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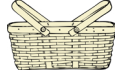
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Dear Families & Students:

We can hardly believe there are just four weeks of school left in the 2013-2014 school year! We hope you will participate in these fun upcoming school events.

End of Year Picnics

June 9: Kindergarten/1st Grade
June 10: 2nd Grade
June 11: 3rd Grade
June 12: 4th Grade



Kid Safety Workshop

Thursday, May 29, 6:30 pm
in the Library, as part of the
PTA meeting. YMCA will
provide FREE childcare.

There will be school on
Friday, May 23. Please
ignore the message you
may have received stating
there is no school.

Volunteer Appreciation Party

Thursday, June 5, 3:40-4:30 pm on the playground.

Flags From Around the World

You'll notice there's something new in the cafeteria - flags from around the world are now proudly on display! These flags represent the countries of origin of our students. We want to grow our flag collection, and you can help! Please email the PTA if you have a flag suggestion, and tell us briefly why you choose that flag. Contact us at pta@tmlink.org. Thank you!

Teachers Volunteers

After all the Teacher Appreciation events this month, the Thurgood Marshall staff is ready to return the favor! Mark your calendars for **Thursday, June 5, 3:40-4:30 pm** on the playground. Students are welcome! We will provide popsicles for kids, while you visit with other volunteers and school staff. If it rains, we will meet in the cafeteria. See you there!

- Meg Horrigan and Tara Kohls

Give Your Feedback in PTA Survey

We want to hear from you! How well has the Thurgood Marshall PTA served our community this year? Please take our 5-minute, anonymous survey. Your feedback will help us improve programs for the 2014-2015 school year. Online at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/TMPPTA2014 Please submit by June 6. Paper copies available at the school office.

Thank you for taking the time!

Move-a-thon Breaks a Record!

Our school Move-a-thon hit an all-time record for fundraising! We raised \$10,572! In previous years we increased the total raised by \$1,000, but this year we increased it by \$2,000. The money raised will benefit the students with the greatest need.

Thank you for your generosity. Thurgood Marshall is very fortunate to have such a wonderful, supportive community.

FREE Summer Meals & Snacks



The Summer Meals Program (June 25-August 22) feeds kids and teens 18 years and under. Sites include schools, parks, and community centers. The location, serving days and times of a site nearest you can be found using these resources:

- Visit www.seattle.gov/summerfood
- Call the Family Food Hotline at 1-888-4-FOOD-WA
- Text FoodWA to 877-877. Users will receive a return text with info on summer food sites.

EVENT CALENDAR

TONIGHT! May 22

Spring Instrumental Concert @ 7 pm

TOMORROW! May 23

Reading Kick-off Event @ 5 pm

May 26, Monday

NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day

May 29, Thursday

PTA General Meeting @ 6:30 pm w/
"Savvy Parents, Safe Kids" Workshop

May 31, Saturday

5th Grade Paver Installation Day

June 3, Tuesday

Spring Choir Concert @ 7 pm

June 4, Wednesday

Early Dismissal @ 1:40 pm

NEW! June 5, Thursday

Volunteer Appreciation @ 3:40 pm

June 9-12, Monday-Thursday

Grade Level Picnics @ 5:30-7 pm

June 13, Friday

Field Day & BBQ

June 17, Tuesday

5th Grade Promotion 2-3:30 pm

June 19, Thursday

Last Day of School
Early dismissal @ 2:40 pm

TUTU'S PANTRY

May 27: 2nd Grade Donations

June 2: 3rd Grade Donations

June 9: 4th Grade Donations

June 16: 5th Grade Donations

Want more? Visit the Thurgood Marshall PTA online at www.tmlink.org for more Pup Press, a calendar of school events, and more.

Crafts for a Good Cause

Can you help us make crafts to raise money for the Children's Hospital Cancer Research Center? Cancer is a very serious disease, and it has affected one of our own students. Sign-up sheets for our craft fair will be in classrooms next week. The more crafts we make, the more money we raise! Please see librarian Mrs. Hudson for more information. - Thurgood Marshall Student Council

T-shirt Sales Coordinator

We need a volunteer to coordinate the sale and distribution of school t-shirts in the Fall. The t-shirt design and the vendor are already chosen. Contact Wendy Eckert at wseckert@yahoo.com or 206-769-8842 if you are interested. We'd love to have a volunteer before June 19.

