

# PUP PRESS



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**Principal  
Katie May**

## ART IS THE HEART OF LEARNING AT TM

The fine arts are an important part of learning at TM. As a Central Region school, we benefit from of a partnership between Creative Advantage and Seattle Schools. This partnership supports us in developing a vision for arts in our school, creating a plan to implement it, and some additional resources. Arts education has been shown to reduce dropout rates, improve attendance, foster a love for learning and enhance student creativity.

**Our school has been saturated with art** this week! Thursday night Dan Yarr and Kelsey French put on a beautiful instrumental music concert with our 4th and 5th graders. It is amazing to hear the progress our students have made in such a short time, going from just starting to learn an instrument to playing as part of a group. The number of students involved in instrumental music is a sign of the importance of arts in our school.

**At our Friday Assembly this past week**, our students were treated to a performance by the Kaleidoscope Dance Company. Kaleidoscope is the oldest modern dance company in Seattle, and the dancers, ages 8-15, are quite skilled. Our students were impressed to see students around their own ages dance in such a professional manner. This gave us an opportunity to again connect practice and hard work with accomplishment. Our own Shobha Blossley, a TM 3rd grader, was prominently featured in the troupe. This assembly was made possible by a generous contribution from an anonymous donor.

**On Saturday morning** the annual Art Walk and Pancake Breakfast was well attended. Ms. Zirngible's work with our students was evident everywhere. The display of ceramics was especially impressive and students are so proud of the work they have done on their pinch pots, masks and totem poles. The volume of art your children have produced in the first half of the year is astonishing. Thank you to Ms. Zirngible and her parent volunteers for all of their hard work in displaying student work. If you did not get a chance to attend, please do take a moment to wander the halls around our school for a look at what our students have been working on. Thank you to our PTA for organizing this event and preparing the food!

**Tonight's choir concert** gives us another chance to hear our students perform. The choir sang beautifully at our MLK Assembly, too. After tonight, their next performance will be at the Northwest African American Museum on Feb. 6, as our school joins together with other community organizations to **celebrate the life and accomplishments of Thurgood Marshall**. The program lasts from 4-5:45 pm, and attendees will also have a chance to give input into the community art project that will be installed on school grounds this summer.

## Student Council's Flag Competition Inspires 'REAL' School Spirit

The first semester Student Council, in an effort to build school spirit, ran a "Thurgood Marshall Spirit Flag" competition. Lucie Pearson, a council member from room 101, proposed that students design and submit a school flag: "Working together to make something for our school helps to build our school spirit," she said. The council quickly pounced on this idea and created a plan that included all students: 3rd-5th graders were asked to submit designs, and the entire school was asked to vote on the seven designs selected as finalists.

Students voted for the flag that best exhibited the Thurgood Marshall spirit of keeping it REAL. The winning flag, shown here, was designed by 4th-grader **Jacqueline Miller** from P1. Congratulations, Jacqueline!



The council would also like to recognize **Ms. Gomez's 3rd-Grade classroom** for their school spirit for submitting the most flag entries for consideration. All entries are posted on the bulletin board at the end of the 2nd-floor hallway, and Jacqueline's winning entry is in the entryway stairwell.

## EVENT CALENDAR

**Thurs., Jan. 29**  
Choir Concert  
7 pm in Cafeteria

**TONIGHT!**

**Fri., Jan. 30**  
No School (Day Between Semesters) ★

**Sat., Jan. 31**  
Dr. Stephan Blanford Public Meeting  
10-11:30 am at Douglass Truth Library

**Thurs., Feb. 5**  
Adv. Band/Orch/Choir Concert  
7 pm at Washington Middle School



**Fri., Feb. 6 is Thurgood Marshall Day!**  
Special Assembly, 9:35-10:25 am in Cafeteria

Community Celebration (with TM choir!)  
4-5:45 pm, Northwest African American Museum

**Thurs., Feb. 12**  
School Info & Tour for Prospective Families  
8:45-10 am (check in at Main Office)

**Fri., Feb. 13**  
Multicultural Celebration  
5:30-7 pm in Cafeteria



**Mon., Feb. 23**  
Evening Tour for Prospective Families  
(see [www.tmlink.org](http://www.tmlink.org) for schedule)

**Tues., Feb. 24**  
PTA Meeting w/guest speaker on  
Positive Discipline, 6:30-8:30 pm in Library

**Thurs., Feb. 26**  
Principal Coffee  
9:15 am in Library

## TUTU'S PANTRY

**Feb. 2:** PEACE/Kindergarten Donations

**Feb. 9:** 1st-Grade Donations

**Feb. 16:** 2nd-Grade Donations



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## Celebrate Thurgood Marshall Day!

