: No school (Veterans Day).

Wed., Nov. 15: Black Family Advocacy Support Group Meeting, 6-8 p.m., Library.

Wed., Nov. 15: Bring ‘Meal-in-a-Bag’ donations for Tutu’s Pantry, 8:40-9:10 a.m., Main Entrance. Bring donations to the office any day if you can’t do it Nov. 15. See <http://tmlink.org/2017/10/26/tutu>.

Fri., Nov. 17: Washington Middle School Tour, 8:30-10 a.m. Meet in lunchroom. 2101 S. Jackson St. For all WMS tour/info session dates, see Page 2.

Sat., Mon., Tues., Nov. 18, 20, 21: Parent-Teacher Conferences. Check with your student’s teacher if you have not reserved a time slot.

Nov. 20-24: No school for students (Conferences & Thanksgiving Break).

Nov. 27-Dec. 1: Book Fair. Students can shop during their library period; parents before/after school.

→ Online calendar at www.tmlink.org!

TUTU’S PANTRY

Bring non-perishable items in cans and boxes.

Nov. 13-17: Grade 3 asked to donate!

→ Also consider ‘Meal-in-a-Bag’ donations or learn how to benefit: <http://tmlink.org/2017/10/26/tutu>



TM to Form Grade 4/5 Teams

Reading Challenge Books Revealed

The Seattle Public Library has announced the 10 books that are to be read by public school teams competing in the 2018 Global Reading Challenge (GRC), a citywide competition. Among them are “El Deafo” by Cece Bell and “Pickle” by Kimberly Baker. [List on Page 2 or at <http://bit.ly/GRC18>.]

This year at TM, split lunchtimes will cause us to wait until mid-January to create the seven-member teams, which blend 4th- and 5th-graders. Until then, students interested in participating can bring their lunches to the Library to check out the books, quiz themselves on the content and details, and talk about their reading.

After teams are formed, two or three “mandatory” practices will occur before TM’s in-school tournament. (To be on the

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Students Must Apply to Join Reading Challenge Team

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team each student must have read at least four of the books, and they will become “experts” on three or more.)

The top TM team will go to the Central Library for a regional match. The regional winners meet in the finals in March.

→ An application to participate was distributed to students this week, and must be returned to Librarian Merilee Hudson by Wednesday (Nov. 15).

The books are:

“Return to Sender” - Julia Alvarez

“Pickle” - Kimberly Baker

“El Deafo” - Cece Bell

“Stella by Starlight” - Sharon Draper

“It Ain’t So Awful, Falafel” - Firoozeh Dumas

“The Birchbark House” - Louise Erdrich

“Cleo Edison Oliver in Persuasion Power” - Sundee Frazier

“Inside Out and Back Again” - Thanhha Lai

“Alvin Ho: Allergic to Camping, Hiking, and Other Natural Disasters” - Lenore Look

“A Single Shard” - Linda Sue Park



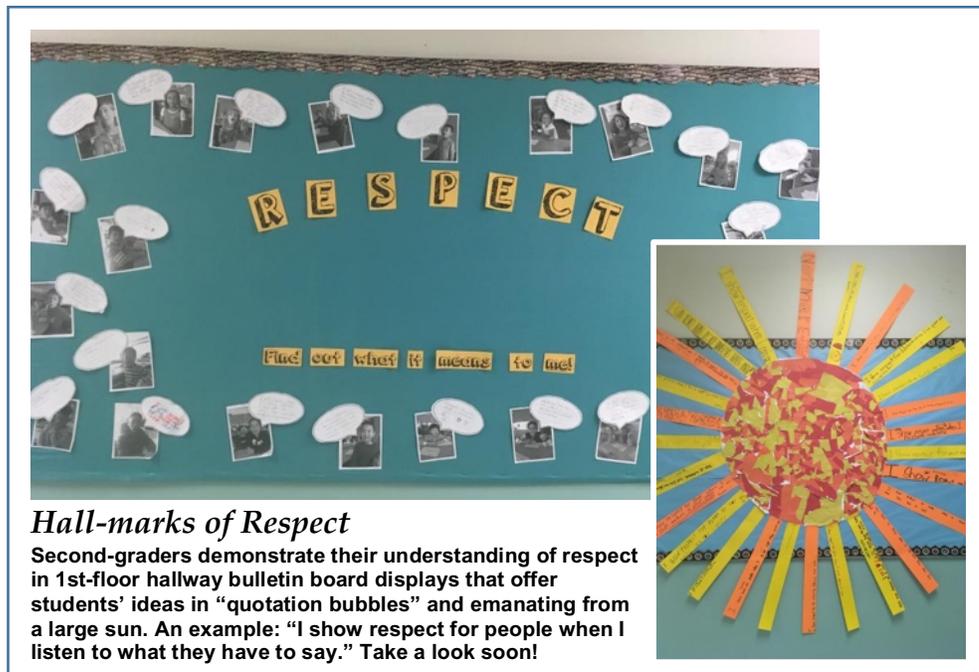
Counselor's Corner
Meghan Kaloper

Resources of All Types

Looking for resources? Area agencies offer a wide variety: food, clothing, holiday gifts, holiday meals, legal help, financial assist-

ance, housing support and more. Simply dial 211 on a phone to speak to someone and get the help you need. Or visit <http://bit.ly/2-1-1online>.

