Child Abuse Awareness

April is Child Abuse Awareness month and a good time to revisit how we can keep our children safe from abuse. The Committee for Children, a Seattle-based company that created programs in use at Thurgood Marshall such as Second Step and Steps to Respect, has created the Hot Chocolate Talk campaign to help raise awareness. To learn more, click on https://youtu.be/5_UvvFkOiIA.

Committee for Children reminds us that research says that 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 20 boys report experiencing sexual abuse before the age of 18. Research also shows us that children have difficulty reporting abuse for many reasons. There is often a culture of shame and secrecy around abuse, particularly sexual abuse. Being proactive in our conversations with children can help them understand how and when to report, as well as arming them with information that might help keep them from being vulnerable to abuse. Continued on page 2.

Black Family Advocacy Support Group meets Wed., Apr. 24, 6:00 p.m., TM Library

The Black Family Advocacy Support Group invites families with children of Black/African/African American descent and allies to join us for our next meeting on Wed. April 24 from 6:00 p.m. in the TM Library.

As always, we want to welcome families to the growth of this support network and continue discussion and planning around focus areas for the remainder of the academic year.

We hope you can join us and bring a friend! Children are welcome to attend. Please feel free to bring a dish or dessert to share.

Please contact Angie Jenkins or Trinia Washington at tmbfasgroup@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like additional information. Also, if anyone needs a ride or can give a ride, please let us know.

Get ready for Bingo! Hawaiian Luau style!

Family Bingo Night is 6:30-8:00 p.m., Friday, April 26! We’ll have PRIZES! This free event is open to all TM families, including younger or older siblings. (No drop-offs.)

Who: The whole family – this is not a drop off event.
What: BINGO! Prizes, food and fun.
Food: Pizza provided; bake sale items available from 5th grade Legacy Project
Why: Show off your Hawaiian shirts and grass skirts!
Suggested Donation: Canned Pineapple for Tutu’s Pantry
Volunteers needed! Short shifts! Sign up at http://tinyurl.com/tmbingo19 now!

EVENT CALENDAR

Wed., Apr. 24, 6-8:00 p.m., Black Family Advocacy Support Group, TM Library
Fri., Apr. 26, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Bingo Night, TM Cafeteria

MAY IS BIKE TO SCHOOL MONTH!

Mon.-Fri., May 6-10, STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK, more to come in the Pup Press!

Wed., May 8, 6-8:00 p.m., Spring Equity Action Teams meeting, TM Library

More calendar dates online: http://tmlink.org/newsandevents/calendar/cat_ids~17/ Get 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. 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. Donation bins are in the front hall. More info: http://tmlink.org/info/tutus-pantry-food-bank/.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

BINGO NIGHT! Apr. 26, 6:30-8 p.m., volunteers needed for this super popular event: greeting table, food stations, popcorn machine, and setting up and breaking everything down. http://tinyurl.com/tmbingo19

ATTN. 4TH GRADE PARENTS! JOIN THE 5TH GRADE PROMOTION COMMITTEE! 5th Grade Promotion is Tue., Jun. 12, 5:30-7:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet other 4th grade parents, get to know the 5th grade teaching team and do something wonderful for the class leaving Thurgood Marshall. We need volunteers to: work with 5th grade teachers on the planning team, set up the sound system; decorate; take photos; procure treats and drinks; help print and distribute certificates and programs; serve as event hosts. If you would like to help out in any way, large or small, please email volunteering@tmlink.org.

BULLPUP BRIEFS

LOST TRUMPET – PLEASE HELP! One of our students lost his trumpet at school before Spring Break. This was an important family heirloom and the family would very much like to recover the instrument. Please let our office know if you have any information that might help us to recover this. Thank you!
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I urge you to take some time this week to review the resources and information at HotChocolateTalk.org and then make a plan for how to talk to your child about personal safety. If you have questions or need further resources, please reach out to Ms. Matsui, our school counselor (at Thurgood Marshall on Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays). On that note, we welcomed Ms. Matsui back from her maternity leave this week after the birth of her daughter.

