Looking Back, Looking Ahead

It’s hard to believe that this is the last issue of the Pup Press for this year! So much has happened this year at TM, and yet it seems all over in the blink of an eye! It has been an amazing year of learning and growth for all of our students and I feel privileged to have been in a position to oversee it all!

As we end this year and plan for the next, I wanted to share with you the Vision and Mission that our Building Leadership Team (BLT) wrote with support and input from parents and staff members.

**Mission:** Our teaching is rooted in research-based best practices where learning experiences are differentiated for the unique needs of all learners. We prioritize collaboration, compassion and building a sense of belonging through strong relationships.

**Vision:** At Thurgood Marshall, we are Resilient, Empathetic, Accountable Lifelong Learners. We embrace the responsibility of closing the opportunity gap so that our children will create a more just world.

I would like to thank the staff and parents who served on the BLT. We are seeking for next year a new Scholars students’ parent representative. Please let me know if you are interested!

Classroom and Other Staffing Plans for ‘18-19

I am pleased to announce teaching assignments for next year, although changes may occur. Please consider this a draft! We are also welcoming back Sine Bodden, whom some of you may remember in our Resource Room and as a TM parent.

**Scholars**

Kindergarten: Megan Haile, Mona Tu
Grade 1: Hollis Amsden, Lacey Greisen, Mindy Huss
Grade 2: Cora Glass, Shari Howard-Powell
Grade 3: Cara Anderson, Cat Serpe
Grade 4: Sarah Gese, Lauren Lauglin
Grade 5: Sam Egelhoff, Mariluz Garzon

**Accelerated Curriculum Scholars**

Grades 1/2: Rob Long
Grade 2: Bridgette Carney
Grade 3: Debby Halperin, Laurie Jensen
Grade 4: Donna Duarte, Will Miller, Lisa Sorenson
Grade 5: Brie Damitio, Kimber Kierstead, Will Paul

**Rising to the Occasion**

Teachers at the Promotion ceremony Tuesday evening review accomplishments of the 134 rising 5th-graders, including activism, bravery ... and proper use of "slime." From left, Sam Egelhoff, Kimber Kierstead, Will Paul, Will Miller, Mariluz Garzon, Brie Damitio and Alex Shaw. Also, the Legacy Project murals debuted. See www.tmlink.org.

**About Next Year’s Supplies, Key Dates, More**

- The PTA in 2018-19 is again purchasing school supplies for all students. The cost is $40 per student for families who are able to pay. Students will still provide their own lunchbox and backpack. Some classrooms may have special requests of families. More details later this summer.
- Kindergarten Jump Start is Aug, 20-24! If you know a family with a K student entering next year, please have them contact the TM office.
- Back-to-School Ice Cream Social will be 2:30-4 p.m. Sept. 4. All are welcome! Students will receive their classroom assignment.
- Curriculum Night will be 6-8 p.m. on Sept. 20. Please save the date!
- The Grade 5 Camp Orkila Trip will be Oct. 8-10.

**Have a wonderful summer! I wish our 5th-graders a successful start to 6th grade ... and I hope to see the rest of you back next year. Have a safe summer full of lots of reading adventures!**  

-- Principal Katie May
Best Wishes to Departing Staff

By Principal Katie May

We have an amazing staff and it is always sad when people leave us for new schools or adventures. I would like to recognize the contributions of the following:

  Susan Alotrico, Long-term Kindergarten Substitute
  Lacy Brown, Physical Therapist
  Nick Dillon, Resource Room Teacher
  Kate Holford, Occupational Therapist
  Merilee Hudson, Librarian
  Jessica James, School Nurse
  Meghan Kaloper, School Counselor
  Emily King, Math Teacher
  Jana Robbins, Half-time PE Teacher
  Marcie von Beck, 1st-Grade Teacher

Sabrina Kovacs-Storlie left unexpectedly before the end of the school year. This summer, we will reach out to parents about hiring a new Assistant Principal.

From Retiring Librarian Merilee Hudson

Thanks for the Great Support

Parents, I wanted to thank you all for supporting Thurgood Marshall’s Library and my position as the Librarian. It has been a pleasure to have a full-time job working with children and with books and stories as well as informational resources.

I could not have done this job without the support of the PTA and this community of educators. I will miss this community and the many friends I have made through this school. Don’t forget that the Thurgood Marshall Library will be open 4-7 p.m. each Tuesday this summer. Drop in to meet new Librarian Michael Zetterberg and pick up great books.

A ‘Treasured’ 6 Years

It is with a heavy heart that I say goodbye to our Thurgood Marshall school and community. As some of you know, my husband and I bought a house a couple of months ago in North Beach (Northwest Seattle). With that change, my commute has become much longer, and I’ve decided to make a shift to a school closer to home. I will be the Counselor at Coe Elementary in Queen Anne next fall.

I have treasured the last six years together and feel lucky to have had such passionate, enthusiastic, and dedicated teammates, students, and parents to work with. Thank you for sharing your time, your kids, and your wisdom along the way.

