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Principal
Katie May

Developing a Budget & a New Vision

Every January, our Building Leadership Team (BLT) begins developing a budget for the next school year, carefully thinking about the priorities for our students. One reason the BLT is in charge of this work is so our spending plan represents input from a range of different grade levels, programs and parent groups. We do our best to create a budget that is equitable for students, focusing on those who will need more support to be successful at

meeting grade-level standards. For example, the BLT allocates funds for two of our four Literacy Tutors (the PTA pays for the other two) and for the Team Read program, which provides extra reading support for some 2nd- and 3rd-graders.

We ask that our teachers begin to think about the budget and how they think our allocated money could best be spent to support students. I ask you to please do the same, and contact your BLT representative with any thoughts:

Special Education: Amal Ali - amal1985ali@gmail.com

Scholars: Rasheena Fountain - rasheenaafountain@gmail.com

AC Scholars (formerly HCC): Samantha Welte - samanthawelte@gmail.com

Our Building Leadership Team is also engaged in developing a new Vision and Mission Statement. We have begun taking input from our team, staff and parents in order to create sets of similar values, and are developing a survey to send to all

parents. Our goal is to develop a vision that reflects the school we aspire to be, yet is focused enough to help guide the decisions we make on a day-to-day basis as we work toward that vision. I welcome our community's thoughts and insights as we work through our visioning process!

I wish you a vacation filled with joy and time to reconnect with your family, and I look forward to seeing you in the new year!

Early Dismissal on Fri.

Our last day of school before Winter Break is tomorrow, Dec. 15 and dismissal is 2:25 p.m. (one hour early). School resumes on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018.

Each Dollar is Matched for Limited Time Donate Now & Support our Students

A group of families has challenged the rest of us: For every dollar you donate to the PTA Annual Giving Fund they will match your gift (up to a total of \$20,000).

BUT this offer is only during our Winter Campaign! So, please give generously now. Your gifts support our full-time Librarian, our Counselor, part-time Tutors, grants to teachers, arts in the classroom and much more.

- Send a check to Thurgood Marshall PTA, 2401 Irving St., Seattle WA 98144
- Use a credit card at www.tmlink.org.

Want to give stock? Contact Jennifer Lan: giving@tmlink.org.



Literacy Tutor Katie Egolf works with a student. District funding covers only half of the tutoring time needed at TM. PTA funding covers the rest.

EVENT CALENDAR



TOMORROW, Fri., Dec. 15: Assembly with Seattle Sounders star Jordan Morris, 8:55 a.m., Cafeteria. Parents welcome!

TOMORROW, Fri., Dec. 15: Early dismissal, at 2:25 p.m. Progress reports come home this day.

Dec. 16-Jan. 1: Winter Break. Enjoy your vacation even more by reading a few good books!

Tues., Jan. 2: School resumes.

Tues.-Fri., Jan. 2-5: Most Winter Enrichment classes begin. (See catalog.)

Tues., Jan. 9: PTA Board Meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Library. Questions? pta@tmlink.org.

Wed., Jan. 10: Black Family Advocacy Support Group Meeting, 6-8 p.m., Library.

→ Online calendar at www.tmlink.org!

TUTU'S PANTRY

Bring non-perishable items in cans and boxes.

Jan. 2-4: Grade 1 asked to donate!

PTA Funds New Xylophones

The PTA Board earlier this month approved spending \$1,500 for xylophones requested for class-time use by Music Teacher Kelsey French. She had applied for the funds through the PTA's "Opportunity Grant" Program, which enables staff members to describe student needs or activities not funded by the School District.

Ms. French wrote that she doesn't have enough instruments to provide one to each child in her regular grade-level music classes. This allocation will put her closer to that goal.



Your holiday shopping can mean dollars for TM – at no extra cost to you!

Amazon, Bartell Drugs & other retailers will support us! Simple for you to do.

Start at <http://bit.ly/ShopTM>

or for our Amazon link: <http://bit.ly/AmazonThurgood>

Wow! Bullpup Dads Volunteer 245 Hours (But More Needed)



Counselor's Corner
Meghan Kaloper

We have had a wonderful, regular flow of volunteer Bullpup Dads in the building this fall: they have put in more than 245 hours. Thank you!

