Move-a-Thon Ensures Field Trips for All

Move-a-Thon, on Friday, May 18, is an important school-run fundraiser that determines the number and types of field trips Thurgood Marshall can provide. You and your TM student(s) will make the difference.

Who: All TM students participate!

What: Each year we set aside about 30 minutes on Move-a-Thon day for each class to walk laps on our playfield. Students collect donations from friends and family members to support their participation.

Why: Our Move-a-Thon has become an annual tradition. The money collected goes into our school’s “Self-Help Account,” which funds field trips and 5th-grade camp for students who would not otherwise be able to afford these activities. We want every child at our school to benefit from all the educational resources in our community, but we cannot provide this without your help.

When: Students learned about Move-a-Thon at last Friday’s assembly, and their donation packets were distributed the same day. If your child did not bring a packet home, please be in touch with your classroom teacher. We will kick off the excitement at the Friday assembly on May 18. Teachers will advise you when your child’s class will walk.

How can I help? We are in need of parent volunteers on the day of the Move-a-Thon (to help direct classes, and to mark laps on each student’s bib). Students also love to have parents walk with them or just cheer them on! Help is needed as well on May 17 and the week after. Sign up to volunteer at https://tinyurl.com/TMMoves.

Other Details? Make sure your child wears appropriate footwear and comfortable clothing for walking on May 18. Think about packing a water bottle that day. You may want to apply sunscreen to your child.

Thanks for your support of our school!

Donor Respond, but Annual Fund Nearly $30,000 Short

Thank you to the generous donors who have provided more than $21,000 in response to the PTA’s announcement last week that the Annual Fund was some $50,000 short of its goal. The PTA must raise the full amount by May 15, when budget decisions (and possible cuts) are to be made by the PTA Board.

We know most TM families are aware of what

EVENT CALENDAR

TOMORROW, Fri., May 11: Staff Appreciation Week. Volunteers still needed: https://tinyurl.com/TMTeacherAppreciation

Tues., May 15: PTA General Meeting Postponed. Rescheduled to June 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Topic will be “Emergency Preparedness.” Details to come.


Thurs., May 17: Coffee with Principal Katie May, 8:40-9:30 a.m., Library. Likely to focus on Advanced Learning; details to come. FREE coffee!

Fri., May 18: Move-a-Thon. Students should bring in their donation forms and envelopes. See Ms. May’s column at left.

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

Week of May 14: Grade K and PEACE Academy asked to donate!
Black Family Group Meeting
Deciding Next Steps

Join the Black Family Advocacy Support Group 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in the Library for its final official 2017-18 meeting. Help revisit and determine next action steps for the list of issues being addressed over the school year.

Children are welcome. Bring your own dinner or something to share if you are able; light snacks will be provided.

Save June 9 (time TBA) for the end-of-year BBQ! Info: http://bit.ly/BFASGaTM.

Southbound Lanes, Bus Routes
23rd Ave. Disruption to Begin Mon.

The Seattle Department of Transportation’s contractors on Monday are scheduled to begin about a year of construction on 23rd Avenue S. between S. Jackson Street and Rainier Avenue S. Starting May 16, southbound 23rd Avenue S. between S. Jackson Street and S. Massachusetts Street will be detoured to Martin Luther King Jr. Way S. Northbound traffic will be maintained. The detour is needed to ensure the safety of crews and the traveling public, and is expected to stay in place for the duration of construction. Info: http://bit.ly/23rdAvePhase2.

ALSO: Metro Routes 4 and 48 will detour to Martin Luther King Jr. Way S. starting Monday, in both directions. Much of the street will be redesigned to have three lanes. Other work includes replacement of water mains and drains.

Please Help Plug $30,000 Gap
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PTA spending – $190,000 in all – accomplishes at our school. If you have already responded to one of the PTA’s earlier fundraising campaigns, we are asking you to give again, at a level you consider personally significant. If you have not yet made a donation this year, we hope you will be generous.

We know that not every member of our community has the means to donate funds, but if you do, it is time. The easiest ways to help us close this gap are:

- Online with your credit card at www.tmlink.org.
- A check made out to TM Annual Giving Fund, sent to the TM Main Office (Attention: Annual Giving Fund) or via USPS, to TM PTA, 2401 S. Irving St., Seattle, 98144.
- Transmission of appreciated stock. (Contact us at giving@tmlink.org.)

For questions, please contact Grade 3 parent Jennifer Lan, the Annual Giving Fund’s chairperson, at giving@tmlink.org. You may also read what the PTA does, on www.tmlink.org.

Bullpup Briefs

Coffee & Qs with Principal May next Thurs.
The next Coffee with Principal Katie May is likely to focus on possible changes in Advanced Learning, but details will be known next week. The event is 8:40-9:30 a.m., May 17, in the Library. The coffee is free; bring your cup and questions!

Urgent: Bring Items for Homeless by May 18
May 18 is the last day you can donate items to support people experiencing homelessness at Mary’s Place Family Shelter. The drive, organized by 4th-grade Junior Girl Scout Troop 43638, has not yet met its goal. Please help by bringing in:

- bath towels and twin-size bed sheets (lightly used or new);
- underwear and socks of all sizes (new).

Put donations in the box in the TM front office. Thank you!

Complete Survey about TM & District Soon
The deadline to complete the annual Family Survey is May 18! You should have received an email link or paper copy last month. A version is also being administered to all school staff and students in grades 3 through 12. Your responses are confidential, and the survey results are used to guide improvements. Questions? See http://bit.ly/FamilySurvey18.

Don’t Miss Out on PTA Board, Other Roles
Many hands make light work. That’s why more people are needed for next year’s PTA Board. Your interests will match a role! Treasurer? Events Co-Chair? See www.tmlink.org or contact PTA Nominating Committee members Tasha Irvine (tashasivine@gmail.com) or Casey Sommers (caseypilar@gmail.com).

Blend of Music & Fun at NW Boychoir
The Northwest Boychoir is holding auditions for Grades K-3 boys who love to sing on Saturday, June 2, or at a time convenient for you. No previous music training is needed, and the group is non-sectarian. TM 5th-grader Henry DeJanikus has enjoyed the experience for 4 years! Classes for new members begin in September. Financial aid available.