Staff Lineup for Next Year

It’s hard to believe that this is the last issue of Pup Press for the 2014-15 school year. In my first year at Thurgood Marshall I have learned so much. Thank you for bearing with me as I learned the ropes of Seattle Schools. It has been such a pleasure to become part of this wonderful school community and I look forward to next year.

I just received word today that our Assistant Principal position will be posted tomorrow, which means that we will be scheduling interviews next week. We will be looking for two parents to serve on this interview team. If you are interested, please email me at kjmay1@seattleschools.org.

Aside from this, we are fully staffed for next year. Here’s the line-up:

**Gen Ed:**
- K – Anna Marie Privette (108)
- K – Mona Tu (109)
- 1 – Bridgette Carney (110)
- 1 – Lacey Sheridan (111)
- 2 – Shari Howard-Powell (112)
- 2 – Sarah Gese
- 3 – Bianca Gomez (204)
- 4 – Alison Miller (206)
- 5 – Sam Egelhoff (205)

**HCC:**
- 1 – Rob Long (114)
- 1/2 – Tara Kohls (115)
- 2 – Mindy Huss (113)
- 3 – Cora Glass (201)
- 3 – Susan Kingsbury (202)
- 3 – Laurie Jensen (203)
- 4 – Cat Serpe (P3)
- 4 – Mary MacDonald (P1)
- 4 – Will Miller (P2)
- 4/5 – Marcie von Beck (210)
- 5 – Will Paul (208)
- 5 – Kimber Kierstead (209)

**PEACE Academy**
- Meredith Foure (105 – Preschool)
- Donna Dugan (104)
- Alex Shaw (106)
- Katie Humphreys (107)

Have a wonderful summer and don’t be a stranger! Our Library will continue to be open on Tuesdays from 4-7 pm throughout the summer. Bring your children for books and popsicles and stay for PTA-organized playdates on the playground. If you know of new families, please spread the word that they are welcome, too! Kindergarten JumpStart will be held August 17-21, 9 am-noon each day.

We will see everyone back at school for our ice cream social on Tuesday, Sept. 8, from 2:30-4 pm. Mark your calendars to come for ice cream and to find out who your child’s teacher will be for next year. Most importantly – our first day of school will be Wednesday, Sept. 9. See you then!

**Volunteer Coordinator — the Job For You?**

Do you enjoy meeting new people? Do you like helping organize volunteers for events via email and the easy-to-use Sign Up Genius? The PTA is looking for one or two people to be Volunteer Coordinators next year. There is no experience necessary and you will have lots of PTA support. For more information or to talk to our current Volunteer Coordinator, please contact Jen Ellis at jenniferellis.206@gmail.com.

**Library Sends Home Books, Reading List**

Kindergartners through 4th-graders received a free book from the Library this week to encourage summer reading, while our 5th-graders received a suggested reading list (“was_squatch”) courtesy of Washington Middle School. Be sure to keep those kids reading during those long days of summer!

For other summer reading ideas, go to [www.readingrockets.org/audience/parents](http://www.readingrockets.org/audience/parents)

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**TM Watches Storm Basketball**

More than 60 fans from Thurgood Marshall cheered on the Seattle Storm during the team’s WNBA season-opener victory on Saturday evening over the Los Angeles Sparks.

Attendees enjoyed seeing our school called out on the big screen...

…and 5th-grader Flynn Irvine (along with his brother, Tate), even had a chance to participate in the action, racing an enormous tire across the court during a timeout.
The Big Picture: New Art Installation Uses 5th-Graders’ Spirit to Brighten Stairwell

Just in time for 5th-grade promotion, the class legacy project — a ceramic tile mural — has been installed in the west stairwell near the cafeteria. The artwork, composed of individual 4” x 4” tiles designed and painted by each 5th-grade student and teacher, brings color and creativity to a previously empty wall in a heavily used staircase.

The project encouraged kids to make an individual statement within a colorful composition that works together as a whole. The kids and teachers were each given a tile and asked to paint something from their hearts and minds, symbolically, like a stamp. The mural captures a moment of the 5th-graders’ spirit.

Many people collaborated to produce this beautiful memory of this year’s 5th-grade class. We would especially like to thank lead parent volunteers Hadar Iron and Rebecca Bloom for their vision and commitment; Dejan Miovic, Jenny Ott and Karen Zeribi for fundraising and project support; teacher Beth Zirngible for help with production; the 5th-grade teachers for finding time for this activity; and all the parents who worked with the kids, helped with glazing, firing and assembly of the tiles, baked goodies, contributed funds, and showed your enthusiasm for the project!

Looking Back at a Busy Year

As the year comes to a close I want to take time to reflect on the PTA-supported counseling department’s time spent with the students of Thurgood Marshall. Over the year I have had the opportunity to connect with kids in grades K-5 through 314 different classroom counseling lessons. These lessons have spanned in topic focus including emotion identification & regulation, problem solving, bullying prevention, career awareness & exploration, test preparation, teamwork, peer pressure, and transitioning to middle school.