We are hoping for a boost in volunteers in the new year! Looking ahead, only two Bullpup Dad spots are filled from January to June. We need your help!

"What's it like to volunteer?," you may ask. You can arrive early at the main office, pick up a t-shirt and your customized daily schedule, then visit classrooms, lunch, recess and PE, acting as a helper and friend to our students and teachers.

We can't wait to have you as part of our daily school community – sign up today at <http://bit.ly/TMvolunteers>.

Dealing with Family Changes?

Family changes big and small can take a toll on young minds. At TM, staff sometimes notice big shifts in students, but aren't sure what's going on in a student's life. If you and your family are going through changes, I and other TM staff would like to help. Sometimes, a child feels great relief just knowing a counselor or teacher understands what's happening outside school.

Changes might include moving, changing jobs, having relatives stay with you, separations or divorce, a death in the family, an illness, a new sibling, a new activity outside school, etc.

The more we are able to partner with you, the better we are able to work as a community to support and encourage your child!

Please contact me at (206) 252-2808 or mrkaloper@seattleschools.org.

Bullpup Briefs

Date for Black Family Group

The Black Family Advocacy Support Group has set its next meeting: Wednesday, Jan. 10, 6-8 p.m. in the Library.

Please Check Lost & Found

The racks are full AGAIN! Don't leave those coats at TM over Winter Break. Find those lost items in the hallway south of the gym.

Be Yearbook's Photographer

A volunteer photographer is needed for the Yearbook Committee. We do already receive candid shots from some parents and staff, but often are missing shots of classrooms, groups and staff in action. No special skills required! Email Yearbook volunteer coordinator Jen Hobbs at jen@jenfu.org.

Ms. Kim Leaves Lunchroom

TM's wonderful Cafeteria Manager Kim Echols is leaving to become a Vietnamese-language Instructional



Assistant at Hawthorne Elementary and West Seattle High School. Kim says: "I will continue to be a parent at TM, so you'll see me around!"

Be on Time for Breakfast

Breakfast is served 8:40-8:55 a.m. If you want your child to eat at school, please make sure they arrive no later than 8:55 and go straight to breakfast.

Free Dental Services Offered

The University of Washington Center for Pediatric Dentistry is offering free services to the first 50 children to make appointments for its Feb. 20 "Give Kids a Smile" Day.

You must call 206-543-5800 and ask for Give Kids a Smile 2018. The offer is for new patients only. Services provided will include exam, bitewing x-rays, teeth cleaning and fluoride varnish application. A waitlist will be established after 50 spots are filled.

Winners in the West

The Thurgood Marshall Chess Team had a great day at the West Seattle Chess Tournament Saturday.

The Grades 1-3 squad brought home the second-place team trophy. Vinayek Venugopal took an individual first place (Grade 3 Division) by winning four of his five matches. Frederick Barr and Soren Liden qualified for the State Tournament with three wins, and Owen Maryman rounded out the team.

TM's Grades 4-6 competitors brought home the third-place team trophy. Eliot Kasha won second place overall in the Grades 4-6 section in just his second-ever tournament. Reece Cole and Walter Barr contributed 3 points each. Lukas Bergman also participated.

Full-on chess season starts in January. Questions? Email katherine.barr@gmail.com.



Next Steps in Setting '19-20 High School Boundaries, HC Services

The District has a new timeline for adjusting plans for 2019-20 high school enrollment boundaries and the locations that will serve students eligible for Highly Capable services at Grade 9 and up:

Dec. 14: HCC-eligible student "pathway" scenarios and related boundaries presented to the High School Boundary Task Force.

Jan. 3: Recommended high school boundaries and related HCC pathways introduced to the School Board.

Jan. 10: Full Board work session on high school boundaries issues.

Jan. 17: Anticipated Board action (vote) on the new high school boundaries and any changes to the high school HCC pathways. Action would ensure families are aware of new 2019-20 boundaries before 2018-19 open enrollment (Feb. 5-16).

More information is at <http://bit.ly/SPS2019boundaries>.

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