MATHAPALOOZA TONIGHT

Tonight (Thursday) is the first ever Mathapalooza math celebration at Thurgood Marshall.

Here are the top 10 reasons to join us at the event (6:30-8 pm in the Cafeteria):

1. You will help your child see that you care about his or her learning when you engage in math together.
2. Math is fun! There will be games and activities at all levels for students and adults to play.
3. You will get some new ideas for strategies to support your child’s math learning at home.
4. This is a chance for you to demonstrate your growth mindset to your child.
5. You will see how math can be “hands on.”
6. Learning math is critical to your child’s school success.
7. Our 5th-grade Math Ambassadors will be leading many of the games.
8. This will increase your confidence with the “new math.”
9. Everyone is coming – you don’t want to miss out and hear about all the fun later.
10. There will be Pie in early celebration of Pi Day, 3.14 (March 14)! Please bring a pie to share for our Pie Potluck!

Assistant Principal Update

Please join me in welcoming Interim Assistant Principal BiHoa Caldwell back this week. She will be with us until April 26, and then Anne Fitzpatrick will be back to finish out the year. I’d like to thank both these hard-working administrators for all their efforts for Thurgood Marshall this year.

MARCH MATCH-NESS

It’s time to RALLY for the Annual Giving Fund!

March Match-ness challenge amount $12,500

Raised so far $952

Make your donation today to receive 1:1 matching funds. If we can “beat the buzzer” and raise $12,500 by March 31, a group of TM families will add another $12,500 to the Annual Giving Fund! (Learn how you can “assist” on page 2.)
**PTA Board: WE NEED YOU in 2015-16!**

It is the season of longer days, more sun, and **nominating new PTA Board members for next year**. Several key board and volunteer positions will be open next school year, and we hope some new parents will join our energetic team of volunteers. Open positions include:

- Co-President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Annual Giving Fund/ Promotions Co-Chair
- Communications Co-Chair
- Events Chair
- Pup Press Editor
- School Directory Editor

If you are interested in one of these positions or learning about other open volunteer roles for next year, please contact Jen Ellis at jenniferellis.206@gmail.com. Detailed job descriptions are available to help you understand the roles, and we’re happy to chat with you about your specific interests, skills and talents.

**Help Select PTA Board Nominees**

Help recommend nominees for next year’s PTA Board by volunteering for the **Nominating Committee**. Email Jen Ellis at jenniferellis.206@gmail.com.

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**Bullpups Get Social (on Facebook)**

Thurgood Marshall Elementary’s Facebook page has had a facelift! Principal May and the PTA will be using Facebook for quick, fun and interesting updates about events and happenings around the school.

If you’re a Facebook user, be sure to like us, tag us and join in the conversation! We’re here: [www.bit.ly/TMElemFacebook](http://www.bit.ly/TMElemFacebook)

(Be assured that privacy guidelines that apply to children’s names and photos continue to apply to posts made by the school.)

**Chess Club Wins Second Place Again!**

Congratulations to the TM Chess Club for winning **second place** in the Grades 4-6 Team category of the Evergreen Knightmares’ Gauntlet Chess Tournament on March 7.

Participating players were: Graham Cobden, Kyle Cobden, Cameron Kono, Andrew Nakamoto, Nicholas Ng and Kallen Young.

Go Chess Bullpups!

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**Reading Challenge Semi-Final Results**

TM’s Global Reading Challenge team, “**The Name of this Team is Secret**,” tied for second place during semi-finals at the Central Library on March 5, **one answer behind the top team’s score**. The girls (yes, it was an all-girl team) did a wonderful job and received several compliments from the SPL staff regarding their positive presence. The team of 4th- and 5th-grade general education and HCC students worked together and exhibited great sportsmanship!

**Author of ‘Dinosaur Tooth Fairy’ Visits School for Read Across America Event**

Author Martha Brockenbrough (pictured, with Ms. Hudson) spoke to six classes of 1st- and 2nd-graders on Dr. Seuss’s birthday March 2 for our “**Read Across America**” event. The kids loved her book, “**The Dinosaur Tooth Fairy**.” Ms. Hudson now has a waiting list for that book as well as her other book “**Finding Bigfoot**.”

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**SPS Holds Community Meetings on Operations and Capital Levies**

Seattle Public Schools is hosting five community meetings to share information about the upcoming **Operations Levy** and the **Buildings, Technology, Academics/Athletics IV (BTA IV) Capital Levy**, which will be submitted to Seattle voters in February 2016. These levies support programs, renovations, and maintenance. Staff members will present information, ask for comments and answer questions. Please see the SPS website ([www.seattleschools.org](http://www.seattleschools.org)) for details. The nearest meeting to Thurgood Marshall is at Meany Middle School, Thursday, April 2, from 6:30-8pm.

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