TOMORROW: Mad Hatter DANCE! Tue., Nov. 13, Black Family Advocacy Support Group

Principal
Katie May

Working Together to Prevent Bullying

Last week, the Taproot Theater presented a play called “Super School” at TM. In the play, a group of students with super powers learned how to recognize, refuse and report bullying when it happened at school. Our students watched with rapt attention and likely picked up some new skills. (Thank you to our PTA for the financial support to make this happen!).

How to recognize and report bullying is important for students to learn. Our school counselor, Ms. Matsui, has been teaching lessons about this in classrooms in the past month. She helps students to distinguish between a conflict, rude behavior, mean behavior, and bullying. These differences can be hard to see but are important in order for us to address behavior in the most effective way. For example, with rude behavior, a student is behaving in a way that upsets others because it is thoughtless, but it may not be intentional. In this situation, a child may need help developing social skills. In contrast, bullying is intentional behavior that is repeated over time and involves a power differential between the bully and the victim.

At school, we teach students that bullying is a problem that needs to be reported to an adult. We also talk to students about the importance of being an Upstander – someone who can help refuse bullying by supporting the targeted child, to help them to report to an adult, or to report to an adult for them. Research shows that students who are upstanders play an important role in creating a climate where bullying is not seen as an acceptable behavior. When bullying comes to the attention of an adult, we make sure there is a plan in place to end the bullying, to make sure the child who was targeted has a safety plan in place, and to make sure the child who engaged in bullying has a plan in place to avoid recurrence of the behavior.

Parents play an important role in helping, too. If your child reports bullying to you at home, try teaching him an effective way to report so that adults will understand the this is a bullying situation and not “tattling.” This includes letting an adult know:

- What is happening that is making him fearful or uncomfortable
- Who is doing it
- What he has done to try to resolve the problem or get the other child to stop the behavior
- What help he needs from the adult (often students are able to best articulate what they need in a given situation) Continued on Page 2

Black Family Advocacy Support Group meeting

Tue., Nov. 13

The Black Family Advocacy Support Group invites families with children of Black, African, African American descent and allies to join us for our meeting next Tue., Nov.13 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the TM Library.

In addition to welcoming new families to our support network, we plan to determine and discuss our areas of focus for this academic year.

EVENT CALENDAR

TONIGHT: Thu., Nov. 8, LGBTQ Families Dinner, 6-8:00 p.m., Meany Middle School

TOMORROW: Fri., Nov. 9, Mad Hatter Dance Party, 6:30-8:00 p.m. TM Cafeteria. See below and flyer.

Mon., Nov. 12, Veterans Day, NO SCHOOL

Tue., Nov. 13, Black Family Advocacy Support Group meeting, 6:30-8:00 p.m., TM Library, see Page 2

Sat.-Tue., Nov.17-20, Parent Teacher conferences

Mon.-Fri., Nov.19-23, NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving)

Mon.-Fri., Nov. 26-30, Book Fair, TM Library, see flyer

Got news? Contact Pup Press Editor, Tracy Bonaccorso (tracybonaccorso31@gmail.com) or text 206.240.6318

TUTU’S PANTRY

Tutu’s Pantry serves 20-30 TM families weekly with a supply of free weekend food. If your family would like to benefit, please fill out the form available in the office or www.tmlink.org and return to your child’s teacher or the office.

Tutu’s Pantry depends on donations of non-perishable items. Donation bins are in the front hall. More info: http://tmlink.org/info/tutus-pantry-food-bank/

NEXT WEEK’s ASK: Kindergarten: please bring canned vegetables.


New online resource: Books about race and racism

There’s a new resource for parents and teachers on our website – books about race and racism. Click the link to be directed to the list: http://marshalles.seattleschools.org/about/calendar_and_news/news/new_book_recommendations.

Thank you to Gitane Versakos and Michael Zetterberg for their work in compiling the list!
If your child has reported to a school adult and the behavior continues, or if your child help to report, please be in touch with your child’s teacher.

If you are a parent whose child has been involved in bullying, it is important to help your child change their behavior. Denying the problem only increases the likelihood that your child will continue to engage in this negative behavior. It is difficult for a child to take responsibility for behavior that she knows is hurtful and so they may try to convince you that they are being unfairly accused. Remember that bullying is a pattern of behavior, not a one-time incident. Review the information about bullying incidents with your child and make it clear that you take bullying seriously and you will not tolerate these behaviors. Your child may have developed bullying behaviors for a variety of reasons – i.e. a need for power or a lack of self-confidence -and school and home working together will end bullying more quickly by working together.

We want our school to be a place of inclusivity, where all of our children feel safe and can do their best learning. Parents, students and school staff working together can help create this environment.