Outstanding Performance at WA Math Olympiad

Congratulations to our 20 mathematically-inclined 5th graders who participated in the Washington State Math Olympiad on May 3. All our students placed in the Outstanding or Superior Level, and received medals and ribbons for their performances.

Students involved were: Dominic Do, Thomas Nguyen, Chris Wen, Bill Yu, Lazarus Turpaud, Andrew Barnett, Claire Johnston, Ella Sampson, Otto Sapora, Spencer Thompson, Olivia Wise, Lucy Milodragovich, Pascal Lovre, Rylee Jo Bundesmann, Sean Maccarthy-Grant, Zach Hammond, Ermias Habte, Danielle Croom, Yatin Kukreja, and Maggie Lear.

Obliteride to Destroy Cancer

As you may know, Thurgood Marshall 5th grader Mary McCann was diagnosed with brain cancer in October. She has since endured several surgeries, radiation therapy, and weeks of chemotherapy. Some of Mary's treatment comes directly from research at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center here in Seattle.

This summer, a few parents from Thurgood Marshall will ride their bikes for 50 miles in the Obliteride, a fundraising event for Fred Hutchinson. You can help! Ride with us, volunteer, or make a donation. Donate via our personal Obliteride fundraising pages at www.oblitteride.org. Thank you! - Stacy McCann and Kiri Schultz

Good Game!

Our first-ever Game Night last week was a great success! Students and families played new, interesting games provided by Blue Highway Games. We'd like to thank 4th grade parent, Janet Chung, for bringing this fun idea to Thurgood Marshall. Proceeds from games purchased that night raised \$125 for our school!

Calling All 5th Grade Families: Paver Project

We will install the pavers created by our 5th-graders as their going-away gift to the school on Saturday, May 31 at 9 am. All are welcome! If you have a wheelbarrow, a shovel and some good gloves, please bring them. Fingers crossed for no rain!

Washington Middle School PTSA

Washington Middle School extends a huge welcome to all incoming 6th grade families! Visit the WMS PTSA website to learn how you can get involved at: www.wmsptsa.com/ptsa-2/ptsa-overview-of-responsibilities/ Please contact anhollar@msn.com or sally_hulsman@yahoo.com if you would like to become a volunteer at WMS.

Have an article for Pup Press? Send it to Julia Janak at julijanak@gmail.com. If your e-mail submission is not acknowledged within 24 hours, please call or text to confirm receipt at 206-473-0980.

Safety Shouldn't Be Scary A parent workshop on child safety

We all want to keep our kids safe. At the next PTA meeting we'll learn some easy tips and tools to make safety fun, not scary. No graphic conversations. No scare tactics.

Thursday, May 29, 6:30-8:30 pm
PTA Meeting in the Library
YMCA will provide free childcare

Workshop topics will include:

- Sleepovers & Play dates
- Cell phones for kids?
- Home alone? Are they ready?
- Questions every adult should be asking
- Safety tools: What works? What doesn't?
- Red Flags parents need to watch out for
- The "Super 10" every kid should know

May 29: Vote on PTA Budget & Board

The Thurgood Marshall PTA Board has endorsed the candidates listed below for the 2014-15 PTA Board. On May 29 our general membership will vote on the proposed board, and the proposed 2014-15 budget. PTA members may also nominate themselves or others at that time.

After the vote, please stay for a "Savvy Parents Safe Kids" presentation (see details above). If you have any questions, please contact us at pta@tmlink.org.

Proposed nominees for the 2014-2015 PTA Board:

Co-President - Tasha Irvine*
Co-President - Casey Sommers*
Vice President - Scott Engan*
Treasurer - Brindy Bundesmann*
Secretary - Lauri Nakamoto
Communications Chair - Cliff Meyer
Community Relations Chair - Ben Kim*
Events Chair - Daniella D'Louhy
Fundraising Chair Promotions - Jenny Ott
Fundraising Chair Accounting - Stacey Joanovic
Membership Chair - Maggie Trapp
PEACE Academy Rep - Annette Sherr*
PTA Teacher Liaison - Donna Dugan*
Volunteer Chair - Jen Ellis

* Returning board member

