Inclusivity

Following on the heels of December “Kindness” and January “Empathy” months, our theme for February is Inclusivity. We want every student at TM to feel included. Many of our students have “feeling included” as part of their classroom charter. We regularly talk to students about how they can help others to feel included at lunch and at recess, and our work with Social Studies blending across programs is also about helping all of our students to feel included as they learn and work together. As a staff, we are trying to be mindful about the language we use and how this can cause students to feel included – or not.

As a staff, we know when we direct our efforts on a common goal, we get the most positive movement. Imagine if we directed our efforts as a whole school community towards Inclusivity? Together, we could think about:

Addressing stereotypes – When someone makes a comment like “All Asians are good at math,” this is a great time to have a conversation about race and ability. When you hear race used as a modifier on the news (i.e. the Black perpetrator), talk about why that was mentioned. Listen for times when race is not mentioned as a modifier. Talk about whether all girls really like pink and all boys like blue.

Encouraging friendships across gender, race, and other differences. Recent PTA guest speaker Bonnie Rough mentioned that Dutch children maintain cross-gender friendships because otherwise “how would they know how to interact when they meet up again as teens?” Think about your own friendship – do all of your friends look just like you?

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Seattle Public Schools Feb. 12 levies update

Seattle voters should have received ballots for the Feb. 12 election. Seattle Public Schools has two measures on the ballot:

Prop. 1: The Educational Programs and Operations Levy
Prop. 2: The Building Excellence V Capital Levy.

These two levies replace existing levies and fund critical day-to-day school operations, salaries, Special Education programs, athletics, safety improvements and construction of new schools.

Want to learn more about Props. 1 and 2? Visit www.seattleschools.org/levies. Ballots are due by Tue., Feb. 12.

Science Instructional Materials Open House

The Science Instructional Materials Open House will be held Sat. Feb. 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Rainier Beach Community Center https://goo.gl/maps/aP2iApgHfjA2.

Times are:
- Elementary Materials (9-11:00 a.m.)
- Middle School (11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)
- High School (1-3:00 p.m.)

Families will have an opportunity to learn about interacting with the science instructional materials finalists.

Questions may be sent to MaryMargaret Welch at mmwelch@seattleschools.org.

EVENT CALENDAR

Feb. 4-8, Black Lives Matter Week at TM!

TONIGHT! Thu., Feb. 7, 7-8:15 p.m., Thurgood Marshall Choir Concert, TM Gym

Sat., Feb. 9, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Science Instructional Materials Open House, Rainier Community Center, see below

Sun., Feb. 10, 4-5:30 p.m., FREE Girls Fastpitch Softball indoor clinic, Mitchell Athletic Center (SCC Gym), see flyer

Mon., Feb. 11, NAAPID (National African American Parent Involvement Day) at TM, see flyer

Mon., Feb. 11, 7-9:00 p.m., 2E Seattle Monthly Meeting, TM Library, see flyer

Tue., Feb. 12, VOTE in levy election, see below

Wed., Feb. 13, EXTENDED! Ultimate Frisbee registration deadline, see page 2

Wed., Feb. 13, 6-8:00 p.m., Black Family Advocacy Support Group Social, Rainier Arts Center, see flyer

FEB. 18-22, NO SCHOOL, MID-WINTER BREAK

UPCOMING: Registration for Spring TM Enrichment classes is Mar. 8-17, Spring Session begins w/o Mar. 25 Catalogs available w/o Mar. 4.

More calendar dates online: http://tmlink.org/newsandevents/calendar/cat_ids~17/ Got news? Contact the Editor, Tracy Bonaccorso: tracybonac-corso31@gmail.com.

TUTU’S PANTRY

Tutu’s Pantry serves 20-30 TM families weekly with a supply of free weekend food. Donation bins are in the front hall. More info: http://tmlink.org/info/tutus-pantry-food-bank/

WEEK OF FEB 11: ALL GRADES!

Please bring canned goods: pasta sauce, soup, meats (tuna, chicken), vegetables, fruits; boxed mac and cheese; healthy cold cereals; shelf-stable milk; dried fruit; raisins, cranberries, apricots, apples; peanut butter; jam, preserves.

TUTU’S SUPPLIES ARE LOW—DONATE IF YOU CAN!

BULLPUP BRIEFS

TM PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND ART WALK, SAT., MAR. 2, 9-11 A.M. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The annual TM Pancake Breakfast and Art Walk is a favorite! Sign up, e.g., cook, collect donations, pick up supplies, hang art. Go to https://tinyurl.com/TMPancake2019 for more details and other ways you can help before or on the day of the event.

More 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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Understanding that not every person identifies simply as “he” or “she.” There is a spectrum of experiences around gender, and we can teach our children to accept and respect this. Allowing your children to be who they are will help them follow their own choices and interests. When you try to determine for yourself whether someone is a girl or a boy, a man or a woman, ask yourself why this actually matters.

