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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!



Principal
Katie May



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.)



EVENT CALENDAR

Thurs., March 12

Mathapalooza! (Bring some PIE!)
6:30-8 pm in Cafeteria

TONIGHT!

Tues. March 17

African American Family Gathering
6-8 pm at Graham Hill Elementary School
(5149 S Graham)

Wed., March 25: Two-hour early release

Middle School Math Info Session
6:30-7:30 pm in Library



Wed., April 1

Deadline for **Yearbook Order Forms!**

Thurs., April 2

Operations/Capital Levy Meeting (see page 2)
6:30-8pm, Meany Middle School

CORRECTION

Last week's Pup Press listed the incorrect date for the Seattle Storm basketball Night Out with Thurgood Marshall. It is **Saturday, June 6.**

TUTU'S PANTRY

➤ **THIS WEEK'S BIGGEST NEEDS:**

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY, PASTA SAUCE

March 9: 5th-Grade Donations

March 16: K/PEACE Donations

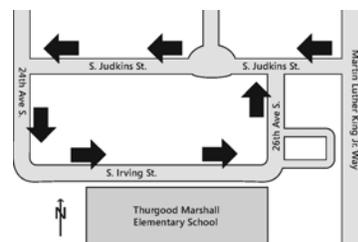


Avoid Accidents (and Tickets!)

Traffic flow around morning drop-offs and afternoons pickups has been problematic. There have been parking violations (near the fire hydrant, along red curbs), and near-accidents.

Please treat S. Irving Street as a **one-way street** that flows from west to east (the direction the buses drive). This will keep these high-traffic times safer for our students (and drivers!). See the map at right.

Parking enforcement will be **patrolling** in the very near future – please avoid a ticket by making sure you are parked safely and legally. Thanks for your help on this!



Yearbook Forms Due April 1

Yearbook order forms came home this week, or order online at www.yuenluistudio.com (click **Online Viewing**, then search for **Thurgood Marshall Elementary Yearbook**).

"MARCH MATCH-NESS"

Double your donation to the Annual Giving Fund!

This is the last chance this school year for 1:1 matching funds for your donation to the Annual Giving Fund. Five Thurgood Marshall families have committed a total of \$12,500 to match donations we raise during our **March Match-ness challenge!**

We have raised **\$952** of our **\$12,500** challenge.

It's time to RALLY!

Every Thurgood Marshall family, friend and student can help us meet our goal. 2014-15 Goal: \$130,000

Every donation, of any amount, will help the PTA provide important funding for programs like our **full-time librarian, school counselor, classroom grants and drama instruction.**

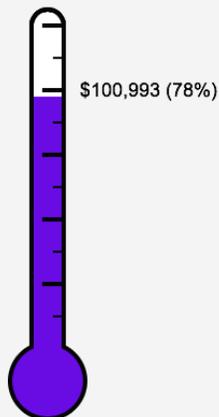
Here's how:

- **Send in your check** payable to Thurgood Marshall PTA. It is helpful to include the donation form sent home last week (back side of orange flier).

OR

- Give online at www.tmlink.org (click the **Donate Now** button).

Questions? Please email TM parents & AGF Co-Chairs Jenny Ott & Stacey Joanovic: giving@tmlink.org.



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.  [Find us on Facebook](#)

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

(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!

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.**"



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) for details. The nearest meeting to Thurgood Marshall is at Meany Middle School, Thursday, April 2, from 6:30-8pm.

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.