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## THE THURSDAY NOTE:



Dear Thurgood Marshall Families,

It was wonderful to see so many families at last night's Open House! Our new principal, Katie May, was thrilled to meet some of the amazing students and families here at Thurgood Marshall.

I am pleased to announce that the Seattle Public School's Math Adoption Committee has recommended the enVision Math Program for use in grades K-5. The Superintendent will review the recommendation and the School Board is scheduled to vote on it on June 4.

In accordance with SPS policy, the Math Adoption Committee reviewed eight proposals and considered public feedback. After much consideration, it voted 21-6 to choose enVision. Their decision was based on the strengths of the enVision program, which are:

- Meets strong practice standards and Seattle Public Schools standards for cultural relevance and freedom from bias. In addition, of the three finalist programs, enVision is best aligned to the Common Core State Standards;
- Features strong differentiated homework materials;
- Offers more problem sets leading to mastery and better progression of lesson building;
- Provides a variety of assessment materials adjustable to students' needs, including immediate online feedback; and
- Offers quality graphic presentations appropriate to the text and the students.

At Thurgood Marshall we are already implementing enVision Math, and plan to continue with it next year as well. We have found enVision to be a great math program!

- Christine Helm, Interim Principal

## Game Night at School Next Week



Do you like to hang out with friends and play games? Please join us for Game Night next Thursday at 6:30 pm in the gym! A great selection of educational, FUN, high-quality games appropriate for all ages and interests will be provided by Blue Highway Games. If you're interested, games will be available for purchase; 20% of proceeds benefit our school.

We need volunteers to come at 6:00 pm, to help set up and to play games with the kids. Please contact Wendy Eckert at [wseckert@yahoo.com](mailto:wseckert@yahoo.com) or 206-769-8842 if you can help.

## Kid Safety Workshop at 5/29 PTA Meeting

**Thursday, May 29, 6:30-8:30 pm in the Library**

As summer approaches, our kids are out and about more often; while fun for kids, it can be nerve-wracking for parents! Join us for a workshop on child safety presented by Kim Estes of "Savvy Parents, Safe Kids" at the next PTA general meeting.

Get answers to your questions about sleep-overs, playdates, home-alone safety, and out-and-about safety. Plus how to talk to kids about safety without freaking them (or you) out!

## Dear Teachers and Staff:

On behalf of all the Thurgood Marshall families, the PTA wants to thank all our teachers and staff members for the incredible work they do every day. While we 'officially' celebrate you this week, please know your work is appreciated every day of the year. We are thrilled to have you teaching and supporting our children. Thank you for your countless hours of hard work!



## EVENT CALENDAR

### May 15, Thursday

Game Night @ 6:30 pm in the Gym

### May 22, Thursday

Spring Instrumental Concert @ 7 pm

### May 23, Friday

Reading Kick-off Event @ 5 pm in the Library (see back for details)

### May 26, Monday

NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day

### May 29, Thursday

PTA General Meeting @ 6:30 pm with guest speaker Kim Estes from "Savvy Parents, Safe Kids" Workshop

### May 31, Saturday

5th Grade Paver Installation Day/Work Party

### June 3, Tuesday

Spring Choir Concert @ 7 pm

### June 4, Wednesday

Early Dismissal @ 1:40 pm

### June 13, Friday

Field Day & BBQ

### June 17, Tuesday

5th Grade Promotion 2-3:30 pm in the Cafeteria

### June 19, Thursday

Last Day of School  
Early dismissal @ 2:40 pm

## We've Reached Our Fundraising Goal!



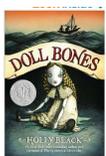
A huge thank you to everyone who participated this Tuesday in The Seattle Foundation's GiveBIG Day! We are thrilled to report we have now reached our 2014-2015 fundraising goal. We've raised a total of \$130,037, the largest amount ever raised for the Annual Giving Fund.

More than 50% of the families have donated, and we hope to reach 60% to show the strong support of families at Thurgood Marshall. A donation of any size helps our teachers and students, providing funding for special programs, community events, supplies, books, and staffing.

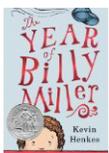
If you have not given to the Annual Giving Fund this year, please help us reach our 60% participation goal by contributing now. Please make checks out to Thurgood Marshall PTA and send into school with your child or mail to TM Annual Giving Fund, PO Box 22305 Seattle WA 98122. To donate online visit [www.tmlink.org](http://www.tmlink.org) and click on the "Donate Now" button.

