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A New Celebration, Honoring Women

On June 8, our Friday Assembly will be dedicated to our first annual **Groundbreaking Women Day**. This new celebration was added to our calendar after an Equity Action Teams Meeting. Zemra, a kindergartner who attended the meeting with her mother, shared that they had come because she had noticed that our school celebrations of important people only recognized men – Thurgood Marshall and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. While these

men are undeniably important, she wondered why we did not recognize any women. From Zemra's question has sprung a committee of parents who are creating Groundbreaking Women Day.

This year, we will honor Malala Yousafzai, a Pakistani activist for female education, who as a 17-year-old in 2014 became the youngest-ever Nobel Prize laureate. Malala began blogging about living under Taliban control when she was just 11. She became famous on a global scale at age 12 after she was shot in the head by the Taliban for blogging about the importance of girls' education. Malala made a remarkable recovery and has used her fame as a platform to further this important cause, including a speech at the United Nations on her 16th birthday.

What better role model to inspire our students and help them to see that they can effect positive change in the world in small and large ways, even in elementary school? (After all, the idea for this celebration came from a kindergarten student!) Our students have begun to think about Malala's influence. Every student has designed a fabric square with their ideas about the importance of education or their hopes for the future. These pieces of fabric will become tails for kites that will be displayed around our school.

For more about Malala, consider these books available at school or public libraries:

- "Malala's Magic Pencil," by Malala Yousafzai
- "I am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World," by Malala Yousafzai and Christina Lamb
- "For the Right to Learn: Malala Yousafzai's Story," by Rebecca Langston-George
- "Malala: Activist for Girls' Education," by Raphaëlle Frier



Parents are encouraged to attend the Groundbreaking Women Day Assembly, 9:05 a.m. on Friday, June 8.

Move-a-Thon Raises \$13K for Field Trip, Camp Scholarships

Move-a-Thon 2018 has raised some \$13,000 because of the many donors and great efforts by student runners and walkers. **Principal May and the staff thank you!**

In 2018-19, our school will again have the funds to ensure that every student can go on all class field trips (and 5th-grade camp) without regard to family financial circumstances. These donations pay for hundreds of slots on trips and at camp.

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EVENT CALENDAR

TODAY, Thurs., May 31: Equity Action Teams meeting. 6-8 p.m., Library. Review this year's actions & help decide plans for next year.

Through TODAY, May 31: Bike to School Month. Ride, scooter or skate & tally minutes on the calendar sheet sent home. Need one?: <http://bit.ly/TMbike18>

Tues., June 5: PTA General Meeting, 6:30-8:30 p.m. **Topic:**



"Are You Ready for the Big One?" & more on emergency preparedness with guest Melanie Cole from City of Seattle. See story below & flier. → **Free child care** (ages 5-12) with pizza & movie. Must RSVP to Cody at cpapka@seattlemca.org.

Thurs., June 7: Black Family Advocacy Support Group at Photo Exhibit, 4:30-6:30 p.m., NW African American Museum. See <http://www.naamnw.org>.

Thurs., June 7: Spring Choir Concert. 7 p.m., Cafeteria. Hear "True Colors," "Rainbow Connection" & more. **Bake Sale** to support 5th Grade Legacy Project. Note: Singers arrive by 6:45. See Page 2.

Fri., June 8: Groundbreaking Women Day Assembly, 9:05 a.m., Cafeteria. See article at left.

Sat., June 9: Black Family Advocacy Support Group BBQ, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Judkins Park. RSVP to https://tm_bfasg_picnic.eventbrite.com.

Mon., June 11: Gr. K, 1 & 2 Picnic, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Playground. Bring your own dinner & blanket. Invite families who will be at TM next year. See flier.

Tues., June 12: Volunteer Appreciation Tea, 3:30 p.m., Playground. Child care for ages 5-12.

Tues., June 12: Gr. 3 & 4 Picnic. (See above.)

→ **Online calendar at www.tmlink.org**

TUTU'S PANTRY

Week of June 4: Grade 3 asked to donate!

Prep for Disaster & Vote on Budget at PTA Meeting Tues.

The next PTA General Meeting, 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, will offer a guest speaker on how to be ready for emergencies. In other business at the meeting, the PTA membership will be asked to vote on next year's Board officers and the 2018-19 proposed budget, which will become available later this week. Also, Principal May will offer an update on school matters.

Free child care will be available, with RSVP. See details in the flier attached to this edition of Pup Press. All are welcome!

TM Choir to Show its 'True Colors'

It's time to enjoy the great voices of Thurgood Marshall students singing heartfelt classics such as "True Colors" and "Rainbow Connection." You'll also hear Michael Jackson hits at the TM Choir's Spring Concert at 7 p.m., Thursday, June 7, in the Cafeteria.

All student concerts are free. But bring a buck or two to buy a delicious dessert at the Bake Sale held by volunteers from the Grade 5 Legacy Project.

Choir students should arrive by 6:45. Wear black or dark clothing; bring props such as funny sunglasses.

Questions? Email Music Teacher Kelsey French, klfrench@seattleschools.org.

Move-a-Thon Raises \$13K

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Beyond important tie-ins with our curriculum, these trips also provide time for students from different classrooms and programs to better get to know each other.

We appreciate our committee of teachers and all of the volunteers who helped make Move-a-Thon Day go smoothly for our students. If you were a part of the day, you were able to see how proud our students were as they walked and ran their laps. Thank YOU for helping this to happen!

