Rescheduling

I write this article, not completely sure if we will be at school on Thursday to get an edition of the Pup Press sent out!

This has been a crazy couple weeks of snow closures, late starts and early dismissals. With this interruption to student learning, please do your part to be sure your student is not missing any more time than necessary and plan vacations or other absences accordingly. The district has let us know that they will be creating a plan to make up missed days. I will let you know when I hear more.

We will once again update previously scheduled events including National African American Parent Involvement Day, Black Lives Matter lessons and our March, etc.

These events are important to us and to our students – and to you! We want to make sure we are being thoughtful about them and not just squeezing them in. Once we have a better sense of what the weather will be like, I will send out new dates.

On the note of scheduling, believe it or not, our spring testing window opens soon in early March. We will send you exact testing dates and times once our schedule is finalized. Smarter Balanced Assessment (the state standardized testing for 3rd-5th grade) will take place between early March and early June, as will the 5th grade state science test. MAP (Measurement of Academic Progress) testing for 1st and 2nd grade will take place in the late May through early June.

If you are a 4th grade parent and received a letter home letting you know your child would be participating in NAEP testing on February 12, this has now been rescheduled for March 7.

With the uncertainties in the weather, you can help your child at home by:

- Having them read at least 30 minutes per day
- Ask them questions about what they are reading to build comprehension such as:
  - Tell me what has happened so far?
  - What do you think will happen next? Why?
  - Why do you think the author wrote this?
  - What genre is this?
  - What else do you know about this topic?
  - Can you make a connection between this story and your own life?
- Practice common sight words to build reading fluency (K-2nd). Your child’s teacher can let you know what lists they are working on, or use this: https://sightwords.com/sight-words/dolch/#lists.

Katie

EVENT CALENDAR

Happy Valentine’s Day!

Note: Black Lives Matter Week and Black History Month activities are being rescheduled.

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

Mon.-Thu., Feb. 25-28, 100th Day of School Drive for Tutu’s Pantry, all classes, see below and flyer

Thu., Feb. 28, 6-8:00 p.m., Black Family Advocacy Support Group Social, Rainier Arts Center, rescheduled, see flyer

UPCOMING: Registration for Spring TM Enrichment classes is Mar. 8-17, Spring Session begins w/o Mar. 25-29 Catalogs available w/o Mar. 4.

Events below are being rescheduled; dates to decided (TBD)

NAAPID (National African American Parent Involvement Day) at TM, date TBD

2E Seattle Monthly Meeting, TM Library, date TBD

More calendar dates online: http://tmlink.org/newsandevents/calendar/cat_ids~17/ Got news? Contact the Editor, Tracy Bonaccorso: tracybonaccorso31@gmail.com.

TUTU’S PANTRY


100th Day of School Food Drive for Tutu’s Pantry

Feb. 25-28!

The week after Mid-Winter Break! See flyer!
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!

Be on the 2019 Title IX Task Force!

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. Policy 3208 and 3208SP provide the framework for district response, and 3208SP establishes a periodic review of the District’s policy, procedure, and protocol. Thus, we are convening a task force to consist of district staff, volunteers, students, and parents.

The specific objective of the task force are detailed in the task force charter: https://www.seattleschools.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_543/File/District/Departments/title_ix/TaskForce/2019%20TIX%20Task%20Force%20Charge_APPROVED%2010242018%20-%20Rev%2001072019.pdf

The deadline to apply has been extended to Feb. 28, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. Task force members should anticipate meeting one or two weekdays per month from Mar. 2019 through Mar. 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 page: https://www.seattleschools.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=627&pagId=1287636.

Staff members and parents are welcome to apply – diverse representation from across the district is being sought.

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

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.

EVENT COORDINATOR: Love planning parties/events? We are currently looking for an Event Coordinator for the 2019/2020 school year. http://tmlink.org/info/volunteering/

All volunteer opportunities: http://tmlink.org/info/volunteering/

SCHOOL TOURS—WMS

WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL INFO NIGHT AND DAYTIME TOUR! LAST CHANCE!

Do you have a student headed for, or considering, Washington Middle School? Learn more, in person!

Evening Information Session: Featured speakers are Principal Emily Butler Ginolfi and a Student Panel

• Feb. 12 session is being rescheduled!

Daytime School Tour: Tours are led by parents and students

• TOMORROW, Fri., Feb. 15, 9-10:30 a.m.—LAST ONE!

No RSVP needed. For tours, check in at Main Office when you arrive. Students are welcome to attend accompanied by a parent/guardian.

The school is at 2101 S. Jackson St., Seattle, 98144. https://washingtomms.seattleschools.org/about/map_and_directions
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.
100th Day of School Drive for Tutu’s Pantry

Please bring your donations to school the week after mid-winter break, **February 25-28**. We’ll make beautiful stacks on the stage and monitor progress with a chart in the main entrance.

Here are your grade assignments:

- **K**: 100 boxes of macaroni and cheese
- **1st grade**: 100 cans of tuna, chicken, or turkey
- **2nd grade**: 100 cans of vegetables
- **3rd grade**: 100 cans of fruit or jars of applesauce
- **4th grade**: 100 jars of peanut butter
- **5th grade**: 100 jars of pasta sauce

Please let me know if you have any questions or want to help out!

Warmly,
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