Thank you for supporting our school! Go Bullpups!

## Book Recommendations: Both Ghoulish and Thoughtful



*Doll Bones* by Holly Black. Recommended for students who love ghoulish ghost stories. This is the tale of Zach, and his two friends Poppy and Amy, as they attempt to lay to rest a little girl's ghost by burying a doll named "Queenie" made from the bones and ashes of the ghostly girl.



*The Year of Billy Miller* by Kevin Henkes. This is a poignant book, wonderful for our more sensitive readers, about a 2nd-grade boy worried his new teacher doesn't understand him. Billy Miller worries about being a grown-up, and being able to stay up all night. The issues Billy faces are very real for our younger readers. This book would also make a terrific read-aloud; giving parents an opportunity to talk with kids about the school worries so many of them have. Kevin Henkes previously authored *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*.  
- Merilee Hudson, Librarian

## Staff Updates for 2014-2015

### General Education

K	Shirley Swarts	Room 108
K	Kimberly Naze	Room 109
1	Open Position	Room 101
1/2	Open Position	Room 116
2	Shari Howard-Powell	Room 112
3	Bianca Gomez	Room 110
4	Alison Miller	Room 206
5	LaTasha Robinson	Room 203

### APP

1/2	Tara Kohls	Room 111
2	Rob Long	Room 115
2	Mindy Huss	Room 113
3	Cora Glass	Room 202
3	Arlene Vosti	Room 201
3	Samantha Egelhoff	Room 204
3/4	Susan Kingsbury	Room 205
4	Will Miller	P2
4	Mary MacDonald	P1
5	Will Paul	Room 207
5	Kimber Kierstead	Room 209
5	Marcie von Beck	Room 210

### PEACE

Donna Dugan	Room 104
Meredith Fourre	Room 105
Dave Forrester	Room 106
Katie Humphreys	Room 107
OT/PT	Room 103

### Specialists

P.E.	Dan Shin	Gym
Music	Open Position	Stage
Art	Becky Martin	Room 208
Librarian	Merilee Hudson	Library

Computer Lab	Room 102
ELL	Room 114
Reading Intervention	Room 121
Counselor	Room 120
Resource	Meg Horrigan Room 219

This chart reflects the staffing for the 2014-2015 school year as of 5/7/14. We've hired two teachers and have three open positions that we will begin interviewing for this spring.

## Summer Reading Kick-Off Fiesta

Join us Friday, May 23, from 5-7 pm, for our "Summer Reading Kick-Off!" Our summer fiesta will include a light supper, (please feel free to bring a dish to share), a piñata, games and free books. Mynique Adams from the Seattle Public Library will share a story, and details about summer reading programs offered through the Seattle Public Library. We hope to see you there!

## Student Submissions for Pup Press

Students may submit writing samples for publication consideration in the Pup Press. Space allowing, we will print one student piece per week. Please limit writing to 100 words. Email to Pup Press editor at [juliajanak@gmail.com](mailto:juliajanak@gmail.com).



## June 13 BBQ at School

We're having a BBQ on June 13, at 11:55 am as part of our Field Day festivities. We will serve hamburgers, veggie burgers, chicken hot dogs, coleslaw, carrots, broccoli, baked beans, watermelon, and oatmeal chocolate chip cookies.

We will not pre-sell BBQ tickets this year; parents, students and staff must bring cash (exact change if possible) or a check. Students may also use their school accounts.

Cost: \$2.75 Students \$4.00 Adults \$0.75 Water

Interested volunteers should contact Kitchen Manager Angelina Rios at (206) 252-2741.



## Chess Club Champions!

Congratulations to the Thurgood Marshall Chess Club for winning 17th place in the Grades 1-3 Team Category of the 2014 Washington State Elementary School Chess Championships. On April 12 members of the Thurgood Marshall Chess Club competed against more than 1,100 kids from 160 elementary schools from across the state. Several TM members won individual trophies, as well. TM Chess Club players who participated were: Sean Aryana, Jack Daniels, Kyle Cobden, Tim Deppe, Graham Cobden, Cameron Krono, Parik Kukreja, Andrew Nakamoto, Yatin Kukreja and Nicholas Ng.

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