Teacher appreciation

“One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child.” - Carl Jung

Thank you, PTA members and parents, for the beautiful ways you have recognized the hard work of our teachers and school staff in this week of Teacher Appreciation. Our teachers are truly amazing, and like the quote above indicates, they care as much about helping all of our children develop into well-rounded, kind human beings as they do about making sure that all learning targets are met. I am proud to work with this amazing group of people each day.

I once heard someone ask why a big deal is made over Teacher Appreciation Week when teachers are just doing their jobs. This caught me off guard and as I thought about it, it struck me how different the job of an educator is from many other jobs. For a dedicated educator (and all of our staff are educators), their job grows to encompass the needs of the child. People laughingly talk about teaching the three R’s – Reading, Writing and ‘Rithmetic – but educators also teach many other skills to our students. Here are some that come to mind:

- Social Justice
- Social skills – taking turns, sharing, showing empathy
- How to stand up to bullying
- Accepting and respecting diversity
- Speaking out for important causes
- Family Life and Sexual Health (5th grade F.L.A.S.H.)

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What’s happening in PE!

Hello everyone – Coach Townsend here! Mr. Cudney and I are in the midst of the bike unit, which focuses on pedestrian and bike safety. We receive bikes from the district along with adapted bikes from BikeWorks in which we train our PEACe students. It is a high energy, fun and exhausting unit!

The highlight of March/April was our March Madness basketball tournament, in which 75 students participated in a fun 3-on-3 tournament. Each team was guaranteed 2 games, and the winning team (along with a few others) got to play against the faculty team! The faculty/student game was a blast! We had close to 100 people watching (it was loud in our small gym) and Coach Kieran (our recess supervisor) threw down 3 dunks, which brought the house down! Even though the students did not win, this event was so fun and the kids played very hard and showed great sportsmanship, so we may have a rematch in June.

Speaking of June, we are getting almost there. Please be on the lookout from outreach to help out at our Field Day, June 21. Also, email me with any questions! Thanks everyone!

Coach Townsend, tumtownsend@seattleschools.org.

EVENT CALENDAR

Give to the Annual Giving Fund—we need your support!, see flyer and site

Fri., May 10, STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK ends—thank you all for your support and generosity!

TOMORROW, Fri., May 10, Seattle Mariner outing order forms due, see flyer!

Thu., May 16, Instrumental Music Concert and 5th Grade Legacy Project Bake Sale, 7-8:00 p.m., TM Cafeteria, see brief below

Fri., May 17, All day, TM Move-A-Thon!

Mon., May 27, NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day

Sat., Jun. 1, Annual Seattle Mariners outing for TM families

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

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/.

BULLPUP BRIEFS

ANNUAL SEATTLE MARINERS OUTING, SAT., JUN. 1, ORDER FORMS DUE FRI., MAY 10, TOMORROW The annual Thurgood Marshall outing to the Mariners will be Saturday, June 1. Join other TM families to watch the Seattle Mariners take on the Los Angeles Angels! Return the attached order form and a check to your teacher or the office by TOMORROW, Friday, May 10.

ANNUAL 5TH GRADE LEGACY PROJECT BAKE SALE 5th graders will be putting on a bake sale to raise money for the 5th Grade Legacy Project at the May 16 Instrumental Music Concert in the Thurgood Marshall Cafeteria.

GIVE TODAY!

Give to the PTA Annual Giving Fund today. Support vital programs (arts, teacher grants, more) and staffing (Librarian, Counselor, Tutors). Find out what the TM PTA supports!
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- Mentoring and supporting younger students
- Regulation of emotions
- Digital citizenship and on-line safety

Teachers also take care of students in many ways. They dry tears and help provide clean clothes when accidents happen. They wipe noses and encourage good hand-washing. They help secure funding for needed items such as backpacks, coats, shoes and glasses. They help encourage friendships and give students leadership opportunities. They help student discover strengths they didn’t know they had – artistic, musical, athletic and mental toughness. This work can take a heavy toll. Over 40% of teachers leave the profession in the first five years, and 15% of teachers leave the profession each year. The job is big and teachers often leave feeling there is so more work to be done. I appreciate so much our community taking the time to recognize the hard work and efforts of all of our school staff. Showing this recognition keeps our staff feeling encouraged, even on days that are difficult, and keeps them coming back to work hard for our students each day.