In addition, I have had over 300 individual counseling sessions with our students, helping them problem solve, stand up for themselves, and work through tough topics. This year I also offered five types of groups (grief/loss, divorce, friendship, social skills, and school success) and had eight rounds of groups, each composed of eight visits per group. We also were able to do some school-wide outreach with three assemblies this year, two from Taproot Theatre focused on reducing bullying and being an up-stander and one assembly by Hope Heart about overall health and wellness.

This year I also had the joy of training just shy of 60 4th- and 5th-grade Conflict Mediators and Recess Mentors to be problem solvers and peer models on the playground for younger students. Their help has been an amazing asset to our school community and I applaud them for their hard work!

Last but not least, this spring was our first effort in starting a parent-led book group focused on helping kids and families find balance and achieve their goals in meeting the social and emotional needs of each child.

I’m sad the year is wrapping up but I look forward to next year when we can start new with fun programs, lessons, and groups to help support everyone through their social, emotional, and academic well-being!

Coyote Central Community Art Project

Installation and Celebration Takes Place This Summer

Coyote Central’s Hit the Streets public youth art project commemorating Justice Thurgood Marshall will be installed on our school campus this summer. Mark your calendars for the celebration on Thursday, Aug. 13.

The project is funded in part by a Small and Simple Project Grant from the City of Seattle Neighborhood Matching fund.

Follow the project’s progress at: http://fhsmlk.blogspot.com/

Last Chance To Send In Box Tops!

Box Top Coordinator Ann McCurdy will be collecting box tops for the last time tomorrow (June 12). Please have your child bring your Box Tops to his/her classroom or the Front Office.

And remember to save your box tops over this summer, to bring to school next fall!

Congratulations to our 5th-graders on their promotion and an additional thank you to the 5th-grade Promotion Events team led by Shyla Wilcynski, for the lovely ceremony.
**Library is Open, with Books & Treats**

The Thurgood Marshall Library is open 4-7 pm every Tuesday during the summer, from late June to August. Returning and new students may check out and return books, and get a free Popsicle!

*Open dates:* June 23 & 30; July 7, 14, 21, 28; and Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25.

**Meet up at Tuesday Play Dates**

Bring your kids to play with old and new friends at informal Tuesday summer play dates on the Thurgood Marshall playground, hosted by Bullpup Parents and the PTA. Current and incoming students (plus siblings and other family members) are welcome! Library open for books and treats. (See above.)

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**Key Events for Summer & Fall**

- Thurs., Aug. 13
- Mon.-Fri., Aug. 17-21 (9-noon)
- Tues., Sept. 8 (2:30-4 pm)
- Wed., Sept. 9
- Fri., Sept. 11 (8:15-9:15 am)
- Tues., Sept. 15 (5:30-7 pm)
- Wed., Sept. 16 (5:30-7 pm)
- Thurs., Sept. 17 (6:30-8 pm)
- Mon., Sept. 21 (5:30-7 pm)
- Thurs., Sept. 24 (5:30-7 pm)
- Mon., Sept. 28 (5:30-7 pm)
- Wed.-Fri., Sept. 23-25
- Tues., Oct. 13 (6:30-8 pm)
- Sat., Mon.-Tues. Nov. 21, 23, 24

- Art Installation Celebration
- Kindergarten Jump Start
- Ice Cream Social
- First Day of School, First Day Tea
- Coffee and Tour for New Families
- 5th-Grade Potluck
- 4th-Grade Potluck
- Curriculum Night
- 3rd-Grade Potluck
- 2nd-Grade Potluck
  (also WA Middle School Curriculum Night)
- K/1st-Grade Potluck
- 5th-Grade Trip to Camp Orkila
- First PTA General Meeting
- Teacher Conferences (all grades)

**Mr. Bullpup’s Big Plans**

- **When shopping,** will use the [tmlink.org](http://tmlink.org) link to raise funds for TM PTA programs!
- **As a PTA member,** will enjoy discounts for Wild Waves, Tacoma Rainiers tix, more. See [http://www.wastatepta.org/member/value Benefit/value_benefit.html](http://www.wastatepta.org/member/value Benefit/value_benefit.html)

**Keep in Touch with Us!**

Over the summer, you can get news and updates about Thurgood Marshall in three ways:

1. **On our website:** [www.tmlink.org](http://www.tmlink.org)
2. **On Facebook:**
   - Bullpup Parents page: [www.facebook.com/groups/TMBullpupParents](http://www.facebook.com/groups/TMBullpupParents)
3. **For questions or to help an incoming TM family get signed up for e-blasts:** [pta@tmlink.org](mailto:pta@tmlink.org)