Springing into 10 Weeks of Significance

Now that our last long break is over and the weather is teasing us with the promise of summer, it’s hard not to think about the end of the year, summer vacation, or even next year. Many of us like to plan ahead and often talk about what’s to come. We discuss the future with our children because we want them to have a sense of time, of responsibility, of pace.

We have 10 weeks of school left. For most adults, this time will fly by. After all, 10 weeks is just a tiny portion of the life we’ve already lived. I am about 2,250 weeks old. But a child newly turned 9 is about 2,250 weeks old. The next 10 weeks are an important and significant time for our kids. Not only will it feel longer, but they have a lot left to learn before being promoted to the next grade level. Teachers work hard to make every day, every lesson count. In the next 10 weeks, they’ll be planning, delivering and reflecting on many lessons – each one an opportunity for learning and growth. Finishing the year strong requires a lot of planning and looking ahead, but also the recognition that what we are doing now is more important than the plans being made for later.

Albert Einstein said, “I never think of the future. It comes soon enough.” Our children need us to value and honor the next 10 weeks as much or more than what comes after. They need us to keep them focused on the present.

**TM Wins WA Achievement Award**

Thurgood Marshall has been awarded the Washington Achievement Award for English Language Arts Growth. This is an extraordinary accomplishment and is a direct reflection of the hard work of our students, the dedication of our teachers, and the support of our parents. The Washington Achievement Awards are sponsored by the Washington State Board of Education and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. They celebrate Washington’s top-performing schools and recognize achievement in many categories. This highly-selective award is based on our school’s performance on the Achievement Index. You can visit [http://www.k12.wa.us/EducationAwards/WashingtonAchievement/default.aspx](http://www.k12.wa.us/EducationAwards/WashingtonAchievement/default.aspx) to learn more about the awards and the criteria for selection. Principal Katie May noted that the selection process for the Washington Achievement Award is very rigorous. “We take great pride in this accomplishment,” she said.

**Vacation’s Over; Now Comes a Flurry of Forms**

Parents, here’s a checklist. Details about most of the events, activities and products are elsewhere in this Pup Press or on [www.tmlink.org](http://www.tmlink.org).

- Morning Movement Class registration (due Fri., April 22)
- Mariners Tickets Order (for May 14 game; due Mon., April 25)
- Staff Appreciation Flier (with pre-made thank-you notes for kids to creatively finish; due by Mon., May 2, or later that week)
- 2016 Yearbook Order (due Fri., May 6)
- Storm Tickets Order (for May 22 game; form attached today; due TBA)
- Bike to School Calendar (for charting minutes biked in May; to be attached to Pup Press next week; due early June)

**EVENT CALENDAR**

- **TONIGHT**, April 21, Middle School Math Info Night aimed at Grade 4-5 families staying within the District. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Library.
- **TONIGHT**, April 21, Equity Action Teams meetings, 6:45 p.m., Library.
- **Sat., April 23**, School Board member Stephan Blanford open meeting, 10-11:30 a.m. Douglass Truth Library, 2300 E. Yesler Way.

**TUTU’S PANTRY**

April 25-29: Grade 3’s turn to donate food. See [www.tmlink.org](http://www.tmlink.org) for calendar updates.

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**Help Annual Fund Raise Final $10K, Reach Goal**

The PTA needs just $10,000 more to reach our Annual Fund’s 2015-16 goal and fund critical needs such as classroom literacy tutors. We’re proud to be part of the Seattle Foundation’s GiveBIG initiative – which will offer matching dollars – on Wednesday, May 3! Watch for details next week, or look at [http://bit.ly/TM-BIG16](http://bit.ly/TM-BIG16).
HCC Diversity-Action Group Seeks Parents of Color

Our school’s committee working to increase diversity in the HCC program is looking for help from more parents—especially black and Latino parents. Part of our plan to support a more diverse HCC community is to encourage more families of color to participate in the program. Black, Latino, Pacific Islander and Native American families are disproportionately under-represented in the HCC program, and insights and experiences from families of color are a critical part of our equity work at Thurgood Marshall. We would love to hear about your experiences in the HCC program, whether or not you are able to join the committee. Please contact Brian Terry (brterry@gmail.com, 206-755-5943) to talk about your experiences or consider participating in our committee!