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Bullpup Briefs

TM Parents on Advanced Learning Task Force

Three current TM parents will be serving on a task force that is charged with making wide-ranging recommendations on the District’s Advanced Learning Programs, including HCC. The parents, all of whom have an HC-identified student, are: Richard David Bash, Julie van Arken and Ursula White-Oliver. The first meeting of the Advanced Learning Task Force (ALTF) is Thursday, June 28, and is open to the public: Stanford Center room 2765, 2445 3rd Ave. S.

Rep Needed for Highly Capable Services Group

Wanted: TM parent representative for the Highly Capable Services Advisory Committee (separate from the Task Force, above.) See http://bit.ly/HCSACReps or email kjmay1@seattleschools.org.

Refer your Student for Advanced Learning Programs


Relive the Wishtree Project in Text & Photos on Web

Parent Sarah King has created a delightful text and photo spread that documents the Wishtree project and author visit at TM. See it at http://www.sarahdkingphotography.com/blog/2018/6/11/wishtree.

See TM’s Murals at Construction Site on Saturday

A set of murals, including six panels created by TM students, are being temporarily installed at the 23rd Avenue S. and E. Jackson Street construction site (where the Red Apple used to be). All are welcome to a celebration on Saturday (June 23), 10 a.m.-noon at the site. Enjoy refreshments and a chance to get a t-shirt.

Free Kids’ Meals at Judkins Park, Other Sites

The City of Seattle funds a summer meals program, providing no-cost breakfasts, lunches and snacks for kids and teens ages 1-18 years. The 2018 program runs from Tuesday (June 26) through Aug. 24, and includes a Judkins Park location. Call 800-322-2588 to verify services. Other free activities are available at the park all summer, operated by the Seattle Parks and Recreation Department.

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2018-19 Staffing for Classrooms and Specialists

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PEACE Academy Scholars

Donna Dugan, Katie Humphreys, Alex Shaw

Specialists

Music: Kelsey French, Art: Laura Strand, Librarian: Michael Zetterberg
PE: Tom Townsend and half-time teacher TBD
ELL: Cathy Villanueva
Reading Specialist: Alison Miller, Reading Specialist and Resource Room Teacher: Tracey Breslich, Resource Room Teacher: Tia Demirkaya
Counselor: TBD
Reading Tutors: Leena Hindocha-Daniels, Di Linh Hoang, Trinia Washington, (One Tutor TBD)
As this school year draws to a close, we want to thank the many volunteers who contributed their time, ideas, and enthusiasm to Thurgood Marshall Elementary. Because of these and many other day-to-day volunteers, the PTA is able to support our teachers and enrich our community in countless ways. Whether you were a field trip chaperone, event chair, or fundraising donor, you helped create an extraordinary community and learning environment for all. We thank all of you for your tremendous work in the following areas. Without you, our school wouldn’t be the incredible place that it is! The following list inevitably will miss some deserving volunteers. We are sorry!

**Enrichment Program Coordination** – Eldon Tam  
**Enrichment Teachers/Staff Liaisons** – Lauri Jensen  
**School Supplies Coordinator** – Molly Harris  
**Pup Press and TMlink.org Editor** – Cliff Meyer  
**Pup Press Distribution** – Kimberlee Barber-Woodruff, Simon Knaphus  
**Fundraising Consulting & Grantwriting** – Heather Bauer  
**Graphics Designer** – Jen Hobbs  
**Bulletin Board Manager** – Kimberlee Barber-Woodruff  
**Tutu’s Pantry Coordinators** – Maggie Hooks & Maggie Trapp  
**Tutu’s Pantry Volunteers** – Laura Peterson, JoyAnn Pardo, Kimberlee Barber-Woodruff, Holly Batt, Jen Gotanda, Jennifer Joseph, Venessa Woodruff  
**Snacks Program** – Liz Wall, Alison Miller  
**Yearbook** – Jen Hobbs (lead), Angie Burgin, Doriahna Dinish  
**Directory Editors** – Rachel and Joe Beda  
**T-shirt Sales Coordinator** – Tara Hook  
**PTA “Reflections” Competition Co-Chairs** – Jen Ellis  
**Judges** – Tim Marsden, Knox Gardner, Nnenna Odin  
**Lost and Found Clean-up** – Ann McNally, Venessa Goldberg  
**Fall Dance Chair** – Kimberlee Barber-Woodruff  
**Pancake Breakfast Chair** – Rose Zhu  
**Arts Walk Team** – Venessa Goldberg, Andrea Fontana, Suzanna Egolf, Kimberlee Barber-Woodruff  
**Mariners Game Coordinator** – Andrea Radosevich  
**Games Night Chair** – Percy Allen

