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Principal Katie May

Update on Equity

Our staff this year has been participating in a professional development series called Equity 101. This course is made up of three classes including: Racial Equity, Culturally Responsive Teaching (CRT) and Ethnic Studies. These classes are taught by a cadre of staff from the district Department of Race and Equity Advancement (DREA). This week, we completed a session on Culturally Responsive Teaching based on the work of Zaretta Hammond.

What does it mean to be a Culturally Responsive Teacher? We learned that this is about:

- Keeping in mind the social-emotional impact of living in a racialized society
- Recognizing student's use of cultural capital and tools
- Responding positively to student's use of these tools
- Facilitating learning by building on cultural tools

Teachers audited their practice by completing a survey to consider how they use these types of techniques in their classroom already. This allows teachers to set goals to increase their use of culturally responsive strategies. We also considered the difference between Multicultural Education, Social Justice Education and Culturally Responsive Pedagogy. All our important, but only CRT focused on the cognitive development of underserved students. Next year we will continue this work with the Equity 102 series. *Continued on Page 2.*

PTA General Meeting, Tue., May 21, 6:30-8:00 p.m., TM Library, with special guest, Michael Zetterberg, TM Librarian!



Your PTA contributions help fund our full-time librarian and a top-notch collection of library books. A full-time librarian allows for every classroom to visit the library once a week where Mr. Z not only introduces new books to our kids, but also teaches digital citizenship, web safety, and research skills which align to the non-fiction writing curriculum. Join us Tuesday evening to meet Mr. Zetterberg and learn about what he has planned for the rest of the year, this summer (Yes, the library is open during summer break!), and next school year! Free childcare with pizza if you RSVP at cpap-ka@seattlemca.org.

Groundbreaking Women's Day is Fri., May 31!

Groundbreaking Women's Day is a day unique to students at Thurgood Marshall, where we recognize and celebrate women who make a positive impact on our lives. This year at the Friday, May 31 assembly (all are welcome!) we will celebrate Sharice Davids, newly elected to serve in the U.S. Congress from the state of Kansas.

Coming home in backpacks this week you'll find a page telling a little bit of information about Sharice Davids, with space for your student to show us in words or pictures what they believe is worth fighting for. **Please return your child's contribution (see flyer) to their teacher by Friday, May 24**, and then join us for the assembly May 31, where you can take a tour of all the things our students fight for, in the hallway leading up to the art room.



EVENT CALENDAR

Donate to the [Annual Giving Fund](#) today!

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

TONIGHT! Thu., May 16, Brown v. Board Turns 65: Seattle's School Segregation Story, 6-8:30 p.m., Garfield High School, 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](mailto:TracyBonaccorso@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 5TH GRADE LEGACY PROJECT BAKE SALE IS TONIGHT, MAY 16!

5th graders will be holding bake sale to raise money for the 5th Grade Legacy Project at the May 16 Instrumental Music Concert in the TM Cafeteria.

BROWN V BOARD TURNS 65: SEATTLE'S SCHOOL SEGREGATION STORY, Thursday.,

May 16, 6-8:30 p.m., at Garfield High School. Discussion will focus on what has and hasn't worked in the past, as well as looking toward actions to take now to reduce segregation.

There will be a panel discussion and breakout sessions, including tracking of HCC students.

Information and registration: <http://bit.ly/2XFIZIP>.

Volunteers needed NOW!

The Move-A-Thon is tomorrow! We need set-up volunteers tomorrow (8:30-9:30 a.m) and post-event volunteers needed next week (only 1 hour in the morning)! Sign up at

<https://tinyurl.com/tmmove19>.

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Our Equity Action Teams also met this past week. This team is made up of parents and teachers and is open to everyone. The idea of the group is to identify areas of improvement within our school and then to work in committees to break down barriers to equity. This year, all the teams had the goal to create opportunities for conversation about race among adults and children. The focus of the teams may change slightly from year to year depending on the needs of the school and the interests of the group. The current subcommittees include:

- Black Families Advocacy and Support Group
- Conversations about Race & Equity
- Fostering Student Community / Supporting Our Scholars
- Gender Equity
- Racial Equity in HCC (which is a district-wide group)

While we have had our last large group meeting for the year, teams are still actively working together. You can learn more or sign up to help by contacting: equityactionTM@gmail.com.

This year, our PTA and Equity Action Teams co-sponsored Kyana Wheeler's March 19 presentation on "Racial Equity in Our Community." We are hoping to work with Ms. Wheeler again next year, as we continue to work to break down barriers to racial equity within our school.

Katie

Our 2019-2020 PTA Budget



The PTA Board approved the 2019-20 budget put forth by the budget committee. Please review the attached budget, see flyer, and email PTA@tmlink.org if you have any questions or comments. This budget will be presented to the General Membership for a vote to approve at the PTA General Meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 6:30 p.m. in the library. All TM families are encouraged to attend.

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!](#)



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SOCIAL STUDIES CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Social Studies is a time for integrating our Scholars, AC Scholars, and PEACE Academy programs. It's a great time of day to volunteer in the classroom and see this integration in action! Some teachers would appreciate help with tasks such as supporting group work, assisting students 1:1 with reading and writing tasks and helping to manage materials. Interested? Reach out to your child's Social Studies teacher or email volunteering@tmlink.org to set up a day to volunteer!

JOIN OUR HIRING COMMITTEE! We're looking for a parent to serve on a hiring committee for next year for an intermediate teacher (grades 3-5). We plan to interview from 4:15-7:15 p.m. on Thursday, May 30. You must have had the district required site-based interview training to participate. If interested, please contact me at kjmay1@seattleschools.org.

MOVE-A-THON: TOMORROW! 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.

Get involved.



Contact volunteering@tmlink.org for a current list of available positions next year @TM!