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Adult Summer Reading: ‘The Yes Brain’

We work hard to imbue our school community with the importance of Lifelong Learning. After all, it’s the “L” in Keeping it R.E.A.L! This is true for both students and adults. It is only by learning together that we can continue to make improvements in our instruction and in the other ways we work together. We have been fortunate this year for teachers to have time to collaborate on Wednesdays during early release time. Another way our staff

continues learning: all of us read the same book over the summer. Past books have included “Mindset,” by Carol Dweck; “Blindspot: Hidden Biases of Good People,” by Banaji & Greenwald; “The First Six Weeks of School,” by Responsive Classroom; and “Culturally Responsive Teaching and the Brain,” by Zaretta Hammond. Each book has helped shape the work we do at Thurgood Marshall. Many of our parents have read these books, too, which helps us to have a common understanding as we work together.

The book for 2018, which teachers will receive this week, is: “The Yes Brain: How to Cultivate Courage, Curiosity, and Resilience in Your Child,” by Daniel J. Siegel and Tina Payne Bryson. The premise of the book is that when kids work from a “Yes Brain,” they are more willing to explore and to take chances. They are better able to access a Growth Mindset. The book presents to the reader:

- the four fundamentals of the Yes Brain — balance, resilience, insight, and empathy — and how to strengthen them;
- the key to knowing when kids need a gentle push out of a comfort zone instead of the “cushion” of safety and familiarity; and
- strategies for navigating away from negative behavioral and emotional states (aggression and withdrawal), and expanding a child’s capacity for positivity.

This book is written for parents and seems equally applicable to the work we do in schools. The “Yes Brain” is widely available, and I hope you will join us in reading it this summer or fall. (If you choose to order from Amazon, go to www.tmlink.org and click on the “Amazon School Rewards” button on the upper right side of the page, as our PTA benefits from every order made in this way.) You can also request this title from the Seattle Public Library as a book, audiobook or eBook.

Pride Assembly on Wed.

June is historically recognized as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month, and Student Council has planned an assembly to celebrate the pride that our TM community has. The assembly, 9:05 a.m. Wednesday (June 20), coincides with the “Rainbow Day” of Spirit Week (see article at right), so students are asked to wear a color that corresponds to their grade! All families are welcome, so please join us!

– Submitted by Student Council



Get your Spirit Week Wardrobe Ready

Student Council has announced that next week will be TM SPIRIT WEEK! To kick off the final week of school, the Council has planned a fun week of spirit days!

- **Mon: Pajama Day** • **Tues: Wacky Wednesday on a Tuesday**
- **Wed: Rainbow Day** (see article at left)
- **Thurs: Crazy Top of Your Head Day**
- **Fri: Dress in your best vacation wear**

Rainbow Day Color Designation:

K: Red 1: Orange 2: Yellow 3: Green 4: Blue 5: Purple

EVENT CALENDAR

TOMORROW, Fri., June 15: Deadline to Return Library Books. (Report cards may be withheld.) Lost a book? Check with Ms. Hudson about options.

TOMORROW, Fri., June 15: Field Day, during school day, Playground. BBQ lunch! Volunteers still needed: <http://bit.ly/TMFieldDay18>.

Sun., June 17: TM at the Mariners game, 1:10 p.m. (No new orders. Tickets were distributed this week. If you did not receive your order, contact parent-volunteer Andrea at andrea_radosevich@yahoo.com.)

Mon.-Fri., June 18-22: TM Spirit Week, organized by Student Council. See articles below for daily info.

Mon., June 18: Summer Reading Kick-off, 5:30-7 p.m., Cafeteria. Scavenger hunt, book exchange, FREE pizza & more! See flier.

Tues., June 19: 5th Grade Promotion Activities, 5:30-7:30 p.m. See Page 2.

Wed., June 20: Pride Assembly, 9:05 a.m., Cafeteria. Presented by Student Council in honor of Lesbian, Gay Bisexual & Transgender Pride Month. Parents/guardians invited!

Wed., June 20: Lost & Found deadline. Items will be given to charity if not retrieved. Hallway near gym.

Fri., June 22: Final Assembly, 9:05 a.m., Cafeteria. Farewell to Librarian Merilee Hudson, more.

Fri., June 22: Last Day; Early Dismissal: 2:25 p.m.

→ Online calendar at www.tmlink.org

TUTU’S PANTRY

Week of June 18: Grade 5 asked to donate!
THANK YOU to all who have helped in 2017-18.