McGilvra Elementary, one of our neighboring schools, has invited our community to join them for a parent workshop, Creating Safe and Welcoming Environments for LGBTQ Youth, at McGilvra on Thursday, April 25 from 6-8:00 p.m. The workshop will be presented by Brennon Ham, a member of the Seattle Schools Health Services team. I hope many of you will be able to join the McGilvra Community for this event.

Finally, for our last 12 days in the month of April, we are focusing on friendship! Each of the remaining days of school this month, we are challenging students to engage in one friendly behavior at school. Ask your child what they did to show friendship today and consider making this a goal in your family as well.

Katie

Spring Equity Action Teams meeting, Wed., May 8, 6-8:00 p.m., TM Library

Please mark your calendars, the Spring Equity Action Teams meeting will be on Wednesday, May 8, 6-8:00 p.m. in the TM Library. We hope you will be able to join. As always, all are welcome and kids can come along and play on computers in the library or read.

We were glad so many were able to attend the PTA/Equity Action Team sponsored talk with Kyana Wheeler. Kyana covered the following areas in her talk: Understanding social positions and systems of power, and why we root ourselves in racial equity to create equity for all, unpacking the work of racial equity and how it differs from diversity, access, inclusion and equity, and differentiating types of racism and strategies for racial equity. Please visit http://tmlink.org/files/2019/04/Thurgood-Marshall-PTA-Talk-Kyana-Wheeler.pdf to see the PowerPoint from her presentation.

We look forward to seeing you! Please contact equityactiontm@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to get involved with the Equity Action Teams work.

Support the Thurgood Marshall Annual Giving Fund!

We need your help to meet our PTA budget goal so we can provide:

- Social-emotional growth and development from Ms. Melissa Matsui. Funded 100%
- Dedicated recess aide and classroom tutors
- Special performances at school assemblies
- Grants for classroom supplies and libraries, curricular needs and school-wide projects

There are many easy ways to support Thurgood Marshall—find out more at http://tmlink.org/fundraising/annual-giving-fund.

MORE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK! Sign up now—more info to come! https://tinyurl.com/TMThankyou19.

MIX IT UP! We are ready to Mix-it-Up again and need a volunteers to help coordinate our next lunch. 1-2 lead volunteer/s needed to coordinate a date with Ms. May and Ms. Matsui and coordinate communication about the event/potential activities to teachers, students and parents. Resources for activities and communication are available. Anticipated time commitment 1-2 hours, can be done outside of school hours. If interested or have questions, contact volunteering@tmlink.org.

EVENT COORDINATOR AND PUP PRESS EDITOR: New event coordinator (or co-coordinators) and Pup Press Editor needed to take over these vital jobs for the 2019/20 school year. Sign up now and spend a few months learning from our experienced volunteers before their children move on to middle school! If interested in learning more, please contact Chantel at volunteering@tmlink.org.

MORE POSITION POSTINGS FOR 2019/20 ARE COMING SOON! Stay tuned in future issues of Pup Press and the TM Parent Facebook Group for more job descriptions!

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

BULLPUP BRIEFS

UPCOMING WORKSHOPTROUGH SOUND DISCIPLINE
Teaching Parenting the Positive Discipline Way, Seattle – Jul. 8, 9 and 10
- Mon. evening class, Jul. 8, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- Tue. workshop, Jul. 9, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Wed. workshop, Jul 10, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Get location, more information and register here. Registration deadline: July 1.

NEEDED: CANDID PHOTOS FOR THE YEARBOOK
Any people-centered or classroom shots would be great, or anything on the playground or field trips. Please send to jen@jenfu.org.
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Creating Safe and Welcoming Environments for LGBTQ Youth

Please join us for an evening of discussion around ways we can work together to support our LGBTQ youth both at school and at home. Our presenter, Brennon Ham, is a member of the SPS Health Education Services team. Brennon will facilitate discussions to help parents, teachers and community members better understand topics such as gender identity, gender expression and challenges our LGBTQ youth face. Brennon will also help us with strategies and actionable steps we can take to create identity-safe environments and to positively support our LGBTQ youth. All are welcome to attend! 😊

Thursday, April 25, 2019, 6:00-8:00pm
McGilvra Elementary Cafeteria

Please RSVP to mebreuder@seattleschools.org to reserve your space.

We do not have childcare available for this event.