‘Bike to School Day’ on May 4 Helps Roll Out Citywide Contest

Bike to School Day is Wednesday, May 4! Parents and guardians, help students use one of the off-street bike paths leading to school. We will have a course set up for students to ride around in the play area before school. Students who bike to school will receive a spoke reflector, and there are some special prizes.

Also, Thurgood Marshall will be competing in May to bike the most minutes of any Seattle elementary schools, in a contest coordinated by Cascade Bicycle Club. Next week, a calendar instructions will be sent home for riders to record their minutes.

Show the Love! Help with Staff Appreciation Week

Staff Appreciation Week is May 2-6, and you can help show how much we love the teachers, administrators and others who make TM tick! Volunteers are needed for several events:

- Decoration/banners – Friday (4/29)
- Flowers delivered – Monday (5/2)
- Massages offered – Tuesday (5/3)
- Lunch delivered – Wednesday (5/4)
- Afternoon snack delivered – Thurs (5/5)
- Breakfast served – Friday (5/6)


District Seeks Input on Boundaries Including Washington MS

The District is seeking comments on planned 2017-18 boundary changes for Washington Middle School and other buildings. Meetings are set for 6:30 p.m. at the John Stanford Center tonight (April 21) and Roosevelt High School April 26, and in the fall. See [http://bit.ly/2017-18-boundary-changes](http://bit.ly/2017-18-boundary-changes) for full information.

Bullpup Briefs

Massive Monkees’ Co-Founder Teaches Free Dance Class

Florentino “Flow Funk” Francisco of the internationally renowned Massive Monkees dance crew will teach the fourth offering in the series of Friday “Morning Movement” classes. “Breaking and Popping” is free (supported by the Creative Advantage arts project) but is limited to 25 students in Grades 3-5, and requires registration by tomorrow (Friday, April 22).

The class meets April 29, May 6, 13, 20; June 3, 10. (No class May 27.) Students must commit to all sessions. The form for registration was sent home earlier this week, and is at the main office and [http://bit.ly/TM-BreakDance2016](http://bit.ly/TM-BreakDance2016).

Grade 2 Dances into Spring

Pacific Northwest Ballet has started its “Discover Dance” residency, working twice weekly for 5 weeks with all of our 2nd-graders, including PEACE Academy. PNB teaching artist Ann Marie Caldwell and drummer Morgan Gilkeson will help students learn basic dance and choreographic concepts while integrating the “Solids and Liquids” unit of our science curriculum. Parents, come to the 9:40 a.m. Assembly on Friday, May 20, to see a sample!

Bingo Night Seeks Pianist

Bingo Night (6-8 p.m., Friday, April 29) is still looking for a volunteer pianist to play along with the professional Bingo host! For the “election” theme this year, some songs could be Sousa or other patriotic music (but it’s not required). Email Jorji: jorjijill@gmail.com.

Eye on International Schools

Seattle’s International School and Dual Language Immersion programs are to be examined by the District in advance of possible changes in 2017-18. Spots are available on a task force. Or you may offer comments at meetings to be held 6-7:30 p.m. on April 26 (Chief Sealth HS), May 3 (Mercer MS), May 12 (Hamilton MS) and May 19 (Seattle World School). Finally, a survey will be available in the coming weeks. Full info at [http://bit.ly/SPSInternational](http://bit.ly/SPSInternational).
FRIDAY
April 29th
6:00 - 8:00pm
★ TM Cafeteria ★

Free pizza, prizes, and fun!
Bring an appetizer or dessert to share!

WE WANT YOU FOR BINGO NIGHT!

Wear Red, White and Blue to enter the Raffle!
Bring canned or other non-perishable food for Tutu's Pantry
Join the Seattle Storm and Thurgood Marshall Elementary at KeyArena for the Storm home opener game! Students, family & friends receive special savings only available through this exclusive offer!

EVENT DETAILS

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