

# PUP PRESS

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## Planning for an Effective Parent-Teacher Conference

We are holding our conferences on Sat., Nov. 17, Mon., Nov., 19 and Tue., Nov. 20.

If you have not been in touch with your child's teacher to schedule a conference, now is the time! Educating a child requires a partnership between the school and the family. Thurgood Marshall teachers try to find many ways to communicate regularly with parents through emails, newsletters and blogs. Fall conferences are one of the few times that teachers have the opportunity to sit with parents and discuss their child's learning. We value this time with you, as it allows us to share work samples and insights about your child's learning – both academic and social!

Here are some ways you might prepare to get the most out of your conference time:

- Ask your child in advance if there is anything s/he would like you to discuss with the teacher. This may give you insight into things that are hard academically or social problems that are coming up. It may also give you information about what your child especially likes about school.
- Make a few notes with your own questions or topics you want to be sure to address at the conference. You may want to email questions you have to your child's teacher in advance of the conference.
- Remember that our conferences are tightly scheduled. Plan to arrive a minute or two early and be prepared to finish at the end of your allotted time. If there is more that you hope to address and you run out of time, ask the teacher when you might be able to speak again.
- Share any positive observations you have about what is going well for your child at school, things your child has been especially interested in, or things you appreciate about the teacher.
- Remember that a focus of the conference is to share how your child is doing and areas of strength or concern. Be open to suggestions from the teacher and share your thoughts about how your child may best be helped. Teachers are happy to give you ways to support learning at home when they see you are open to this, so ask what you can do to support your child at home.
- Take notes about what has been shared so you can refer back to them and share with your child, as appropriate.
- If you and the teacher have decided to try something new with your child – a new plan for learning or to support behavior, for example – plan a time to check back in to see how things are working out. *Continued on Page 2*

## Your PTA has big plans for your student this year!

We need your help to achieve our fundraising goal. Please consider donating to the TM PTA. Your donation directly supports your child and their classroom by funding:

- Social-emotional growth and development support from Ms. Melissa Matsui, school counselor (your PTA funds 100% of her salary)
- Mr. Michael Zetterberg, our full-time librarian (your PTA funds support 50% of this position)
- Dedicated recess aide and classroom tutors
- Special performances at school assemblies
- Dynamic classroom libraries and supplies for our teachers

Click the Donate link at [tmlink.org](http://tmlink.org) or send a check payable to Thurgood Marshall PTA via your student.

## EVENT CALENDAR

Sat., Nov. 17 and Mon-Tue., Nov.19-20, Parent Teacher conferences

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

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

Tue., Nov. 27, TM Class Photo Day and picture re-take day

Got news? Contact Pup Press Editor, Tracy Bonaccorso ([tracybonaccorso31@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.tmlink.org) and return to your child's teacher or the office.

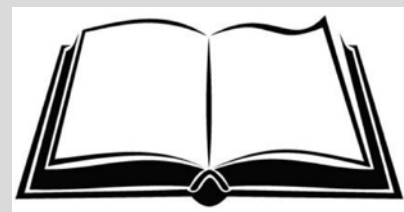
**Tutu's Pantry depends on donations of non-perishable items.**

Donation bins are in the front hall. More info: <http://tmlink.org/info/tutus-pantry-food-bank/>

WEEK OF NOV. 26 ASK: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: please bring peanut butter and jelly/jam.



Thanksgiving Meal-in-a-Bag: Drop off any additional bags in the office for Nov. 16 pick-up.



## 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!

Most importantly of all, remember that all of our staff is here to support you and your child as best we can. We want to help you and work with you. Please let us know if there is something we can put in place to support your student.

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 Dec. 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 PTSAs.

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



## Open Enrollment for Washington Healthplanfinder is now until Dec. 15

Help us spread the word... open Enrollment started Nov. 1! Washington Healthplanfinder is one of the fourteen health insurance marketplaces in the US and was created in accordance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, commonly referred to as Obamacare.

Update your info, sign up or find out if you qualify at <https://www.wahealthplanfinder.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](http://www.tmlink.org)!

⌘ = Volunteer/ PTA opportunity!

⌘ **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](mailto:volunteering@tmlink.org).

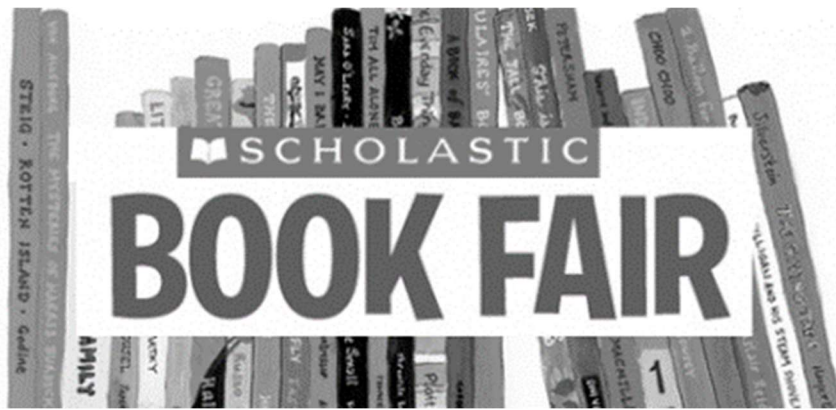
### ⌘ YEARBOOK VOLUNTEERS – 2 OPENINGS

**1. EDITOR:** Assists volunteer designer with acquiring candid photos and teacher letters for the yearbook. Duties include: contact teachers for their class letters, make multiple requests to parents, teachers and staff for candid photos throughout the year, assist designer with creating a dropbox or google drive folder for folks to upload photos, assist designer in proofreading and editing yearbook (including making sure those who opted out of FERPA are not included in the yearbook).

**2. PHOTOGRAPHER:** Assists editor and designer in collecting candid photos for the yearbook throughout the year, including classrooms, PCP, playground, field trips, assemblies and events. Duties include: willing to take some photos when available, assist designer with editing of photos selected to be in the yearbook.

⌘ **PTA 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. Contact [volunteering@tmlink.org](mailto:volunteering@tmlink.org). 1-2 hours per event

# 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](mailto:volunteering@tmlink.org)!

Thank you,

*Mr. Zetterberg*