Congratulations to the winners of the raffle for the catered lunch, which will be tomorrow (Friday):

- Kindergarten: Lucy – Room 109
- 1st: Kien – Room P3
- 2nd: Will K. – Room 116
- 3rd: Kaitlyn – Room 112
- 4th: Lydia – Room 202
- 5th: Nina M. – Room 204

Form went missing? You can still contribute cash or checks made out to "Thurgood Marshall ASB." The form can be downloaded at <http://bit.ly/MoveathonForm18>.

PTA Fundraising Now Just \$3K Short

The PTA Annual Giving Fund has crept closer to its \$170,000 goal, currently sitting at about \$167,000 in confirmed contributions. If you have donated and work at a large company, the PTA hopes that you will check for "matching gift" options.

The PTA Board again wishes to thank the many families who have given what they can to ensure that PTA-supported staffing and programs will not be cut. See www.tmlink.org for what the funds cover!

Did you know that your shopping at Amazon & elsewhere can benefit TM? Details:tmlink.org.



Twins for a Day!

Student Council declared last Thursday "Twin Day," and teachers Samantha Egelhoff, left, and Sarah Gese answer the call.

Take a Field Day Shift!

Please help with Field Day's 15+ stations of fun on June 15! Volunteer at <http://bit.ly/TMFieldDay18>.

Activities include gaga ball, face-painting, volleyball, giant tangrams and much more!

Grades K-2 and PEACE have the morning, and Grades 3-5 take over in the afternoon.

The BBQ lunch will offer: hamburger (all beef), veggieburger and chicken hot dog, coleslaw, baby carrots, broccoli, baked beans, watermelon, cookie & milk. Price: Kids, \$3 (unless eligible for free lunch); adults, \$4.75. *Exact change is needed (check preferred);* students with a funded SPS meals account should use it.

Bullpup Briefs

Black Family Group to View NAAM Photo Exhibit

Join the Black Family Advocacy Support Group 4:30-6:30 p.m. next Thursday (June 7) to view "Just Around the Corner: Everyday Black" at the Northwest African American Museum (2300 S. Massachusetts St.). The photo exhibit celebrates members of Seattle's black creative community. Free admission! Info: <http://www.naamnw.org>.

→ **Attend the end-of-year BBQ.** It'll be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. June 9, at Judkins Park. RSVP: https://tm_bfasg_picnic.eventbrite.com.

Gr. 5 Promotion: Take New Photos, Bring Old Ones

A photographer (amateur or better) is still needed for the 5th Grade Promotion on Tuesday, June 19 (5-7:30 p.m.) in the Cafeteria. You'll continue a TM tradition at the event of taking a picture of every student with their teacher. Contact Tasha, tashasirvine@gmail.com.

→ **Contribute photos** to the slideshow that will be shared at the conclusion of the event. Email them to Casey, caseypilar@gmail.com.

Great Weather for Grade-Level Picnics June 11-12

Weather forecasters who refused to be quoted by name are certain that the sun will be out for the annual spring picnics: 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 11 (for Grades K, 1 & 2), and Tuesday, June 12 (Gr. 3-4). Bring your own dinner, blanket and outdoor toys to the playground. If you know families joining us at TM next year, please invite them!

Summer Staircase Applicants to Hear Status Soon

Families who applied within the registration window for the Summer Staircase learning program will receive notifications in the mail about placement in the first week of June.

Help District Improve Advanced Learning Web Pages

Improve the District's web pages on Advanced Learning services! By Sunday (June 3) participate in a study at: <http://bit.ly/SPS-ALwebstudy>.

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FUN ON THE PLAYGROUND!

GRADE-LEVEL PICNICS

Grades K, 1 & 2 – 5:30-7:30 p.m., Monday, June 11

Grades 3 & 4 – 5:30-7:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 12



- Your whole family can enjoy an end-of-the-year picnic! •
- Bring your own food, blankets and outdoor toys. •
- Incoming families welcome. •

Note: In the event of rain, a picnic will be canceled. Sorry!

SUMMERTIME TUESDAY PLAYDATES

Grades K-2: July 10 (6-7 p.m.), July 24 (5-6 p.m.), Aug. 7 (4-5 p.m.)

Grades 3-5: July 17 (6-7 p.m.), July 31 (5-6 p.m.), Aug. 14 (4-5 p.m.)

- See old friends and make new ones •

PLUS

TM Library OPEN 4-7 p.m. EVERY TUESDAY, June 26 through Aug. 28

- Free frozen treats! Any SPS student can check out or return books! •





COME TO THE NEXT PTA MEETING!

6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 5, in the Library

"Being Prepared for the Big One"

a presentation about being ready for disasters, by



Melanie Cole
**City of Seattle Office of
Emergency Management**

- Earthquakes • Floods • Snowstorms • Windstorms • Fires •
- Loss of Heat & Power • Questionable Water • Food Shortages • Home Damage • Injuries •

You can be ready! Bring your questions & learn what to do to protect your family.

In other business at the meeting, the PTA membership will be asked to vote on next year's Board officers and budget, and Principal May will offer an update on school matters.

All are welcome to this event! (No requirement to be a PTA member.)

FREE CARE, with **PIZZA** and **MOVIE**, for children (ages 5-12) whose parents are at the meeting.
You **MUST** reserve your child's place in advance - contact Cody at cpapka@seattleYMCA.org.