Katie

Think Math – TM at the Math Olympiad!

For the last five months, 24 of our TM 5th grade students have been preparing to participate in the Washington State Math Olympiad – a math competition that takes place in middle and high schools across the state. Facilitated by Ms. Kierstead, Ms. Bodden and Ms. Egelhoff, the students (19 girls, 5 boys) divided into teams of four and practiced once per week in school and once per week outside of school with parent coaches. They competed Sat., Apr. 27, at a Lake Stevens middle school with many other students from the greater Seattle Area.

TM has participated in the Math Olympiad for the last 10 years and this year all TM students entered the 6th-grade competition. Teams receive medals, ribbons or certificates depending on how many questions they answer correctly in the time allowed.

This year, for the first time ever, every TM team earned at least one medal (the highest possible award) and one TM team brought home two medals! Working for 3 hours on challenging math can be exhausting; we congratulate all these students for their perseverance and ability to work as a team!

- **Team 608**: Maraky Getu, Mariy Mussie, Tenzin Phentok, Angelina Smith
- **Team 609**: Maya Brewster, Kelly Haberkorn, Adele Shuman, Rhia Wenger
- **Team 610**: Walter Barr, Reece Cole, Cecilia Fontana, Nora Luloff
- **Team 611**: Steven Artilles, Viraj Kannan, Caroline Welte, Jaden Yu
- **Team 612**: Gayatri Armes, Meredith Johnson, Ella Mariano, Noemi Weinsheimer
- **Team 613**: Hadley Carscaddon, Lydia Carscaddon, Molly Hwang, Sophie Pham

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.

MOVE-A-THON: May 17! Each year our students run/skip/walk/gallivant in laps around the playground to fundraise for Self-Help for school field trips and the annual 5th grade camp adventure! Come support them and cheer them on and be part of making this a successful and fun event! Sign up at https://tinyurl.com/tmmove19.

TM EVENT COORDINATOR/S AND PUP PRESS EDITOR NEEDED! 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.
Thurgood Marshall is one of 50 Seattle elementary & middle schools using the RULER social emotional curriculum to help students understand and express their emotions. This important work is led by our school counselor, Ms. Matsui, whose position is 100% funded by the PTA.

Every class visits our library at least once a week to check out books from our top notch collection carefully curated by our full-time librarian, Mr. Zetterberg, whose position is 50% funded by the PTA. Mr. Z also provides curriculum to teach students digital citizenship and research skills, which align with non-fiction writing curriculum. He also provides a Maker Space, building creativity in our students.

Tutu’s Pantry provides food for TM families, but a weekend of food only goes so far. Our School Counselor, Ms. Matsui, whose position is 100% funded by the PTA provides additional support for students in need and helps TM families in crisis access longer-term support services.

Every classroom teacher was given a $300 grant funded by the PTA to purchase materials that benefit the educational classroom experience of your child. Teachers used this grant to purchase items like books for the classroom library and rugs for circle time.

Drama and ballet residencies, art supplies, xylophones, sheet music, playground and PE equipment are all funded by the PTA.

This is only possible through generous donations from families and right now we are $70,000 short of our goal! Please consider donating today – you can do so on Facebook, Paypal, tmlink.org or by check payable to Thurgood Marshall PTA. Help us keep these and other PTA funded programs!
The Seattle Mariners are extending a discount ticket offer to the students, parents, faculty and staff at our school! Enjoy a special outing with your friends and family members!

GAME DATE:
ANGELS VS. MARINERS
SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019 • 4:15PM
View Seats for $15.00 Rate

- Bring out your family and friends and join our school at T-Mobile Park to watch some exciting Major League Baseball action.
- We have a large block of seats reserved for the game, so order your seats now and join us for some fun at the ballpark.

PRICING & DETAILS:
View Seats for $15

For all students and their families. If you would like to sit with another family, please place one order for the entire group. Orders are filled on a first come first serve basis and are based on availability. Please return to your teacher’s office. Order Now! - Deadline to order is May 10th, 2019

Watch for our school’s name on the video board in the 4th inning for our special welcome to T-Mobile Park.

Scholarships available to cover cost of tickets – please let us know if you would like a scholarship.

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Questions? Contact Andrea Radosevich at Andrea_radosevich@yahoo.com or 206-399-9793

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