Social Studies update

Since our school starting blending programs for Social Studies instruction, one thing we have consistently heard from parents is that they want to hear more about how this is working out – not just about curriculum, but also about how students are doing socially. Some parents also are curious about the content of our curriculum. This month’s update will be a bit more about Social Studies process, with an update about the curriculum and social aspects to follow at a later time.

This week and next, each grade level team will have ½ day of release time for Social Studies work. Teams are using this in different ways, depending on their needs. Some will be using it to develop additional units of study, some will be using it to review student work together, some will be using it to design assessments and some teams will work on developing resources to enrich lessons (e.g., guest speakers, field trips, books and videos). This is necessary time for teachers to work together because there is not a district-adopted Social Studies curriculum, so all content must be researched and created by the teachers. Because it is important to us to have all students receiving the same content, we want to be sure teachers are supported with this time to meet.

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Dear Thurgood Marshall Families—a note from Tutu’s Pantry

I hope you all had a wonderful winter break! Now that we’re all back in the swing of things, Tutu’s Pantry is looking a little bare and we need your help. Let’s start 2019 with a food drive for Tutu’s!

What we need*:

- Heart soups, chili, and canned pasta
- Canned meats, such as tuna and chicken
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruits and applesauce
- Boxed macaroni and cheese
- Pasta sauce
- Healthy cold cereals
- Shelf-stable milk
- Dried fruits, such as raisins, cranberries, apricots, and apples
- Peanut butter
- Jam or preserves

*Please! NO fresh produce, condiments, dried pasta, canned or dried beans, or open or expired food.

Thank you for all you do for our community!

Maggie Hooks

Final Special Education Resource Fair – Tue., Jan. 22

Parents of students receiving special education services are invited to an upcoming Resource Fair to meet and talk to representatives from numerous SPS departments. Families can ask questions, collect information, and learn face-to-face from the people who help coordinate services to support their students.

The final Resource Fair is Tue., Jan. 22, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at South Lake High School https://goo.gl/maps/uQMzDQZwPRz.

EVENT CALENDAR

TOMORROW Fri., Jan. 18, 9-10:30 a.m., Washington Middle School Daytime Tour, see page 2.

TOMORROW Fri., Jan. 18, 9:05 a.m., MLK assembly, TM Cafeteria. Join us!

Mon., Jan. 21, NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Thu., Jan. 24, 5:30-7:00 p.m., HCC Tour & info session for prospective students, TM office, email pta@tmlink.org if a family needs the tour in another language, e.g., Spanish or Vietnamese.

Fri., Jan. 25, 8:00 p.m., The TM Choir sings the National Anthem at the Husky Women’s basketball game, Contact Ms. French for more info. Money for discount tickets due TOMORROW, Jan 18, to Ms. French.

Wed., Jan 30, NO SCHOOL, day off between semesters.

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 it to your child’s teacher or the office. Donation bins are in the front hall. More info: http://tmlink.org/info/tutus-pantry-food-bank/

BULLPUP BRIEFS

TM CHOIR TO SING AT HUSKY WOMENS’ BASKETBALL GAME ON FRI., JAN 25: The TM Choir will sing the National Anthem at the Women’s Huskies basketball game next Fri., Jan. 25, 8:00 p.m. Money for discounted tickets for choir members and families due to Ms. French TOMORROW, Fri., Jan. 18!

Winter Giving Challenge goal met! We raised over $20k and will receive the full $20k match from our generous donors.

Our next campaign is March Matchness but if you haven’t donated yet, now is always a good time! Also, if your employer matches gifts be sure to apply for the match.

Click “Donate” on tmlink.org.
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A representative from one of our parent Equity Action Teams, devoted to school climate and equity in academic programs, recently attended our Social Studies Leadership Team to give feedback from a parent perspective. They asked that we be sure as we are planning field trips, that we consider how to mix groups across programs for the bus trip, for the field trip group and during the lunch or snack break. They also asked about how students from different classes are mixed for small group work during Social Studies time. The teacher representatives from each grade level will take this feedback back to their teams to discuss how they can best address this. In return, the Social Studies Leadership Team asked for more parent volunteers during Social Studies classes and also suggested a great way for parents to be involved in supporting mixing students across grade levels would be to plan additional Mix-it-Up at lunch days this year.

Our Social Studies Leadership Team also decided to develop a monthly summary of what their classes are working on by grade level. I will collect these and share them in a monthly Pup Press so you can see not just what your child is working on, but what each grade is doing.

On a Social Studies note... Our 5th graders will participate in the annual Giddens School Peace March, which will leave from Giddens at noon this Fri., Jan. 18 and march to Pratt Park for a short rally before walking back to school. This is a great opportunity for students to participate in using their voice for social justice. Additionally, our staff is working on planning the Black Lives Matter in Schools week, which will take place Feb. 4-8 in schools across the Seattle District.

Katie

Co-ed Ultimate (Frisbee) Teams – sign-ups begin next week!

Ultimate is one of the fastest growing sports in the USA and is played in more than 42 countries. Here in Seattle, there is a very large community of Ultimate players, with leagues for elementary, middle, high school, college and adult players. The city-wide Elementary League is for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. Practices will be Tues. and Thurs. after school, starting Feb. 26. Games vs. teams from other elementary schools will be on Saturdays from Mar. 9th through mid-May.

Look for the SIGN-UP forms coming home with 3rd, 4th and 5th graders next week!

Basic rules of Ultimate:

- Ultimate is a non-contact, team sport played on a field similar to a football field.
- A point begins with each team (of 5 or 7 players) standing on opposing end zone lines, and one team throwing the disc (Frisbee) to the other team.
- Points are scored when a team catches the disc in the opponent’s end zone.
- The disc is moved by completing a pass to a teammate. You cannot run with the Frisbee. The thrower must throw the disc before the defender “marking” the thrower counts to 10.
- During a point, play is continuous until one team scores a point, with possession of the disc changing from one team to the other any time the disc is intercepted, dropped, or lands out of bounds.
- There are no referees, players make all the foul calls and resolve all the conflicts on the field. Ultimate is guided by The Spirit of the Game, where the responsibility to play by the rules falls upon the players.