Choosing books and movies (and Curriculum!) that show the diversity our world has to offer. You can find children’s books that show all types of families, people of all races, and kids who have lived all types of experiences. Exposing your children to differences through books allows them the opportunity to ask questions about people who are different than they are. It allows you to help your child compare their experience with others and understand that different isn’t bad.

How to support others who are marginalized, oppressed or targeted. What does it mean to have privilege? What does it mean to be an ally or an upstander? How can we offer our support to others and show kindness and empathy? Teach your children what to do if they see someone being excluded or bullied. Model for them how you offer support to someone who is treated unkindly. Sit next to someone with a disability to show your children that this is not something to fear.

Furthering our own education. Check out some of the links below and think about where you want to get started in your learning.
- Simple ways to be more inclusive to a child with Autism: https://autismjourney.org/7-simple-ways-inclusive-child-autism/.
- Talking to kids about race: http://www.raceconscious.org/childrens-books/.

Katie

Co-ed Ultimate (Frisbee) registration deadline extended to Wed., Feb. 13!

Due to the snow disruption, we are extending the sign-up deadline until next week! Don’t miss the opportunity to join the Ultimate team, and play one of the fastest growing sports in the USA!

The city-wide league is for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. Practices will be Tuesdays and Thursdays after school, starting Feb. 26. Games vs. other elementary school teams will be on Saturdays from Mar. 9 through mid-May.

3rd, 4th and 5th graders: Please return registration forms, plus your check (made out to the Thurgood Marshall PTA) to the school office no later than Wed., Feb. 13!

Parent reminder from Ms. May – please put away phones and electronic devices when volunteering

We love to have your help in the classrooms and on field trips. When you come to help at school, please be fully present with the students you are helping to support by putting away your phone or other electronic devices that might cause you to become distracted from the students at hand.

If you do need to take an emergency call, please check with the classroom teacher or another adult about supervising your group and step away so that you can deal with the matter at hand and we can be sure that students are appropriately supervised.

Thank you for all you do to help our students stay safe!
NAAPID 2019

At Thurgood Marshall Elementary

Please join us to celebrate National African American Parent Involvement Day
On Monday, February 11, 2019

8:10—Light Breakfast and Presentation in the Library
9:05—All-school Assembly featuring JazzEd

Classrooms are open to families immediately following the assembly and throughout the day. You are welcome to join us for part of all of the day!

Lunch/Recess Schedule:
11:40-12:00—1st/4th Grade Lunch; Recess 12-12:20
12:05-12:25—K/3rd Grade Lunch; Recess 12:25-12:45
12:30-12:50—2nd /5th Grade Lunch ; Recess 12:50-1:10
2E Seattle Monthly Meeting

Join us for a conversation with psychologist Dr. Michael Kulfan about Slow Processing Speed - what it is, what can be done. Parents and teachers are invited.

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FEBRUARY 11, 2019
7PM - 9PM • THURGOOD MARSHALL ELEMENTARY LIBRARY
WWW.2ESEATTLE.COM
Are you the parent, guardian or caregiver of an African or African-American child at Thurgood Marshall?

If so, we would like to invite your family to join us for a fun evening. Let's get to know each other better in a relaxed setting and share ideas for how we can build our community to best support each other. Refreshments will be provided and feel free to bring a dish to share if you'd like. There will be games and activities for the kids and adults! We hope to see you there!

Please e-mail us at tmbfasgroup@gmail.com if you need a ride or can give another family a ride to the venue.

Feel free to e-mail us with questions or for more information.

Black Family Advocacy Support Group Social

Wednesday, February 13th
6:00pm - 8:00pm
at Rainier Arts Center
3515 S Alaska St. Seattle WA 98118
Try Girls Fastpitch Softball!

FREE Indoor Clinic: **Sunday Feb 10: 4-5:30**

**Mitchell Athletic Center (SCC Gym)**

1718 Broadway   Seattle, WA 98122

Seattle Central Little League (SCLL) and Seattle Spice Fastpitch have created a FREE fun softball clinic for **Seattle girls 6-14 yo** interested in playing softball. Also serves as Skills Day Assessment for SCLL. Check-in at 3:45p. No pre-registration required. Wear gym shoes (we’ll be inside in the gym) and bring softball gear (will have extra). All leagues welcome. Bring a friend to check out softball! Ball is fun with friends!

Questions: Contact Mary King, SCLL Softball VP, marypicu@gmail.com
Seattle Central Little League registration: [www.seattlecentralll.org](http://www.seattlecentralll.org)

*Go SCLL! Go Spice! Go UW Husky Softball! Go Seattle Softball!*