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Mentors Matters
Each year, I like to choose a theme that animates the work we will be doing together. Past years’ themes include “Building Bridges” and “Sharing our Stories.” This year’s it’s “We Rise by Lifting Others.” (This comes from a quote by Robert Ingersoll, an American lawyer and orator who lived in the late 1800’s). In keeping with the theme, our focus will be on students helping each other in a variety of ways throughout the year. Each of our younger classes (Preschool-2nd grade) has been matched with an older class (or two in some cases) who will support and mentor them throughout the year.

If you have had children at TM before, they have participated in Reading Buddies with older and younger grades working together. Some have also had the opportunity to work in partnerships with our PEACE Academy classrooms. (The PEACE Academy is a program in our school for students who learn differently and need significantly more adult support in most cases). Many of our students come back to visit us after graduation and let us know the impact this had on them.

Our lunch and recess schedule support these mentor pairings. This year, instead of consecutive grades having lunch together (i.e. Kindergarten and 1st, 2nd and 3rd), students will have lunch together with their buddy grade:

- Kindergarten and 3rd Grade
- 1st and 4th Grade
- 2nd and 5th Grade

In just the first week of school, I have been able to see great examples of how this is working. On Friday, I observed 4th grade students playing soccer outside. When the 1st grade buddies joined them, the older students invited them to share positions with them and reminded each other to let the younger students have a turn to kick. When the ball accidentally hit one of the younger students, all the older children rushed over to be sure he was all right. In another example at lunch on Monday, the first day of Kindergarten, one of our young students became a bit teary and two third graders rushed over to help after seeing his distress.

Each year, our school has what we call our R.E.A.L. Rodeo to teach school-wide expectations to all of our students. R.E.A.L. stands for Resilient, Empathetic, Accountable Lifelong Learners so we want our students to know how to model these qualities in every area of our school. As you will see on our T-shirts: At Thurgood Marshall, we’re keeping it R.E.A.L! – continued on Page 2

Facilitating Conversations About Race Discussion
The Facilitating Conversations About Race equity team book club/discussion group for TM parents and school staff kicks off this year with a discussion of “So You Want to Talk About Race?” by Ijeoma Oluo. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!! Even if you haven’t finished the book! Thu., October 4, 6:30-8 p.m. Thurgood Marshall Elementary Library*

Articles read previously and information about the norms we are currently using in the group are below:

- Color brave space – How to run a better equity focused meeting
- We can’t commiserate
- White supremacy wants us to be alone

We will also discuss article/book selections for the next meet up and are looking for people who want to facilitate future discussions. Questions? Contact Dionne Malatesta, Facilitating Conversations About Race Co-Chair, dmalatesta@hotmail.com

*Childcare will not be available, but children are welcome to join us in the library.

EVENT CALENDAR

TONIGHT: Thu., Sep. 13: 4th and 5th Grade Potluck, 6-7:30 p.m., Cafeteria. Siblings welcome! See below.

TOMORROW, Fri., Sep. 14: New families coffee and orientation tour, 8-8:40 a.m.

Sun., Sep. 16: Enrichment sign-up deadline. Many classes still open or get on the waitlist! www.tmlink.org/enrichment

Mon., Sep. 17: K-1st Grade Potluck, 6-7:30 p.m., Cafeteria. Siblings welcome! See below.

Thu., Sep. 20: Curriculum Night, 6-8:00 p.m., Cafeteria and classrooms.

Mon. Sep. 24: Fall Enrichment Classes begin, classes run Mon. -Fri., before and after school.

Thu., Oct. 4: Facilitating Conversations About Race Discussion, 6:30-8:00 p.m., TM Library

→ Full year of events on flier in PTA Packet, and in the online calendar at www.tmlink.org!

Got news? Contact Pup Press Editor, Tracy Bonaccorso, 206.240.6318

TUTU’S PANTRY

Tutu’s Pantry serves 20-30 TM families weekly with a free weekend supply of food. If your family would like to benefit, please fill out the form (sent home in the PTA Packet and also available at www.tmlink.org).

Tutu’s Pantry depends on donations of non-perishable items, and this space will list grade levels asked to make a special effort during the current or upcoming week. Donation bins are in the front hall. – more info on Tutu’s Pantry on Page 2

Grade-Level Potlucks are happening!
Grade-Level Potlucks are more than just a great way to connect with other TM families – there’s also some terrific food! The PTA will provide water, plates and cutlery. Note: Grades 2, 3 had their potluck on Wed., Sep. 12. Bring item based on student’s last name:

A-M: Main dish / N-R: Side, salad / S-Z: Dessert

All potlucks are 6-7:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria:

Thu., Sep. 13 – Grades 4, 5
Mon., Sep. 17 – Grades K, 1

PTA WELCOME PACKETS COMING SOON!
You’ll see our welcome packet in a manila envelope in your kiddo’s backpack soon! There are only a couple of forms for you to fill out this year! Woohoo!