Katie

2019 Title IX Task Force – Invitation to apply by Nov. 30

The Office of Student Civil Rights is seeking applications for the 2019 Title IX Task Force. Title IX is a federal civil rights law that prohibits sex discrimination in any educational program or activity. School Board Policy 3208 and Superintendent Procedure 3208SP provide the framework for district response.

3208SP establishes a periodic review of the use and efficacy of policy and procedure. Thus, we are convening a task force to consist of district staff, volunteers, students, and parents. The specific objectives of the task force are detailed in the task force charter – see webpage link below.

Applications are due by Nov. 30, 2018 at 5 p.m. Invited task force appointees will be notified by December 10, 2018. Task force members should anticipate meeting one or two weekdays per month from January 2019 through January 2020. The location and meeting dates will be determined by the task force participants.

To learn more or to apply, please visit 2019 Title IX Task Force webpage: http://www.seattleschools.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=627&pageId=1287636. (The charter is located on the right side of page).

Please share this information with your staff and PTSA.

If you have questions, contact Warner Santiago, District Title IX Coordinator, 252-0367 or by email, title.ix@seattleschools.org.

Bullpup Briefs

Sign up for the PTA e-list!

News and event info throughout the year! http://tmlink.org/2018/06/07/sign-up-for-pta-e-list/.

Full year of events online calendar at www.tmlink.org!

Membership = Volunteer/ PTA opportunity!

MAD HATTER DANCE PARTY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (TOMORROW)!

Many hands make light work and your help makes these events awesome! Sign up to volunteer (pretty please!) at: https://tinyurl.com/MadHatterDance.

BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEERS: Help students find the books they can’t wait to read. Sign up for a fun and rewarding volunteer experience: https://tinyurl.com/bullpupbookfair or contact Chantel at volunteering@tmlink.org.

2019 Title IX Task Force webpage:

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Mad Hatter Family Dance Party! TOMORROW!

This year’s annual PTA dance event is the Mad Hatter Family Dance Party! On Fri., Nov. 9, 6:30-8:00, in the TM Cafeteria.

Don your silly or festive favorite headwear, and join DJ Eric for dancing, fun activities and snap a memory at the selfie station.

Please bring light potluck snacks and treats to share, and a small donation to Tutu’s pantry if you can. PTA will throw in some pizza! This is a family event, NO drop-offs!

Many hands make light work and your help makes these events awesome!

Signup to volunteer (pretty please!) at: https://tinyurl.com/MadHatterDance.

Thanksgiving Meal-in-a-Bag

Through generous donations, we will provide a “Thanksgiving Meal-in-a-Bag” to each Thurgood Marshall family in need.

Prepare a “Thanksgiving Meal-in-a-Bag” with the following items in a double-bagged grocery bag:

$20 gift card to QFC or Safeway
2 cans of green beans
1 bag of cubed bread stuffing
1 box of instant mashed potatoes
1 can of cream of mushroom soup
1 can of cranberry sauce
1 pound of yams or sweet potatoes
1 ready pie crust
1 can of pumpkin puree
1 can of evaporated milk

Please email Jen Gotanda, jgotanda@gmail.com, to confirm you will be participating, then deliver your bag to the area with the red bins in the entry hall on Wed. Nov. 14 between 8:15-8:55 a.m.

A Tutu’s volunteer will be in the front hall to accept bags at that time.

If you can’t make it then, please bring your bag to the front office between Nov. 7 and Nov. 14. Our Tutu’s volunteers will collect them from the office for distribution on Nov. 16.

Volunteers Needed for Thanksgiving Meal-in-a-Bag

We’re giving away “Thanksgiving Meal-in-a-Bags” to our students throughout the district.

To Participate:

- Sign up to volunteer.
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Thurgood Marshall Cafeteria

DJ Eric, Fun Activities, Selfie Booth and lots of dancing!

Potluck: bring snacks and treats. PTA will provide pizza! Bring a donation for Tutu’s Pantry.

Family event - no drop-offs please.

Sign up to volunteer:
https://tinyurl.com/MadHatterDance
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Nov. 26 to Nov. 30, 2018

We need volunteers – we need YOU! Volunteering at the Book Fair is the perfect way to stay connected to your child at school and help students find books they can't wait to read.

Sign up now and get ready for a fun and rewarding volunteer experience!

Please take a moment to view our sign-up sheet to see which roles interest you.

Spread the word to your friends and invite them to help us have the

Best Book Fair ever!

Sign up today at https://tinyurl.com/bullpupbookfair or contact Chantel at volunteering@tmlink.org!

Thank you,

Mr. Zetterberg