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Know What to Do during an Earthquake

During last Thursday's "Great Washington ShakeOut" drill, our students learned to get down before an earthquake puts them there! They practiced dropping to the ground, covering their heads and necks, and crouching to protect their organs. They also heard that it is important to be very quiet so that everyone can hear and follow the directions that, in the event of a real emergency, would be critical to staying safe.

The "ShakeOut" was our first earthquake drill of the year. We also were planning to practice TM's emergency response plan, but the rain prevented us from keeping students outside for a prolonged period. We'll use that plan during our next dry-weather drill.

Does TM Have Your Emergency Form?

If you have not yet submitted your emergency forms, it is not too late! We use them for every drill as well as in the event of a real emergency. Lost yours, or not sure? Extras are available in the main office.



Please keep in mind that the front doors will be locked during all drills and emergencies. Thurgood Marshall must ensure that parents pick up children from the correct location so staff can keep track of each child's whereabouts. We also lock doors because we need to prevent unaccounted people from being in the building. It's natural for parents to flock to school to pick up children during an emergency. During the 2001 quake, my eldest son was in kindergarten at John Muir Elementary. Parental instincts kicked in, and my husband and I rushed there to pick up our "baby." Schools that are well prepared for

emergencies have a solid plan for post-disaster release of children.

Remember that most of our state is prone to earthquakes. This year's "ShakeOut" is over (some 1.2 million Washingtonians participated!), but your family can take a moment anytime to practice being safer during big earthquakes: "Drop, Cover and Hold On." ShakeOut's website – <https://www.shakeout.org/washington> – has advice for creating or updating emergency preparedness plans and supplies, and securing your home or other space in order to prevent damage and injuries.

Sweeten Lives of Other Kids through 'Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF'

Thurgood Marshall is offering participation in the 67th year of "Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF." The box handed out to your child recently is for collecting donations on (or before) Halloween for this life-saving United Nations agency. (Kids don't have to go door-to-door to seek donations.) In part, the funds will aid UNICEF's relief work

for young victims of hurricanes and earthquakes. After Halloween, students should bring boxes to TM so we can calculate a schoolwide total. Or take the cash to a Coinstar machine and select the UNICEF option ... or use a money order or check, and send the donation straight to UNICEF. Details at www.unicefusa.org/trick-or-treat.

EVENT CALENDAR

TOMORROW, Fri., Oct. 27: PTA "Reflections" arts contest deadline. See Page 2.

Sat., Oct. 28: Final Open Meeting with School Board Member Stephan Blanford, 10-noon, NEW LOCATION: Starbucks, 23rd Ave E & E Jackson St.

Tues., Oct. 31: Book-o-ween! Dress like your favorite book character. (No weapons permitted.) 

Fri., Nov. 3: Spiritwear Order Deadline. See below.

Tues., Nov. 7: Class photos & retakes. Individual pictures will be taken on request if your child missed Photo Day in September or disliked the original shot.

Thurs., Nov. 9: Fitness Night, 6-8 p.m., Gym. Features jump rope and other activities for kids & adults. More details to come.

Fri., Nov. 10: Veterans Day – No school.

→ Full year of events online at www.tmlink.org!

TUTU'S PANTRY

Week of Oct. 30: Grade 1 families, please donate!

Be a Stylin' Bullpup! Order Hoodies & T-Shirts Online



Thurgood Marshall t-shirts and hoodies are available for order through Friday, Nov. 3, and now you can use your credit card online, at www.tmlink.org/t-shirts! Children and adult tees are \$10, and hooded sweatshirts (at left) are \$20. (A reduced price of \$7 for a student shirt is

available for families who need it; please submit the paper order form that was sent home with Pup Press earlier this month, and is also available at the office or www.tmlink.org.)

Deliveries to classrooms in early December. → Free clothing offered. See Page 2.

BOOK-O-WEEN IS TUESDAY!
DRESS AS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK CHARACTER.
REMEMBER, NO WEAPONS.

Wanted: Bullpup Dads, Book Fair Help, More

Volunteer Coordinator Ann McNally hopes you will sign up to help our students at <http://bit.ly/TMvolunteers>. Opportunities for:

- **Bullpup Dads** (or uncles, aunts, moms, etc.) – Pitch in at school for a half or full day. Feel exhausted, rewarded and happy. Help kids with reading and math; open lunchboxes and juice pouches; referee recess games ... and more.
- **Book Fair, Nov. 27-Dec. 1** – Librarian Merilee Hudson hopes you will join her for some fun helping students “shop” for books and find gifts for their families. Meet other parents and see your child in action with classmates!
- **Health Screening Day, Nov. 15** – Many helpers needed; training provided! Email volunteering@tmlink.org.