HAVE YOU PAID FOR CLASSROOM SUPPLIES, YET?
Your $40 suggested payment per child covers all standard in-school supplies.
Go to www.tmlink.org/school-supplies.

More is online! Go to www.tmlink.org for more news, links, calendar of events and full archive of past editions of Pup Press. And, visit Bullpup Parents or TM on Facebook!
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This year, adults taught expectations to only 3rd-5th grade students, now our 3rd-5th grade students are teaching their younger buddy classrooms. It was a very sweet sight to see Mr. Miller’s 4th grade students walking around the school with Mr. Long’s class to show them how to behave in each area.

Mentoring skills will be taught to each of our 3rd-5th grade students through a curriculum that covers topics such as starting conversations and building relationships, active listening skills, taking another person’s perspective and problem-solving skills. These skills can be revisited throughout the year as our older students grow in their understanding of what it means to be a leader in this way.

We know that these mentorships will make an important contribution to our school climate this year. Our district climate survey measures “Students in my school help each other learn.” We will be tracking this item as our 3rd-5th grade students take the climate assessments throughout the school year.

Another quick note: This year, in an effort to reach all of our families more effectively, we will be one of the first schools to pilot text messaging. In order to participate, you must choose to opt in to receive these messages. You will see a flyer attached to this week’s Pup Press and more information coming home soon!

Katie

Greetings from Tutu’s Pantry! Welcome back to TM!

If your family would like to receive a Tutu’s Pantry backpack, please ask your classroom teacher or check the main office for an application. Applications will also be sent home in our PTA welcome envelopes. Applications are in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

In addition to the Friday backpacks, Tutu’s partners with two generous donors to provide school-day snacks for Scholars’ classrooms and the Peace Academy. We’re very proud of this! If your family would like to donate money, rather than food, this is the program you’ll be supporting.

Food donations will be a little different this year. The French American School, who has donated to us weekly in the past, is switching from a weekly to a single monthly donation. They have been incredibly generous. We hope to see their first donation at the end of September. This change will likely result in a decrease in total food donated to us. To offset this, their volunteer coordinator is going to be more specific about the foods asked for.

The list of accepted food donations applies to TM families, too. Please donate only the items on the accepted food donations list below. And donate only single-family containers of the listed foods, as we don’t have the ability to divide bulk containers. Keep in mind that some items are too heavy (e.g., glass) or too bulky (e.g., large packs) for kids to carry. Over the summer, the pantry was cleaned and leftover items (not on our list) donated to Northwest Harvest’s Cherry Street Food Bank, which will be the practice going forward (they were very grateful). In addition to the list below, keep your eyes open for other donation and program changes during the new school year.

If you would like to volunteer, people are needed to shelf donated food and help deliver backpacks to classrooms on Friday morning. Please email me at ThurgoodMarshall@tutuspantry.org.

Maggie Hooks, Tutu’s Pantry Coordinator

Accepted Food Donations:

- Dried pasta
- Canned soup
- Dry/cold cereal
- Canned fruit in juice*
- Canned pasta (SpaghettiOs, ravioli)
- Granola bars
- Canned chili
- Pasta sauce (jarred)*
- Applesauce*
- Instant hot cereal
- Canned meat (tuna, chicken, turkey, or sardines)
- Refried beans
- Macaroni and cheese
- Peanut butter*
- Smaller packages of dried fruit/raisins
- Instant soup (ramen or Cup O’ Noodles)
- Taco shells
- Canned vegetables*
- Jam or jelly*
- Smaller packages of Goldfish or Bunny crackers
- Shelf-stable milk (Tetrapack or canned)*

* = things we never have too much of

Bullpup Briefs

TM Enrichment Program

Deadline to register is Sun., Sep.16.

Most classes start the week of Sep. 24 and end just before Winter Break. Sign up at www.tmlink.org/enrichment or use paper form sent home last week. Students eligible for free lunch are invited to register for a class at just 10% of the normal fee.

Sign up for the PTA e-list!

The Thurgood Marshall PTA sends our e-list subscribers occasional messages with news and event info throughout the year! We promise not to clog your in-box. http://tmlink.org/2018/06/07/sign-up-for-pta-e-list/

Class Connectors wanted

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 1.206.498.0666.

Volunteer at TM! We need you!

EVENTS COORDINATOR CO-CHAIR

Meet and get to know the TM community by teaming up with our experienced events coordinator. Support Event Leads by relaying their needs to the PTA Board and showing them where supplies are. 1-2 hours per event.

COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

Oversee our team of communications volunteers and act as the liaison between the team and the Board. The Communications Team comprises the Pup Press Editor, Bulletin Board Manager, Calendar Manager, Webmaster, Graphic Designer, and Class Connectors Coordinator. In addition to leading the team, the Communications Chair will manage the all-school email distribution list and consult on outreach for various teams such as Enrichment and Events. This is a Board position with meetings every other month.

TUTU’S PANTRY ASSISTANTS

Help Tutu’s Pantry coordinators organize food and supplies in the Tutu’s Pantry, the PTA-run food bank. Volunteers tasks are shelving donations in pantry during the week, checking in backpacks when they are returned on Mondays, packing backpacks on Thursdays, bread donation pick-ups from Franz Bakery Friday mornings and delivering backpacks to be sent home with students in need. 1-2 hours a week.

Contact: Volunteering@tmlink.org

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Parents and Guardians
You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.*

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of “Y” or “Yes” to our school’s short code number, 67587.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with “Stop”.

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy PledgeTM, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.

Opt-In from your mobile phone now!

Just send “Y” or “Yes” to 67587

Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:
SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a “text message”. Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as “short code” texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you’ve ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

* Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See schoolmessenger.com/txt for more info.
Padres y Tutores
Ustedes pueden aprovechar nuestro Servicio de Mensajes de Texto

Nuestra escuela utiliza el sistema de SchoolMessenger para entregar mensajes de texto, directamente a su teléfono móvil con información importante sobre eventos, cierres de escuelas, alertas de seguridad y mucho más.

Usted puede participar en este servicio gratis* con sólo enviar un mensaje de texto de "Y" o "Yes" al número de código corto de nuestra escuela, 67587.

También puede optar por no recibir estos mensajes en cualquier momento simplemente respondiendo a uno de nuestros mensajes con "Stop".

SchoolMessenger es compatible con el Student Privacy Pledge™ (Compromiso Con La Privacidad de Los Estudiantes). Puede estar seguro que su información es segura y nunca será entregada o vendida a nadie.

Opte por recibir mensajes de texto en su teléfono móvil ahora!

Sólo tiene que enviar "Y" o "Yes" a 67587

Información sobre los mensajes de texto SMS y códigos cortos:
SMS significa “servicio de mensajes cortos” y comúnmente se conoce como un “mensaje de texto”. La mayoría de los teléfonos celulares son compatibles con este tipo de mensajes de texto. Nuestro proveedor de notificación, SchoolMessenger, utiliza un cierto protocol SMS desarrollado por la industria de las telecomunicaciones específicamente para enviar mensajes de texto en masa, referido como mensajes de texto “código corto.” Este método es rápido, seguro y muy confiable, y está estrictamente regulado por los proveedores de servicios inalámbricos y sólo permite el acceso a los proveedores aprobados. Si alguna vez ha enviado un voto de texto para un programa de televisión a un número como 46999, usted ha usado los mensajes de texto de código corto.

* Términos y Condiciones - las frecuencias de los mensajes pueden variar, mensajes y datos estándar pueden aplicar. Responda HELP para obtener ayuda. Texto STOP para cancelar. Los operadores móviles no son responsables por los mensajes retrasados o los que no se entregan. Mire schoolmessenger.com/tx para mas información.
ADVANCED LEARNING - Testing Opportunity

You may want to refer your child if you have noticed these characteristics:

Verbal skills:
- Has an advanced vocabulary for his/her age
- Seems to continuously talk and ask questions

Thinking skills:
- Is imaginative; has lots of ideas
- Can come up with many interesting solutions to problems

Learning behaviors:
- Understands information quickly; remembers what has been learned
- Wants to work on more difficult things; may not finish regular assignments because wants to spend time doing projects he/she thinks are more interesting

Motivation:
- Is very interested in certain topics/projects and wants to work on them all the time
- Does not want or need a lot of direction for completing a task; likes to figure it out on his/her own

Social-emotional Development:
- Is sensitive to the feelings of others and is concerned with fairness
- May be a perfectionist and/or become frustrated with mistakes
- May prefer to interact with students who are older and/or adults

Reading:
- Is a very strong reader, reading above grade level and/or reading at an early age

Math skills:
- Is very interested in math, works above grade level in math and/or shows an interest in numbers at an early age

If most of these characteristics apply, you may want to consider referring your child for Advanced Learning opportunities.

Eligibility criteria and instructions are available beginning May 15, 2018 at [www.seattleschools.org/advlearning](http://www.seattleschools.org/advlearning)

All Referrals for testing are due by September 24, 2018 to determine eligibility for school year 2019-2020.