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How We Schedule Lunch

Recently, a question came up about the logistics of our lunch schedule. Our student body is growing, and this year we needed to schedule three lunches and recesses, so that we could accommodate everyone safely. We wanted lunches divided into K-1, 2-3 and 4-5 groups, but could not evenly balance student numbers in this way, because we have more classes at the higher grades.

Another limitation involves our split-grade homerooms: a 1/2 General Education class, a 1/2 HCC (formerly APP) class, and a 3/4 HCC class. We support students in the split classrooms partly by having them travel to other homerooms for certain instruction (for example, 2nd-graders in a 1/2 split may travel to a 2nd-grade class for math or science). To allow for this type of grouping, we included our 1/2 General Education and 2nd-grade General Education class in our first lunch session. Our 3/4 HCC class is in our third lunch session so that its 4th-graders can join the other 4th-grade HCC classes for some of their instruction.

Some parents have asked why no HCC classes are included in the first lunch. As you may be aware, our HCC student population is smaller in the lower grades. Students cannot enter the HCC Program until 1st grade (and many test into the program in later grades), so out of our five kindergarten and 1st-grade classes, only about half of one 1st-grade class is designated HCC.

We very much want students to establish friendships between classes. Both our 1st- and 2nd-grades have held "Friendship Days" in recent weeks to encourage these relationships. While "Friendship Day" is a one-time event, teachers are seeing students continue to interact at recess after being introduced to each other, which is encouraging! Our afternoon includes K-3 in one recess and 4-5 in another to provide time for same-grade students in different classes to play.

Please let me know if you have other questions about our scheduling process. We work hard to make decisions based around what is best for student learning.

A couple of reminders:

- Now that cooler temperatures are here, please be sure to send students with clothing that is appropriate for outdoor play. Our students have recess outside in all weather except heavy rain, and we want them to be prepared for it.
- We hope to see you at PTA **Game Night** next week! Remember that parents are responsible for supervising their children at evening events. Please keep your children in sight at all times. It can be exciting for students to be at school after regular school hours, and we want your children to be safe.

Katie May

T-shirt Order Deadline Tomorrow!

The deadline to order **school t-shirts and hoodies** is tomorrow, **Friday, Oct. 17**. Drop off your form and payment in the school office.

Order forms are available in the school office or on the front page of the PTA website: www.tmlink.org.



EVENT CALENDAR

Fri., Oct. 17

Deadline for t-shirt order forms!

Sat., Oct. 18

Community Meeting with School Board Member Dr. Stephan Blanford
10-11:30 am at the Capitol Hill Library

Thurs., Oct. 23

Coffee with Principal May
2:45-3:30 pm in Library



Thurs., Oct. 23

Game Night
6:30-8 pm in Cafeteria



Mon., Oct. 27-Fri., Oct. 31

Conflict Mediator Training
8:15-9:25 am in Library

Wed., Oct. 29

Two-Hour Early Dismissal



Fri., Oct. 31

Book-o-ween Celebration
Wear Book-themed Costumes to School!

Now through Oct. 31 ...

Annual Giving Fund Fall Challenge Match
Double your TM donation this month!



Forms in office or online @ tmlink.org

Sat., Nov. 8

Intro to Parent Leadership Workshop
8:30 am-3:30 pm in Library

Thurs., Nov. 13

Washington Middle School Information Night
6:30-8pm in Stevens Elementary School Cafeteria (also **Thurs., Dec. 5**, 6:30-8 pm, at Washington Middle School)

TUTU'S PANTRY

Oct. 13: 5th-Grade Donations

Oct. 20: PEACE/Kindergarten Donations

Oct. 27: 1st-Grade Donations

Nov. 3: 2nd-Grade Donations

Nov. 10: 3rd-Grade Donations

Nov. 17: 4th-Grade Donations

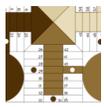
Questions? Contact Tutu's Pantry Coordinators Kim Enochs at kimenochs@comcast.net or 206-604-1202 or Maggie Trapp at maggietrapp@yahoo.com or 206-399-8320.

Tutu's Pantry Wish List

It's **fifth-grade's** week to donate, and if you can help, we are low on **jam/jelly, cereal, noodles, pasta sauce, and rice.**

Many thanks to those who've put items in our red bins!

Game Night Is Almost Here! Don't Miss It!



Don't forget Game Night **Thursday, Oct. 23** from 6:30-8 pm in the Cafeteria. Blue Highway Games is bringing the games; you just need to bring your family! We hope you can make it!

The PTA will be selling **Chinook Book** coupon books at three fall events, including Game Night next week. Books cost \$20 and mobile apps are \$15—half the proceeds go to the PTA! This is a great way to get valuable coupons for neighborhood restaurants, stores, and activities, and support your school at the same time!



