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Seeing Classroom Technology's Impacts

Technology use has really taken off at Thurgood Marshall! Last Thursday, I toured our school with John Krull, Director of DOTS (as the District Department of Technology Services is known). The use of technology to enhance learning was evident in most classrooms.

Kindergarten students started using iRead, a computerized reading program, in January. iRead adapts to each student's level, so they may be working on basic letter sounds, blending sounds together, recognizing site words, or comprehension of short passages. This program is also used by 1st- and 2nd-graders who need extra reading support.



Two of our 1st-grade classes, Rooms 110 and 111, each have a cart of iPads, thanks to a technology grant. These classes have been using the app "See-Saw" to record themselves reading their own writing. Students use a QR code to log into the app and are easily able to record themselves.

Parents also can view their child's videos and leave comments. On Thursday, Ms. von Beck's class was using iPads for research with their 5th-grade Reading Buddies from Mr. Paul's class.

The 3rd- and 4th-grade classes of Ms. Jensen, Ms. Serpe, Ms. Duarte and Mr. Zetterberg are benefiting from a Blended Learning Grant. Helped by a summertime week of training and ongoing support, these teachers designed a project to implement laptop use in their classes. Each classroom added a cart with 15 laptops, which are used for Internet research for writing projects, development of keyboarding skills, math curriculum and more .

Ms. Duarte shared with staff how she uses the online components of EnVision Math to enable students to work on problem sets, take quizzes or tests, and track their progress. Other teachers are now doing the same, and students report feeling more engaged and excited about math with the online component.

Ms. Howard-Powell, Ms. Serpe, Ms. Gese, Ms. Garzon and Ms. Egelhoff's classes have been regularly taking Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments online. These help us evaluate whether students are mastering the grade-level standards they need to prepare for year-end standardized tests. After each interim test, teachers can provide targeted intervention and students can retake the tests.

Fifth-graders have been using laptops to add graphics and special layouts to their writing assignments. Students log in to access Office365's writing and other tools at school or at home, and easily share their documents with teachers for feedback. Mr. Miller's class has created Excel spreadsheets that calculate interest, including compound interest on a savings account (up to 1,000 years in the future!).

The improved access to technology this year has opened up many options. Ask your student!



Checked out Spring Enrichment Classes?

If the classes are of interest to Black Panther's entourage, they must be worth considering. The catalog was distributed to classrooms today (Thursday) and is online at tmlink.org. Registration starts 7 a.m. Friday.

EVENT CALENDAR

TODAY (Thurs., March 8): International Women's Day. Mention it to your student!

TOMORROW (March 9): Spring Enrichment Registration Starts, 7 a.m. at www.tmlink.org/enrichment. Catalog online & also sent home. Deadline: March 18.

Tues., March 13: "Angst" movie & discussion (for parents), 6:30-8:30 p.m., Meany Middle School, 301 21st Ave. E. Free. Snacks for sale. **See Page 2.**

Wed., March 14: Math Night, 6-8 p.m., Cafeteria. Games, books on math, and **PIE** (pizza and sweet). Potluck – bring a pie to share! Free. See flier.

Sun., March 18: Enrichment registration deadline.

Mon.-Fri., March 19-23: Final week for most Winter Enrichment classes.

Tues., March 20: "Our Schools' Future," an open discussion featuring State Sen. Jamie Pedersen, activist Casey Trupin & other special guests. Part of the PTA General Meeting. 6:30-8:30 p.m., Library. Child care - must RSVP to cpapka@seattlemca.org.

→ Online calendar at www.tmlink.org!

TUTU'S PANTRY

Bring non-perishable items in cans and boxes.

Especially needed: *canned fruit and vegetables; peanut butter and jelly; and pasta sauce*

March 12-15: Grade 4 asked to donate!

March Match-ness is Here!

Help PTA Raise Needed Funds

The PTA is launching its annual "March Match-ness" campaign today. Annual Giving Fund Chair Jennifer Lan is excited to announce that if we can raise \$25,000 in donations this month, a set of donors will match that amount!

We need everyone to get in the game! The PTA is still \$75,000 from meeting the total we need to maintain programs at TM.

Full details on what the PTA supports – and why the time to give is NOW – are in the flier attached to today's Pup Press. Go online to www.tmlink.org and donate today!