You are always welcome to ask me if you need resources or have questions: mrkaloper@seattleschools.org or 206-252-2808.



Hall-marks of Respect

Second-graders demonstrate their understanding of respect in 1st-floor hallway bulletin board displays that offer students' ideas in “quotation bubbles” and emanating from a large sun. An example: “I show respect for people when I listen to what they have to say.” Take a look soon!

Washington MS Info Sessions, Tours start Nov. 17

Curious about what’s in store for you and your family in middle school? If you have a student headed for Washington Middle School, join us for tours and info sessions. No reservations required. All events begin in the lunchroom. The school is at 2101 S. Jackson St., with parking available behind the building.

- **Evening Info Sessions** (speakers include Principal Susan Follmer and student panel), each are 6:30-8 p.m.: Tuesday, Nov. 28, and Tuesday Feb. 13.
- **School Tours** (led by parents and students), all are 8:30-10 a.m.: Friday Nov. 17; Friday, Jan. 19; Friday, Feb. 16

More information about WMS: <http://washingtonms.seattleschools.org>.

‘State of the District’ Event is Tues. at West Seattle High School

Learn about the District’s vision for preparing students for success at the annual “State of the District” event, Tuesday, Nov. 14. Reception: 5-5:30 p.m., Program: 5:30-7 p.m. at West Seattle High School Theater, 3000 California Ave. SW.

Hear from students, school leaders and community partners, and leave inspired and committed to our collective work. RSVP or questions: publicaffairs@seattleschools.org.



Bullpup Briefs

Wed. Enrichment Volunteer Sought for Winter Quarter

The PTA Enrichment Program is seeking a Wednesday afternoon volunteer for Winter quarter to help ensure students find their classes and other tasks. Contact Eldon at enrichment@tmlink.org. The Winter catalog will become available the week of Dec. 4, with registration Dec. 8-17, and classes starting the first week in January.

Black Family Group to Meet

The Black Family Advocacy Support Group will meet 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday (Nov. 15) in the Library. We will review the updated brainstormed list of topics to be addressed this year and decide priorities and next steps. See you there!

Be on Time for Breakfast

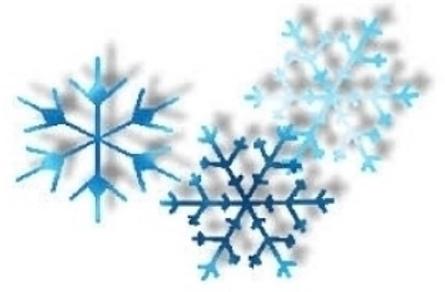
Breakfast is served 8:40-8:55 a.m. If you want your child to eat at school, please make sure they arrive no later than 8:55 and that they go straight to breakfast. Students coming from late buses will be served as they arrive.

Family Directory Out Soon

The PTA Family Directory is on the way to the printers and a copy will be sent home with each student soon. Thanks for your patience!

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Have an article for Pup Press? Send it to Cliff Meyer at pup-press@tmlink.org. If your submission is not acknowledged within 24 hours, please call or text 206-366-5413



THURGOOD MARSHALL PTA

presents

The Winter Family Snow Ball

A chance to get fancy, or Come as You are!

Join Us!

*Accepting
Donations for Tutu's Pantry*

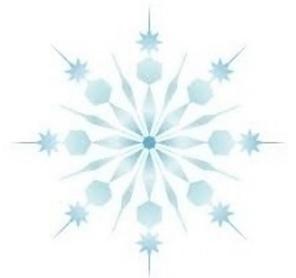
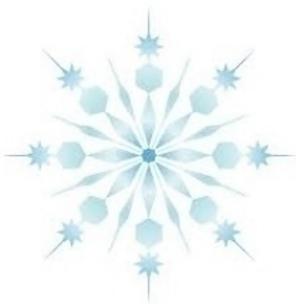
Friday December 1, 2017

6:30pm - 8pm

Music Host "DJ Jerry Pegus"

Location: Cafeteria!

FRIENDS ■ GAMES ■ FOOD ■ LAZERS ■ SELFIE BOOTH



Reminder: All children must be supervised by their parents/guardians for the entire event. No 'drop and go.'

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! PLEASE sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/2017TMSnowBall>