Issues, Ideas Raised at Student Council

The terms are limited, but the enthusiasm is not: Thurgood Marshall's 2014-15 Student Council members began meeting this week. Each 4th- and 5th-grade class has two to four representatives. Aided by the adviser, Mrs. Hudson, the group will come together over the next thirteen Tuesdays for a working lunch focused on ideas and concerns.

Student Council has been responsible in the past for several fundraisers, including a craft fair and spirit days. Members also have addressed issues involving playground rules and other school activities.

Student Council Fall/Winter Representatives:

P1: Parik Kukreja/Mairead Averill, P2: Aiden Taylor/ Liam Wilkerson, 201: Mason Ott/Eli Bloom, 209: Jack Theiss/ Gigi Njegovan, 207: Layth Stauffer/Ella Hunt, 206: Uyen Ly Nguyen/Hari Kefale/ Uriah Gibbens, 204: Brooklyn Kenny/Jamal Aden, 101: Lucie Pearson/Kieran Johnson, 106: Abdiquik Adan.

This group will give way to a second set of members, who will meet February through May, so that more students will have an opportunity to explore being leaders in their school!

FREE Workshop: Intro to Parent Leadership

Be a leader in your children's education! Community & Parents for Public Schools & Thurgood Marshall PTA present a FREE workshop: *Introduction to Parent Leadership* on **Saturday, Nov. 8, 2014**, 8:30 am-3:30 pm. **FREE breakfast, lunch & child care provided.**

Please join other Thurgood Marshall parents to:

- Understand how to better support your child at school and home.
- Learn how and why your involvement contributes to your child's success.
- Share your strengths—and your voice—to enrich the Thurgood Marshall experience.

To register or learn more, contact Thurgood Marshall PTA at pta@tmlink.org or 206-550-9506, or one of our outreach reps:

- Vera (African-American) 206-778-5755
- Trang (Vietnamese) 206-353-4150
- Ayan (Somali) 206-973-9584
- Flora (Spanish) 206-307-8919

Let's work together to build a community rooted in equity, engagement and student success!



Meghan Kaloper
Counselor's Corner

Turning Down The Heat

By now, I have had the opportunity to visit all the classrooms twice this year—once to introduce what a school counselor is and does and the second time to do a lesson about the brain. I challenge you to ask your child about the three parts of the brain. What is the **lizard part of the brain**? What does the **guard dog** do? And what does it mean when we **flip our lids**?

Also, what is the 5-point scale? What is a brain at a **level 1** versus a **level 5**? This is language we use school-wide when we talk about how to calm down when we feel our emotions getting hot. With this lesson students learned the parts of the brain, how they can help control and calm their brain, and thought of strategies they could use if they notice their body signals telling them that they are starting to feel frustrated or upset. Maybe this is something you could use at home too! Have a wonderful day!

A Bit of Free Time? Volunteers Needed!

Here are some available volunteer positions:

- **Game Night:** Parent volunteers are needed starting at 5:30 pm to help learn the games and help kids play!
- **Library Afternoon Volunteers:** The Library could use your help from 3-3:40 pm. Just drop in and lend a hand, or contact Tanaz Kannan to plan a time: tanazkannan@gmail.com
- **Front Office Help:** Ms. Patu and Ms. Dickey need help sorting paperwork in the office. Drop in if you have a few minutes to spare.
- **Conflict Mediator Training:** Ms. Kaloper needs parent volunteers during the 4th- and 5th-grade Conflict Mediator training, Monday through Friday, Oct. 27-31, 8:15-9:25 am. Email mrharris@seattleschools.org to sign up.
- **Enrichment Assistant:** Work closely with the Enrichment Coordinator in scheduling the before/after school Enrichment Program. Estimated commitment time: 3 sessions per year, 5-10 hours per session.
- **PTA Classroom Reps:** Serve as the liaison between the PTA and your child's class. Ms. Dugan, Ms. Humphreys, Ms. Gomez, and Ms. Jensen still need reps.

For more information, or more opportunities, go to tmlink.org/info/volunteering or contact Volunteer Coordinator Jen Ellis at jenniferellis.206@gmail.com or (206) 276-4982.

TM BRIEFS

Flags of Thurgood Marshall: You may have noticed the beautiful collection of flags, representing the countries of origin of many Thurgood Marshall families, hanging in the Cafeteria. As our school community grows, the PTA hopes to expand the collection; to see a flag from your heritage added, please email pta@tmlink.org.

Diwali Celebration: Want to be a part of Diwali, the Indian festival of lights? Head to Lake City Public Library at 11 am on Saturday, Oct. 18 to get to know a bit more about the festival. You may even get to see Thurgood Marshall kindergartner Sameeksha perform! The event is free and held at the Lake City Public Library, 12501 28th Ave. NE. For more information, see bit.ly/lib-diwali

Small Microwave Needed: Have a small microwave you're not using? Thurgood Marshall's Developmental Preschool is in need of one: contact msfourre@seattleschools.org if you can help.

Class and Individual Picture Re-takes: These will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 19, a change from the original date of Nov. 4.