Field Day Help Still Needed

Please volunteer for one of Field Day’s 15+ stations of fun tomorrow (Friday)! Think you have no art ability? Just wait until after you see the joy in the eyes of a newly face-painted student! Sign up at <http://bit.ly/TMFieldDay18> or just come to the playground.

Work Party on Sat.

Classes, Other Opportunities in TM's Learning Garden

The TM Learning Garden needs some summer loving! We are meeting on Saturday (June 16) 4-6 p.m. to do much needed work. Come at any time; kids welcome (but they will work)! All tools and instruction provided, strong shoes and a water bottle needed. The garden is near the building's rear driveway. Contact the garden coordinator, Nicole Olszewski, with questions about this event (or the additional opportunities below) at 23nicoleo@gmail.com.

→ **Help with Fall Gardening Class:** One or two volunteers are needed to help with the class offered within the PTA Enrichment Program. No experience necessary; just have the desire to hang out Wednesday afternoons in the garden with great kids! We will grow and eat organic food, make crafts, and learn about ecological connections while having fun.

→ **Free Summer Garden Club:** Engage all your senses while learning and practicing garden activities. Grow and taste edible plants, sing songs, hunt for helpful garden creatures, and make art! The club is designed for Pre-K through 5th-grade students; however, everyone in the family is invited to attend.

The club will meet 10-11:30 a.m. every Wednesday, July 11-Aug. 29. No registration (drop-ins fine), but be there at 10 sharp.

Are They Really Ready? Grade 5 Promotion on Tues.

Thurgood Marshall will honor 5th-graders' completion of elementary school with activities 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday (June 20). The theme this year is "Rise Up."

The festivities include a Procession, the 5th-Grade Slide Show and a celebratory treat outside.

The recommended dress code for the event is "business casual," meaning most students will be wearing nicer slacks and shirts or dresses. We expect a large number of people, so plan to arrive by 5 p.m. latest (but not earlier than 4:30) to get a good seat, and consider that parking may take longer than usual.

A photographer will take a picture of each child receiving their certificate during the ceremony. Parents will receive the photo the week following graduation. Thank you to the 4th-grade parents who are helping organize the event!



'Make a Splash' with Reading

Douglass Truth branch librarian Samantha Sermenio show off an activity map from the Seattle Public Library's "Summer of Learning Program" yesterday. The 2018 theme is "Make a Splash"! The educational (and fun!) materials and activity schedules are available online now and at libraries by tomorrow (Friday). When students do enough reading, they will win a prize redeemable at any library branch. See <http://bit.ly/SPLsplash>. → Be sure to enjoy TM's Summer Reading Kick-Off 5:30-7 p.m. Monday. See attached flier.

Education Briefs

State Wants your Opinion on Education Spending

The State Board of Education will host a community forum on Wednesday (June 20) to seek feedback on its upcoming strategic planning process and work on college and career readiness for all students. Light refreshments will be served. The forum will be 6-8 p.m., at the UW Waterfront Activities Center, 3710 Montlake Blvd NE. RSVP: <https://conta.cc/2K6fGgG>.

District Seeks Feedback on its Communications Efforts

The District is asking staff, students, families and community members to complete an online survey about communications. It is in English (<https://tinyurl.com/SPS2018English>), Spanish (<https://tinyurl.com/SPS2018Espanol>) and also available on paper in Amharic, Chinese, Somali and Vietnamese. (Ask in the main office.) The online survey should take 7-10 minutes to complete. All responses are confidential. The links will close on June 22.

Fall Meetings on Levies to be Proposed in Feb. 2019

Seattle Public Schools is hosting community meetings in September to share information about the upcoming Operations Levy and Building Excellence V (BEX V) Capital Levy, both to be submitted to Seattle voters in February 2019. The Operations Levy, renewed every three years, helps fund day-to-day operations not fully funded by the state, including a large part of special education and bilingual education services.

The Building Excellence Capital Levy, which has a history of being renewed every six years, would fund capital improvements such as projects to modernize or replace aging buildings; and fund technology for student learning, District infrastructure and security.

All meetings are 6:30-8 p.m.:

Wed., Sept. 12: Ingraham High School Auditorium, 1819 N 135th St.

Thurs., Sept. 13: West Seattle High School Lunchroom 3000 California Ave. SW

Thurs., Sept. 20: Mercer Middle School Lunchroom 1600 S Columbian Way

Mon., Sept. 24: Roosevelt High School Lunchroom 1410 NE 66th St.

Tues., Sept. 25: Meany Middle School Lunchroom 301 21st Ave. East



Counselor's Corner
Meghan Kaloper

Thanks, Bullpup Dads!

