

Overtime for March Match-ness: \$21,000 Needed by Sun. to Reach Goal

We've raised about \$4,000 in the March Match-ness campaign, and must go into overtime. We have until Sunday to reach \$25,000. That's the amount that will be matched by donors who are challenging us to bring our best game so that the PTA can provide part or all of the salaries for our Librarian, Counselor and Tutors. The PTA's spending also covers simple needs,



such as playground equipment, that our District doesn't cover. [See Page 2.]
Already gave? Please take another shot by Sunday. Donate at www.tmlink.org, or send a gift through kid mail or the USPS to Thurgood Marshall Annual Fund, 2401 S. Irving St., Seattle, WA 98144. Questions? Contact us at giving@tmlink.org. Thank you!



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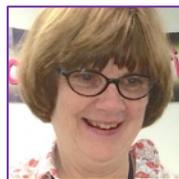


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Thank You to Ms. Hudson & All Librarians

April is National School Library Month, when we recognize how school librarians and libraries provide a special place for learning and creativity where all students are encouraged to grow. I have been a book lover all my life. Growing up as a military brat, no matter where we lived, I could always find the base library and spend hours discovering new books. As we never lived anywhere for very long, I do not remember specific librarians. However, I remember that they always cared about me and what I was reading, so I felt comfortable talking to them and asking for book recommendations. This made libraries feel like a little haven, whether we lived in Arkansas, California or Okinawa. This feeling has carried over into my adulthood, and I've spent many happy hours at local libraries with my own children.

I want to take this opportunity to "duly" recognize a very special school librarian – our Merilee Hudson. Most of you have met her, and your children probably know her well. Merilee has been building the library program at Thurgood Marshall for many years after arriving from Lowell Elementary. At the end of this school year, Merilee will begin a well-deserved retirement, prompting us to "catalog" the qualities we'll want in her successor.



Merilee Hudson
will retire in June

Great school librarians wear many hats. They must be good curators of the collection – weeding out older books or those that rarely are checked out as well as being up on the latest books students love. They have to be aware of trends in elementary literature and of the needs of the community they serve. A librarian has to carefully manage a budget and fundraise. (Merilee provides much of her own budget through Scholastic Book Fairs.)

In addition to this, school librarians teach students basic technology skills and digital citizenship, and help students learn how to use reputable sources to research topics. They help teachers find resources for curriculum, and make sure to serve students at a variety of reading levels with books on the topics that classes will be covering. Most importantly, they act as "reading advisors" to students. This means getting to know the children, their interests and their reading levels. Librarians also need to be savvy marketers, "selling" books to children through book talks and thoughtful displays. Today, Merilee brought in author Katherine Applegate, who spoke to students about "Wishtree," our recent school-wide read-aloud book. It was another opportunity to ignite student interest in reading.

We are grateful to our PTA for funding half of our librarian position, which makes so much of this possible! **Merilee's work has made our library a special part of our students' school experience. Please take a moment to thank her this month!**

EVENT CALENDAR

TOMORROW, Fri., April 6: Grade 5 returns from trip to Camp Orkila on Orcas Island, 3 p.m. (approximate).

Fri., April 6: Dads Movie Night is postponed.

Mon., April 9: Community Meeting with School Board Member Zachary DeWolf, 5-6 p.m., The Riveter (a work space), 1517 12th Ave., Suite 101.

April 9-13: Spring Break – No school.

Tues., April 17: Book/Gift Purchases benefit TM, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Third Place Books, 5041 Wilson Ave. S. (Seward Park). Read-alouds at 6 p.m.! **See flier.**

Wed., April 18: 6th-Grade Math Info Night, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Library. Grade 5 parents, learn about choices to be made this spring for middle school course selection.

Wed., April 18: Black Family Advocacy Support Group meeting, 6-8 p.m., Cafeteria. JazzED students will perform; hear info about this nonprofit's free camp June 25-29 for kids entering Grades 4-6.

→ Online calendar at www.tmlink.org!

TUTU'S PANTRY

Bring non-perishable items in cans and boxes. **Especially needed:** canned fruit and vegetables; peanut butter and jelly; and pasta sauce

April 16-19: Grade 2 asked to donate!

Former Montana Education Chief Board Picks Superintendent



The School Board has selected Denise Juneau, 51, former Montana Superintendent of Public Instruction, to become the next leader of Seattle Public Schools.

Ms. Juneau holds a Master's from the Harvard School of Education and a JD from the University of Montana School of Law. She will be the first Native American or openly gay person to head the District. In Montana she led successful efforts to improve graduation rates and achievement.

