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Coming Alive for a New School Year

I would like to officially welcome you and your child back to school for the 2018-19 school year at Thurgood Marshall! It was wonderful to see so many of you at our annual Ice Cream Social on Tuesday. After a quiet summer of planning, it is fun to see the school come alive with the energy that children bring.

First-Day Packets: Thank you PTA Volunteers for helping to prepare the packets of paperwork that went home with each child for the first day. Parents, please make sure that your child’s lunch form is returned to school immediately so there is no interruption to lunch service. It is extremely helpful to us if you can have the rest of the forms sent back to the school office by Monday, September 10. Please also be on the lookout for the PTA packet of forms that will be sent home at the end of our first full week.

Administration: Susan Lorow, our Assistant Principal, and I are looking forward to working with our teachers, your children and you! Each year we divide our responsibilities so that you know who to go to if you have questions or need help. Susan will be supervising Kindergarten and grades 2 and 3. I will be in charge of 1st, and 4th and 5th grades. We will each be handling the IEP Meetings for our respective grades. Susan will have primary responsibility for discipline. If you have a question about something happening in a classroom, please do be sure to see your child’s teacher first. Your child’s teacher wants to support your child and work together with you to create a wonderful school experience for your child. If you still have questions after you talk to your child’s teacher, please be in touch with Susan or me.

Traffic and Parking: Traffic flow at the beginning and end of the day will take a little longer as we all adjust to the drop off and pick up routine. Please take a deep breath and listen to the instructions from our staff posted at the front of the school. It is easiest and safest for our children if we all treat South Irving Street as one way, moving from west to east. If you are dropping your child off in the morning, it is important that you either park and walk your child to the playground (which is open beginning at 8:40), or drop them in the designated zone in front of the YMCA building. Please pull up as far as you can in the drop-off zone so the cars behind you can also pull in off the street. Susan or I are posted at the gate each morning to ensure a safe arrival of your child, but if you wish to watch your child walk through the gate, please park your car to do so rather than holding up the traffic behind you. If you are walking, please use the crosswalks marked for this purpose. We want your child to arrive safely at our school! – continued on Page 2
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New Staff: Please join me in welcoming the following new staff to our school:

- 1st Grade: Hollis Amsden
- 4th Grade: Cara Anderson and Lauren Laughlin
- 5th Grade: Sine Bodden & Chea-Lene Tan
- Counselor: Melissa Matsui
- 8 Resource Room/Reading Intervention: Tracey Breslich
- Literacy Tutors: Noelle Mathias (returning after a short hiatus)
- Playground Supervisor: Jia-Jia Zhu (Beginning in mid-September)
- Occupational Therapist: Theresa Berkeridge
- Physical Therapist: Julia Szilard

Family Handbook: Please make sure to review our handbook for comprehensive information on our school. It is helpful to review some sections with your students, as well. You can find the handbook on our website at https://marshalles.seattleschools.org/services/family_handbook

5th Grade Camp: Students will be going to 5th grade camp on October 8-10. Paperwork will come home this week. Please return this as soon as possible.

Curriculum Night: This year our Curriculum Night will be held Thursday, September 20. The schedule for Curriculum Night will be as follows:

- 6:00 – 6:45 pm: Classroom presentations for parents of K-2nd and PEACE Academy students
- 6:45 – 7:15 pm: Parents gather in gym for Principal presentation and introduction of our specialists
- 7:15 – 8:00 pm: Classroom presentations for parents of 3rd and 5th grade students

Specialists will be available in the library during classroom sessions.

Best wishes for a great start!

Katie

Don’t Jam Irving St!

Help Keep Kids Safe at Drop-Off

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Please take a deep breath and listen to the instructions from our staff. It is easiest and safest for our children if we all treat South Irving Street as a one-way eastbound road.

If you are driving here in the morning, it is important that you either park and walk your child to the playground (which opens at 8:40), or drive as far forward as possible in the parking lot’s drop-off zone, which is in front of our classroom annex building. Help us avoid a dangerous traffic jam! If you are walking, please use the crosswalks.

We want your child to arrive safely.

Bullpup Briefs

Enrichment Program Offers Longer Sessions

Registration opens at 7 am tomorrow (Friday) for the fall session of the PTA Enrichment Program. Note: the program offers some 2-hour-long classes (on early-dismissal Wednesdays). Options cover a wide range, from sports to arts to computers to chess, and more. Most classes start the week of Sep. 24 and end just before Winter Break. Catalogs should have arrived home yesterday (Wednesday, Sep. 5).

Listings will also be on www.tmlink.org/enrichment (as of Friday, Sep. 7). TM Link is the starting point for easy online registration. The catalog offers a paper form.

Deadline is Sunday, Sep.16. Students eligible for free lunch are invited to register for a class at just 10% of the normal fee.

Be in the Family Directory!

Have you provided contact info for the Family Directory? You can do it online by starting at http://tmlink.org/dir/ or use the paper form distributed in classrooms. (No need to do both!)

The email address you provide ensures you’ll be on classroom and PTA e-lists. If you also provide your postal address and phone number, you’ll make it easier for fellow parents to connect.

A free copy of the Directory will be sent home with every student next month.

Privacy Options Available

The paperwork sent home Wednesday includes a form titled “FERPA PreK-8.” This form enables you to make privacy choices in areas such as use of your student’s photos in the TM Yearbook. If you don’t return the form, any previous “FERPA” choices you made will remain in effect.

We are looking for CLASS CONNECTORS!

If you’d enjoy supporting your child’s teacher by coordinating classroom volunteers, helping families get to know each other on a more personal level by organizing social gatherings, and giving back to the school by letting people know about TM events and volunteer needs, please contact Andrea Fontana, Class Connector Coordinator, at awongfontana@gmail.com or 1.206.498.0668.
Thurgood Marshall Elementary is looking for

Class Connectors

TO CONNECT...

⇒ Teachers with classroom volunteers
⇒ Families with each other
⇒ Everyone with the TM community!

& WHO WOULD ENJOY...

⇒ Supporting your child’s teacher
⇒ Helping families to get to know each other on a more personal level
⇒ An easy way to give back to the school!

GIVING TIME TO...

⇒ Attending an Orientation (either 9 am or 7 pm on Weds Oct 3).
⇒ Having an initial conversation with your child’s teacher in early Fall
⇒ Planning at least one class or grade-band family gathering
⇒ Coordinating class volunteers
⇒ Forwarding occasional emails about school events and volunteer needs

INTERESTED?

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