Reminders as We Approach Year’s End

After tomorrow, we will have just 3 weeks left in the 2016-17 school year. So much left to do and so little time left to do it in! School staff is busy winding down this year while we begin planning for next year. Please take a moment to review this information and take action, as appropriate.

- Our Smarter Balanced testing is almost complete. We anticipate having preliminary scores to send home with your child’s report card. You will receive the official score report in September.
- Teachers are working to create updated supply lists for next year. We will be sure to post these on the PTA website at www.tmlink.org so that you can hit all the summer sales in preparation for back to school.
- Any medications your child keeps at school should be picked up by the last day of school. Medication orders are good for one academic year only. Any medication left at school after June 24 must be destroyed.
- If you are not planning to return to Thurgood Marshall next year, please let us know by emailing Ms. Patu at hipatu@seattleschools.org to help us with our class projections. In addition, if your child will not return to a Seattle public school, please notify the District as soon as possible by emailing the Admissions Department at admissions@seattleschools.org or utilize the “Not Attending 2016-17 School Year Form” at http://bit.ly/NotAttending2016. Your student’s identification number is required to complete this process.
- Members are being sought for a District Capacity Management Task Force that is to prepare recommendations on meeting demand for classroom space, which is under pressure primarily because of:
  - Enrollment growth, and
  - Class-size reduction in grades K-3 (funded by the state)

The District would like the task force to include parents, family and community members who represent the diversity of the District. The task force will begin work at the end of June 2016 and continue until March 1, 2017. A link to the application is at http://bit.ly/CapacityTaskForce or you may request a printed application in our school office. Applications must be submitted by June 15.

Students Move and Shake Tomorrow to Raise Dollars for Field Trip Scholarships

Hello, Thurgood Marshall Movers and Shakers! Our annual Move-a-thon is tomorrow, June 3, and we hope students have been busy raising those donations. (Form is at http://bit.ly/MoveathonForm.) All contributions will support the 2016-17 field trip scholarships fund. Field trips are such an important part of a student’s learning experience, says 3rd-Grade Teacher Bianca Gomez. “They build community and show us that what we learn in school has real life applications.”

But field trips can be expensive. “We hold this fundraiser because every student at Thurgood Marshall deserves these wonderful learning opportunities,” says Gomez. Every donation also earns a student a raffle ticket in a grade-level drawing for a Subway lunch to be delivered at school! Pledge envelopes with donations can be turned in to classroom teachers starting tomorrow (June 3) and no later than June 6. Get ready to move, Thurgood Marshall!
Meet with Friends on Summer Tuesdays at TM
Looking for an easy way to have fun and meet up with new as well as old friends this summer? Then mark your calendar for one of the PTA-organized playdates on the Thurgood Marshall playground. All are on Tuesdays, when the TM Library is open for reading and borrowing 4-7 p.m. (and will offer frozen treats!) Bring food, outdoor toys and blankets. Invite new families! A PTA member will be on hand to help welcome them to TM.

Grades K-2: July 5 (4-5 p.m.), July 26 (5-6 p.m.), Aug. 16 (6-7 p.m.)
Grades 3-5: July 12 (4-5 p.m.), Aug. 2 (5-6 p.m.), Aug. 30 (6-7 p.m.)

Tutu’s Pantry, Enrichment Need Volunteers in 2016-17
The PTA is looking for new volunteers! See whether something below matches your interests or talents. Even if not, we’d love to find a spot for you! Email us at pta@tmlink.org.

Tutu’s Pantry Volunteer
Do you have ideas about how to get grocery store or food bank donors to regularly support our pantry? Would you like to be more involved in helping Tutu’s Pantry?

Legislative Chair
Are you interested in monitoring state and local education issues? Do you feel passionate about school funding issues and McCleary? The PTA is seeking a volunteer to keep the Board updated on happenings and occasionally write blurbs for Pup Press.

Pup Press & PTA Communications
Do you enjoy writing? Editing? Posting to social media? Playing with website design? Helping with Pup Press or other PTA/school outreach activities might be perfect for you!

Enrichment Volunteer
Would you like to work with vendors and make sure we have the classes families want at TM? Join our terrific Enrichment Coordinator Eldon Tam in running our program.

Other opportunities: Arts at TM, Yearbook, Library, Garden and more! Contact us or see www.tmlink.org/info/volunteering/

Play & Munch at Class Picnics
Grade-level picnics are just around the corner (on the playground, actually)! Bring food, blankets, outdoor toys and have fun, 5:30-7 p.m. If it rains, we will have to cancel that day’s picnic. Schedule:
Monday, June 13: Grades K-1
Tuesday, June 14: Grade 2
Wednesday, June 15: Grade 3
Thursday, June 16: Grade 4

Equity Action Teams to Gather on June 9
All are welcome to participate in the final 2015-16 meeting of Equity Action Teams, 6:30-8 p.m. on Thursday, June 9, in the Library. We will hear from the teams (including Title I and field trips) and talk about plans for next year. If you are interested in getting involved or just hearing more, please join us! See http://bit.ly/TMequity for more info.

Melodies of May
Teacher Dan Yarr (at piano) leads the Grades 4-5 Spring Instrumental Concert on Tuesday in the Cafeteria. The Spring Choir Concert is June 16.
May 31, 2016

Dear Thurgood Marshall Elementary Families and School Communities:

With the adoption of new bell times for the 2016-17 school year, the Superintendent was authorized to make bell time adjustments during the annual routing performed by Transportation to maximize the number of schools in the first two tiers as long as a budget neutral scenario was maintained. Although it was anticipated that only a few schools that use a limited number of buses can be moved to the earlier tiers, the District wanted to provide an opportunity for each school in the 3rd tier to consider this option, so the Opt-In list was created.

As expected, the choices for the 2016-17 school year were limited. Of the 11 schools on the “Opt In” list, only 2 schools were able to move to an earlier tier. We were unable to accommodate Thurgood Marshall’s request to move to an earlier tier. Your school will be in the third tier starting in September, with start times as follows:

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Thank you for your participation in the process. There are scheduling changes coming in the next couple of years that will allow the district to adjust transportation times, and we are hopeful that we can move your school to an earlier start time.

Your input into this decision-making process has been invaluable as the district works to accommodate school community preferences and the Board’s cost neutral mandate.

Sincerely,

Pegi McEvoy
Assistant Superintendent of Operations