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**Bike-to-School Month** – Ann McNally  
**Events Decorations** – Chuck Ely  
**Field Day Liaison** – Jen Hobbs  
**Chess Club** – Katherine Barr  
**Girls on the Run** – Karen Pinkard  
**Ultimate** – Baird Johnson  
**5th-Grade Promotion** – Tasha Irvine  
**5th-Grade Legacy Project** – Casey Sommers, Hadar Iron  
**Health Screening Coordinator** – Chantal Hazlewood  
**Highly Capable Services Advisory Committee Representative** – Scott Davis  
**Bullpup Dads Lead** – Chuck Ely  
**Library Volunteers** – Suzanna Egolf, Elena Fomenko, Trinia Washington, Pat Barr  
**Building Leadership Team Parent Representatives** – Samantha Welte, Rasheena Fountain, Amal Ali  
**Equity Action Teams Leadership Team** – Devin Bruckner, Angie Jenkins, Katie May, Casey Sommers, Trinia Washington  
**Equity Action Team Leads:**  
**Black Families Advocacy and Support Group**: Angie Jenkins, Trinia Washington  
**Facilitating Conversations Around Race and Equity**: Anne-Phylfe Palmer, Dionne Malatesta  
**Gender Imbalance in HCC**: Andrea Radosevich  
**Improving Scholars**: Ann McNally  
**Racial Equity in HCC**: Devin Bruckner  
**Social Studies Curriculum**: Allison Miller  

**PTA Board Members**  
**President** – Jen Ellis  
**Vice President** – Stacey Joanovic  
**Treasurer** – Kiyomi Morton  
**Secretary** – Katherine Barr  
**Communications Chair** – Cliff Meyer  
**Events Chair** – Kimberlee Barber-Woodruff  
**Fundraising Chair** – Jennifer Lan  
**Volunteer Coordinator** – Ann McNally  
**Legislative Chair** – Venessa Goldberg  
**PEACE Academy Rep** – Noelle de Mesa Mathias  
**PTA Teacher Co-Liaisons** – Merilee Hudson, Donna Dugan  
**Equity Action Liaison** – Venessa Goldberg

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**Special note from Tutu’s Pantry**

Dear Thurgood Marshall Community,

Thank you so much for your support of Tutu’s Pantry! Through your generosity, Tutu’s Pantry was able to distribute weekend backpacks to nearly 40 families and provide Thanksgiving dinners to more than 70 families. This was possible because of your regular food donations, our faithful crew of volunteers, and our partnerships with the French-American School of Puget Sound and Franz Bakery.

In the fall, we will enroll families for backpacks and get donations restarted as quickly as possible. Until then, if you have any questions about Tutu’s, want to volunteer or donate, or need information about summer food programs please email thurgoodmarshall@tutuspantry.org. Again, thank you for supporting our community. I hope you have a wonderful summer.

Best,  
Maggie Hooks
Exercise Kids’ Minds During Summer!

If students spend the days of summer without challenging their minds, they can lose up to a month of learning – especially in reading and math. Stem the summer slide and keep your child engaged with some activities recommended by the National Association of Elementary School Principals.

— Principal Katie May

Devise a plan. Tell your child that reading and learning activities will be an important part of their summer. Assure them that they’ll still have lots of time for play.

Teach mini-lessons. Transform everyday activities into learning opportunities. Children can count change, read directions for a trip, write a shopping list, or calculate a recipe’s measurements.

Gather activity books. Give children their own activity book with crossword puzzles or number games customized for their specific age group. Set a “due date” to keep them on track, but let them work at their own pace.

Initiate a writing project. Have your child keep a summer journal, write letters to family members or friends, or craft a play to perform with siblings or neighbors. Or, start a family cookbook with your favorite recipes and shopping lists.

Strategize screen time. Educational computer games or apps can engage students’ minds, but make sure your child spends enough time away from screens. Set a daily block of time for family members to turn off devices, and instead play a board game or read together.

Go global. Set aside several nights during the summer to have an international evening. Everyone in the family can help cook a meal with recipes from a culture different from yours. Use maps, websites, or books to discover more information about the culture. Alternative idea: Join with another family to share each other’s cultural traditions.

Sneak learning into family trips. If your family travels during the summer, include stops at zoos, children’s museums, or historic sites. Have your child help you plot out the journey using maps and keep a journal along the way. Older children can tally up miles, keep track of expenses, or compute gas mileage.

Get moving. Build physical activity into your child’s summer days. Even if he or she can’t participate in a local sports league or community-based team, encourage activities such as jumping rope, playing catch, and taking family walks.

Designate daily reading blocks. Set aside at least 15 minutes a day for your entire family to read. (That means parents, too!) Find reading recommendations by grade level on the American Library Association’s book lists (http://www.ala.org/aslc/publications-resources/book-lists) or get help at the TM Library (4-7 p.m. on Tuesdays) or Seattle Public Library (www.spl.org).

Take advantage of summer hours at TM’s Library: Tuesdays, 4-7 pm (June 26-Aug. 21).
Free frozen treats & book BINGO!

And don’t miss the summer fun on the TM playground...
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.)