**Fri., Feb 6 is Thurgood Marshall Day.** At school, we honor Thurgood Marshall with a special assembly—**families welcome to attend!** The assembly takes place first thing in the morning (9:35-10:25 am) in the Cafeteria.

There will also be an afternoon community celebration to be held at the **Northwest African American Museum** ([www.naamnw.org](http://www.naamnw.org)) from 4-5:45 pm. This event will serve as an opportunity for the neighborhood to provide feedback on the **art installation** to honor Thurgood Marshall that will be placed on the school campus over the summer. This project is a beneficiary of a Seattle Department of Neighborhoods grant in conjunction with Coyote Central's *Hit the Streets* program.



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## Tours Added for Incoming Washington Middle School Students

Two more tour dates have been added to allow prospective students and their families to visit Washington Middle School:

- February 6 at 8 am
- March 6 at 1:30 pm

Tours will last approximately 45 minutes. Students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please RSVP with Washington Middle School's main office at 252-2600.

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## Join Involved Parents on the Budget Committee

The PTA already has two volunteers for the budget committee starting up in February! We're just looking for **one to two more**. The budget committee works with the PTA Treasurer, Building Leadership Team and Principal May to determine funding needs for the next school year.



The committee will meet in person 1-2 times in February, and most follow-up to those meetings will happen via email. You can make a real difference! If you are interested or need more info, contact Brindy Bundesmann at [brindylee@comcast.net](mailto:brindylee@comcast.net)

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## Seeking Treasurer for 2015-16

Our current treasurer's term ends this year and we're looking for a successor. Joining the budget committee is a great way to see if this job might interest you.

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## Volunteer Opps For This Week

- Ms. Patu can use help sorting **office paperwork**. Stop by the office if you can help.
- **Yearbook volunteers** can contact Kathryn Saxer: [katesaxer@gmail.com](mailto:katesaxer@gmail.com)

Questions? Contact Jen Ellis at [jenniferellis.206@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferellis.206@gmail.com) or (206) 276-4982.

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## Fri. Feb. 13 Is Our Multicultural Celebration

Save the Date for Thurgood Marshall's annual multicultural celebration and potluck.

**WHEN:** Fri., Feb. 13, 5:30-7:30 pm

**WHERE:** TM Cafeteria

**WHAT:** Celebration with live entertainment (to be announced) and a family potluck



Past years' celebrations have featured exciting presentations like a Karate demonstration from students and a dragon dance!

Also, please consider bringing **family photos** that show your unique family heritage. Send the photos to school with your child attention Ms. Swarts or Ms. Egelhoff (below) and we will make copies and send them safely back.

TM needs help putting on this fun all-school event! If you'd like to help with the planning, please contact Ms. Swarts at [sfswarts@seattleschools.org](mailto:sfswarts@seattleschools.org) or Ms. Egelhoff at [slegelhoff@seattleschools.org](mailto:slegelhoff@seattleschools.org).

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## Join the 'Bullpup Parents' Google Forum

Join the **Bullpup Parents** Google Forum to connect with others and find out about what's happening in the TM community! *There is no commitment, and it's an easy way to stay informed.*



Visit <http://groups.google.com/d/forum/bullpup-parents> to join. Questions? Please email [pta@tmlink.org](mailto:pta@tmlink.org).

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## Pancakes, Sausages, and Ceramics

Last weekend's Pancake Breakfast and Art Walk was a great event, highlighted by delicious food, a terrific setup, friendly hosts, and beautiful art. Families enjoyed visiting with one another and having a leisurely Saturday morning at school.

Our generous sponsors this year:

- ❖ Starbucks at 23rd & Jackson
- ❖ Starbucks at MLK & Graham
- ❖ Leschi Market
- ❖ Trader Joe's
- ❖ Field Roast Grain Meat Co.
- ❖ Grocery Outlet

A HUGE thank you to **Jenny Ott** and **Jen Ellis** for coordinating the event, to the volunteers for their hard work flipping pancakes and hanging art, and to art teacher **Beth Zirngible**, for bringing the ceramics display to the cafeteria and helping our students to create the amazing art around the school.

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## TM Briefs

- Free talk on "*The Opposite of Spoiled: Raising Kids Who Are Grounded, Generous, and Smart About Money*" at the Evergreen School **Mon., Feb 9** from 7-9 pm: Register at [www.evergreenschool.org/podium/default.aspx?t=184221&rc=1](http://www.evergreenschool.org/podium/default.aspx?t=184221&rc=1)
- **Enrichment schedule with room numbers** available online at the TM PTA website: [www.tmlink.org/newsandevents/enrichment-program](http://www.tmlink.org/newsandevents/enrichment-program)