Ms. Juneau is expected to replace outgoing Superintendent Larry Nyland on July 1. See news coverage at <http://bit.ly/JuneauPicked>.

PTA Provides New Equipment for Playground

PTA funds were recently used to replenish TM's playground equipment and to improve storage, PE Teacher Jana Robbins reports.

Each day Grades 4-5 Recess Mentors and Conflict Mediators help our awesome Playground Supervisor, Ms. Michelle, put out equipment bins so students can easily select and later return balls, jump ropes and more. The bins fit on a cart, and are stored safely inside overnight.

Students seem to be enjoying having more equipment, although parents are encouraged to talk with children about how taking care of the items will help them last longer. Ms. Robbins adds, "Thank you, PTA, for your donations to support PLAY at Thurgood Marshall!"



A new tether ball adds to recess fun.

Community Night Activities

Ribbons from 'Wish Tree' Project Are Up

TM's annual Community Night on March 29 featured the opportunity to write wishes for the Wish Tree! Some are tied to the tree near the flag pole (in time for today's visit by "Wishtree" Author Katherine Applegate)!

Many other wishes are on fences around the playground. Use of fences instead of trees allowed students to choose a location and safely tie their ribbons, and later easily view each other's wishes.

Sarah King-Besse, the parent volunteer leading the project, will be preparing a small photo essay about it and Ms. Applegate's appearance – info will appear in Pup Press. Thanks to everyone for making this project come to life! Special thanks to Southeast Seattle Senior Center (www.sessc.org), Pacific Fabrics (www.pacificfabrics.com) and the many families who donated fabric!

Community Night also had performances, such as a dance by 5th-grader Hayaat Bedeso (right), and open classrooms with work on display.



Bullpup Briefs

Volunteering Leads to Happiness

Studies have proven it! Can you help with the following: **URGENT – Enrichment Wednesday Afternoon Assistant:** Help kids go to the right places, and other duties. Get a **FREE** enrollment for your child. Contact enrichment@tmlink.org.

Bullpup Dads: Pick any day this spring to volunteer at TM. You'll do a variety of things. Sign up at <http://bit.ly/TMvolunteers>.

Bingo Night Team Leader: It's fun to coordinate this April 29 event. Learn more: berlee@gmail.com.

Still a Chance to Claim Spot on PTA Board

PTA Treasurer? Co-Events Chair? Enter a new world of fulfillment by taking on a key PTA role. See www.tmlink.org or contact PTA Nominating Committee members Tasha Irvine (tashasirvine@gmail.com) or Casey Sommers (caseypilar@gmail.com).

What's Doing with Equity Action Teams?

The Equity Action Teams meeting scheduled for April 19 has been canceled. Mark your calendars: The final meeting of the year will be Thursday, May 31, 6-8 p.m.

Catch up on the teams' activities by reading minutes of past meetings and more at <http://bit.ly/TMequity>. Want to get involved or have questions? Please contact casesommers@gmail.com.

No Dads Movie Night Friday; New Date is TBA

The free Movie Night for Dads and kids will be rescheduled!

Tomorrow is Last Chance at Lost & Found

The Lost & Found contents will be donated to charity over the break. Friday (April 6) is your last chance to retrieve items.

Talk to School Board Member DeWolf on Mon.

Zachary DeWolf, who represents the district that includes Thurgood Marshall, is holding an open meeting 5-6 p.m., Monday (April 9), at The Riveter (a work space), 1517 12th Ave., Suite 101. See <http://bit.ly/SPSDistrict5>.

Gr. 5 Parents: Attend Math Info Night April 18

Did you know that Grade 6 math placement at Washington Middle School may rely on 5th-graders to make a choice this spring? Come to 6th-Grade Math Night at TM (5:30-6:30 p.m., April 18) to learn about options. More info: <http://bit.ly/WMSmath>.

Black Family Group Hosts Jazz Performance

The Black Family Advocacy Support Group meeting on April 18 will feature a performance by "JazzED" students. Come (6-8 p.m., Cafeteria) to hear them and about this nonprofit's FREE camp **June 25-29 for kids entering Grades 4-6**. Seattle JazzEd provides education to all, regardless of ability to pay and actively recruits underserved students. Full info about that camp and other activities at <https://www.seattlejazzed.org>.

TM Yearbook Ordering Deadline is April 23

"Kidmail" delivered a Yearbook order form last week, with an April 23 deadline. You can also order at <http://bit.ly/TMYearbook18>.

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Have an article for Pup Press? Send it to Cliff Meyer at pup-press@tmlink.org. If your submission is not acknowledged within 24 hours, please call or text 206-366-5413

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APRIL 17, 2018



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