A big thank you to all of our Bullpup Dad Volunteers this year. This was our first year of the program, and it was a joy to have so many more male volunteers and mentors! We owe an especially big thanks to Chuck Ely, who did an amazing job co-coordinating all the efforts with

our dads and recruiting helpers from our community. We could not have done it without him.

Moving on: Next week we will watch our 5th-graders as they step up and onward toward middle school. These past two weeks I have worked with all of the 5th-graders to ease their fears and get them excited for the changes ahead. We learned to open lockers, received advice from *real* 6th-graders, and took a peek at the Middle School Planning Guide that I co-created with the counselors at Washington Middle School. We will miss you, but you are all going to be GREAT!



PE Specialist
Jana Robbins

Cheer Special Olympians

Did you know that Seattle is the HOST city for the 2018 Special Olympics USA Games? And that you can be a Volunteer Fan?

July 1-6 more than 4,000 athletes and coaches from all 50 states and the District of Columbia will compete in 14 sports, including swimming, flag

football and soccer. The Games will also model the ideals of inclusion and celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Special Olympics movement.



My family and I signed up to be Volunteer Basketball Fans in the stands at UW's Alaska Airlines Arena 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Thursday, July 5. It would be great to have a group of TM staff and families join us! (You don't have to stay the whole time.)

Please email me at jmrobbins@seattleschools.org and I will send you the information! Here is a great video to get you and your family excited: <https://youtu.be/vKmk7Y9NZTg>.

More info: <https://www.specialolympicsusagames.org>.

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at no cost to yourself!*

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Bullpup Briefs

Student Council Reaches Out with Idea Box

Student Council's poster/hallway committee has made an idea box! It is for student ideas. If you want to submit an idea for Student Council, write it on a small slip of paper/sticky note and put it in the box that is in the office. These ideas could be anything from posters to spirit days to a surprise for teachers. Whatever it is, Student Council is thankful for all your suggestions. Thank you!

– Submitted for Student Council by Angelina Smith



Sad but True: This is the Lost & Found

Visit the Lost and Found now, in the hallway east of the gym! All items will be removed Wednesday (June 20) and given to charity.

See TM's Murals at Construction Site on June 23

TM students recently completed a school-wide community mural project in partnership with local artist Lawrence Pitre and the companies building the residential and retail development at 23rd Avenue S. and S. Jackson Street. The six mural panels (one for each grade level), will be installed along the construction site (where the Red Apple used to be), along with murals by other community groups. Later, the paintings will be given to our school. All are welcome to a celebration of the project, with refreshments and some t-shirts, on Saturday, June 23, 10 a.m.-noon.

Get those Summer Playdates on Your Calendar

You can't beat the fun of informal Tuesday summer playdates on the TM playground! New and returning students (plus siblings and other family members) are welcome. PTA board members will host.

Plus, the library is open 4-7 p.m. every Tuesday (June 26 through Aug. 21). Any current SPS student may check out and return books, get supplies and support for completing summer reading BINGO activities, and get a free frozen treat from Mr. Zetterberg!

Grades K-2 Playdates

- July 10 (6-7 p.m.)
- July 24 (5-6 p.m.)
- Aug. 7 (4-5 p.m.)

Grades 3-5 Playdates

- July 17 (6-7 p.m.)
- July 31 (5-6 p.m.)
- Aug. 14 (4-5 p.m.)

Selected summer activities in Judkins Park:

Spray park: Now through Sept. 3, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. daily

Free meals & activities for kids 1-18: 9 a.m.-4 p.m., June 27-Aug. 24.

Umojafest: Aug. 3-5 (<http://umojafamilyfest.com>)

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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



Summer Reading Kick-Off

Monday, June 18

5:30-7:00

Thurgood Marshall Cafeteria

5:30-6:30

Scavenger Hunt and Book Exchange

Search for clues to reveal our summer reading challenge and pick up a few new books to read.



6:30-7:00

Pizza and Presentation



Enjoy some dinner and hear about what's happening at the Thurgood Marshall library this summer.

For the 2018-2019 school year, the Thurgood Marshall PTA will again be providing classroom supplies for all students.

Supplies will cost \$40 per student, and families will save time by not having to search for items and lugging them to school!



Teachers will each spend the same amount per student and choose grade-appropriate supplies for use in classrooms. The PTA will fund and place the orders.

Students will still need to bring their own backpacks and water bottles.



Look for a reminder in the Thurgood Marshall Elementary welcome letter this August.

Questions? Contact: supplies@tmlink.org