Mr. T's Fit Bits
Tom Townsend

Jumping Rope for a Cause

We kicked off our Jump for Heart campaign with jumping rope this week and a fundraiser for American Heart Association. This is a voluntary campaign for students, in which they can win fun prizes. The fundraiser is a small part of the Jump Rope Unit, which includes contests.

The Jump for Heart campaign will end at our Fitness Night (6-8 p.m., Nov. 9; details to come), when parents can jump rope with their kids. We'll have a variety of activities to get all of us moving.

→ **Want to volunteer in PE?** Come to your son or daughter's class (or any classes) and see what we are doing! Thanks!

Resource Room Has a New Teacher



Marnie Price has joined Thurgood Marshall as the Resource Room teacher, replacing Jennifer Ward, who is leading the new kindergarten classroom in Room 101. Ms. Price has been a Resource Room teacher and reading interventionist in the District for four years. She says, “I value the importance of a great educational experience and believe every child should be valued and treated with respect.”

Ms. Price and her husband lived in Chicago before moving to Seattle. The family includes a 1-year-old son (Lincoln) and a mini labradoodle (Pierre). “We enjoy hiking, spending time together as a family, and baking,” Ms. Price says. “I look forward to getting to know all of you this school year!”

For Reception Area

Main Office Needs Nicer Chairs

The TM office could use some sprucing up! Do you have gently used reception-area chairs to donate? (Throne concept not a priority.) Please contact Ms. Patu at hjpatu@seattleschools.org or 206-252-2800. Thanks!

Free New Clothing for Students in Need

The Assistance League of Seattle's Operation School Bell offers free NEW clothing and other items to any Thurgood Marshall student in need. FREE, no strings attached!

A request form is available in English or Spanish, through Counselor Meghan Kaloper, or at <http://tmlink.org/2017/10/25/clothing>. The paper form must be returned to Ms. Kaloper, who will receive the items to deliver to the students. The clothes will be the right size and favorite colors, etc.! Items such as a backpack, hygiene kit and shoe-purchase card can also be requested. Questions? Contact Ms. Kaloper at (206) 252-2808 or mrkaloper@seattleschools.org.

Shopping at Amazon.com? Use the link on tmlink.org & benefit TM!

Bullpup Briefs

PTA Arts Contest Deadline: Tomorrow!



If you are reading this on Thursday (Oct. 26), it's not too late to enter the Thurgood Marshall round of this year's national PTA “Reflections” arts contest. Tomorrow (Friday) is the deadline. Students may

enter original work in any of six categories: visual art (2D or 3D), photography, literature, music composition, film/video production and dance choreography! An optional “special artist” category is available to students who qualify under ADA regulations. TM's entries are placed in age divisions: Grades Pre-K-2 or Grades 3-5.

Entries should reflect the 2017-18 theme, “Within Reach.” See <http://bit.ly/TMreflections17-18>. Questions?: reflections@tmlink.org.

Meet District Special Education Staff on Wed.

The District's Special Education Department has set Nov. 1 for its first 2017-18 regional meeting of staff, families and the community. It will be 6-7:30 p.m. at Garfield High School, 400 23rd Ave. Information will be provided about changes in special education, both in the department and in schools. Additional regional meetings include Nov. 8 (Chief Sealth High School) and Jan. 16 (South Shore K-8).

→ **The Seattle Special Education PTSA** will hold its next meeting 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 14, at District headquarters (the John Stanford Center). Search for its name on Facebook to request to follow the group and get further information.

Take Online Survey to Help Pin Down Crime

Citizens are being asked to take the Seattle Public Safety Survey to help create estimates of real crime data (as opposed to crime statistics that Seattle Police Department provides). Understanding crime victimization helps the SPD determine which crimes are underreported and need additional attention. The survey also touches upon perceptions of public safety and police in Seattle. Results will be presented in early 2018. The survey takes about 20 minutes, and is available in many languages, through Nov. 30: <http://publicsafetysurvey.org>.

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