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THE THURSDAY NOTE:

It's almost conference time! If you don't already have a confirmed time for your parent-teacher conference in late November, please contact your child's teacher immediately to schedule one. November is the one time each year dedicated to parent-teacher conferences throughout the district. However, if you ever feel the need to talk with your child's teacher about academic, behavior, or social issues, don't hesitate to request an earlier meeting.

It is my expectation that teachers will make time for a meeting whenever a student is facing challenges at school. Similarly I expect parents to first approach the teacher with concerns before contacting Ms. Helms or myself. My 30 years in this profession have made me a believer in the importance of open and prompt communication.

We are excited to announce the *Pup Press* school newsletter is going electronic! Families with email access may elect to receive an email version, rather than the paper version, of *Pup Press*. The growth of our school has significantly increased our weekly printing costs. Cutting down on paper costs, like the *Pup Press*, will save our school money that could be better spent on the purchase of books and other much needed school supplies. A hard copy will still be made available to all families without email access.

For an electronic *Pup Press* to succeed, it's imperative that the Main Office has your up-to-date contact information including email address. Please call the office if any of your contact information changes. Stay tuned for more details...

- Principal Julie Breidenbach

Remember: No School on Monday

There will be no school on Monday, Nov. 11 as we celebrate Veteran's Day. All before and after school enrichment classes are cancelled as well.

Student Art on Display at Local Coffee Shop

The pop art-inspired harvest drawings from the 4th graders in Room 205 are now on display at the Judkins Street Cafe across the street from school. Stop by for a look!

Art Contest Deadline

The Reflections art contest deadline is Wednesday Nov. 20. Please leave your submission and your Reflections entry form in Mrs. Martin's art room by Nov. 20. Contact Maggie Trapp at maggietrapp@yahoo.com with any questions.



Visiting Author Next Week

Visiting author Paul Owen Lewis will present his books and share his creative process with classrooms next Wednesday, Nov. 13. If you would like to purchase a book and have it signed by the author, please **return order forms by tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 8**. Order forms are available from our librarian Mrs. Hudson or at the Main Office.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Nov. 11, Monday
NO SCHOOL - Veterans Day

Nov. 15, Friday
All-School Fall Dance
6-8 pm in Cafeteria

Nov. 21, Thursday
PTA General Meeting
6:30-8:00 pm in Library

Nov. 23-27, Saturday-Wednesday
Parent-Teacher Conferences

Nov. 25-29, Monday-Friday
NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 14, Saturday
Pancake Breakfast
9-11 am in Cafeteria

Dec. 20, Friday
1 Hour Early Dismissal

TUTU'S PANTRY CALENDAR

Non-perishable food donations can be placed in the large red bin inside the school entrance.

Nov. 12
3rd Grade Donations

Nov. 18
4th Grade Donations

Dec. 2
5th Grade Donations

Dec. 9
PEACE & Kindergarten Donations

Dec. 16
1st Grade Donations

Jan. 6
2nd Grade Donations

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

Vice Principal & Counselor Speak at PTA Mtg

We are excited to welcome two Thurgood Marshall staff members - School Counselor Meghan Kaloper and Vice Principal Christine Helm - to the next PTA meeting where they will tell us more about their work at school and answer your questions. If you have a question for either of them, please email it to us at president@tmlink.org. We will compile questions for the meeting on Nov. 21.

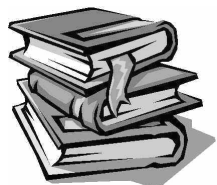
PTA General Meeting
Thursday, Nov. 21 in the Library from 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Everyone is welcome. We hope to see you there!

Shop at our Scholastic Book Fair!

This year's annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the school library December 2 - 6. The Book Fair is a great source of books for our young readers plus it puts more books in our library and classrooms via proceeds raised by the sale. This year our goal is to improve accessibility for all our students' families through extended sale hours and on-line purchasing power. Stay tuned for more exciting details!

What is the Global Reading Challenge?



This week marks the beginning of the Global Reading Challenge for 4th and 5th graders. The Global Reading Challenge, or GRC, is a "knowledge bowl" event sponsored by the Seattle Public Library for the Seattle public schools.

The GRC program is a fun, motivational reading challenge for all students. Here's how it works. Each participating public school, including Thurgood Marshall Elementary, selects a team of seven readers. The readers are given a list of 10 books they are responsible for reading and each team member becomes an expert on one or two of the books. In February the tournament begins at each school. The winning team from the school round goes on to a "regional" tournament and then to a city-wide tournament.

We will begin meeting in book groups to discuss this year's GRC books in December. Teams of 4th and 5th graders representing all classes will be created in January.

If you are interested in the titles of the books check out the children's section of the Seattle Public Library website at www.spl.org. They have a great video summarizing the 10 Global Reading Challenge Books.

Excitement is Building for the Fall Dance

We still need donated decorations for the Fall Dance. Any fall themed items (e.g., pumpkins, scarecrows, etc.) would be greatly appreciated. Drop off donations in the cafeteria or main office on Wednesday, Nov. 13 anytime between 9:15 am and 12 pm. The planning committee will be at school to collect donated décor and hang student art.

We also need help transforming the gym for the big day as well as running activities during the event. Please sign up to help online at: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/508084EA9A62BA64-fall.



Here's a really fun part: you are invited to join in our all-school dance to the online song and dance hit "What Does the Fox Say?" Check it out online at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=CWJPV5ui44. Everyone is encouraged to participate; dancing skills are not necessary, but a fun attitude is.

We look forward to a great evening of family fun! The entire family, including siblings, is welcome.

Special Ways to Support Thurgood Marshall

Are you a business owner interested in donating a portion of your proceeds to the PTA Annual Giving Fund? We are happy to publicize any of your fundraising promotions or help brainstorm fundraising solutions. If you would like more information, please contact caseypillar@gmail.com.



As we approach the holidays, we like to remind families about Amazon.com. For each purchase made on Amazon.com, through the www.tmlink.org web site, 6% is donated back to Thurgood Marshall.

Note: you must start your shopping via the Amazon link on www.tmlink.org in order to help Thurgood Marshall.

Thanks for the Candy!

Thank you to everyone who donated Halloween candy this year. We can't wait to send a care package of sweet treats to our deployed U.S. service members and wounded soldiers.

A Greenway in Our Neighborhood

The City of Seattle is planning to install a neighborhood greenway in the 23rd Avenue Corridor between East Roanoke Street and Rainier Avenue South. A greenway is a residential street that provides a comfortable place to walk, ride a bike, skate and run. Visit the project website at: www.seattle.gov/transportation/23rdgreenway.htm for more information.

Visit www.tmlink.org for more school news and updates.

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