See 'Angst,' say Parents Who Saw Documentary

TM parents at the first free screening of "Angst" found the hour-long documentary insightful, and are recommending it.

"I realized that an anxiety disorder could be the reason why my son insists on missing a sports-team practice rather than showing up late," said one parent. "I'm going to talk to a counselor about it."

The next (and last) showing co-sponsored by the TM PTA is at Meany Middle School on March 13. The movie is at 6:30; you can stay for the moderated discussion that will start at about 7:30. MMS is at 301 21st Ave. E., near Miller Community Center. The screenings are aimed at adults, but are appropriate for ages 10 and older.

More about the movie at www.angstmovie.com.



Six of Raisins is, from left, Walter Barr, Rex Fleishman, Minh-Van Fulton, Reece Cole, team captain Beatrix Berk and Kira Morton.

Global Reading Challenge Team Thwarted by 2 Questions in Regional Round

"Six of Raisins" tied for second place in a regional round of the Seattle Public Library's annual Global Reading Challenge, held at the Central Library March 5. The winner, Bryant Elementary, will face other schools later this month for the All-City Championship. Six of Raisins turned in a very good performance, missing just two questions. The name is their twist on Leigh Bardugo's bestseller "Six of Crows."

Help Library Add 'Black Panther' Books

The Library is seeking donations of "Black Panther" books, to add to five recent purchases. "I could probably use 10 times that number," says Librarian Merilee Hudson. She is seeking copies of young readers book and a new chapter book by Ronald L. Smith, "Black Panther the Young Prince."

Classes Take Note of International Women's Day

International Women's Day (March 8) is a global celebration of the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. It's also a call to action for accelerating gender equality. TM students will be reading about exceptional women and their accomplishments, among other activities.

Bullpup Briefs

Pie & Pi at TM's Math Night on Wed.

On Wednesday (3.14), treat yourself to free (pizza and sweet) pie and math games for the whole family. We'll have estimation stations, games, books on math ... and it will be fun even if you are not a lover of numbers! The event will run 6-8 p.m. (adjusted time!) in the Cafeteria. **This is also an optional potluck:** if you can, bring pie or beverages to share. Volunteers are needed! Sign up at www.tmlink.org/volunteering.

Smarter Balanced Tests Begin Next Week

The spring testing window is now open. Grade 3-5 students will begin taking the Smarter Balanced Assessment next week. The tests help teachers see the skills our students have mastered, and gauge how our school is doing overall. Please help your child do their best by making sure they get a good night's sleep and breakfast to keep them going all day. The schedule for SBA is below. On some dates, other tests will be taken by certain classrooms, as specified. MAP tests require two dates. All info is subject to change; ask teachers if you have any questions!

March 12-16 – Ms. Kierstead, Mr. Zetterberg

March 19-22 – Mr. Miller, Ms. Sorenson

March 27-30 – Mr. Paul, Ms. Damitio

April 17-20 – Ms. Duarte, Ms. Jensen

April 23-27 – Ms. Halperin; 5th-grade classes will take the Science test (Miller, Paul, Damitio, Kierstead, Egelhoff and Garzon)

April 30-May 4 – Ms. Huss, Ms. Howard-Powell (Grade 3 ONLY)

May 7-11 – Ms. Serpe. Also, Ms. Carney and Ms. Huss' 2nd-graders take the MAP

May 14-18 – Ms. Gese. Also, Ms. Glass and Ms. Howard-Powell's 2nd-graders take the MAP

May 21-25 – Ms. Egelhoff. Also, 1st-graders (Mr. Long, Ms. von Beck and Ms. Greisen) take the MAP

May 29-June 1 – Ms. Garzon. Also, other students (Ms. Greisen, Ms. Tu and Ms. Haile) take the MAP

June 4-June 7 – Ms. Haile and Ms. Alotrico's classes take the MAP; make-ups will be scheduled for this week

Wed. Garden Class Seeks Volunteers

The Gardening Enrichment class is seeking volunteers to assist the teacher during the spring, beginning March 28 (2:15-3:45 every Wednesday). No experience necessary! Come hang out in the garden with great kids. Check out the Enrichment catalog for details or contact Nicole Olszewski at 23nicoleo@gmail.com.

Apply to be on Assignment Plan Task Force

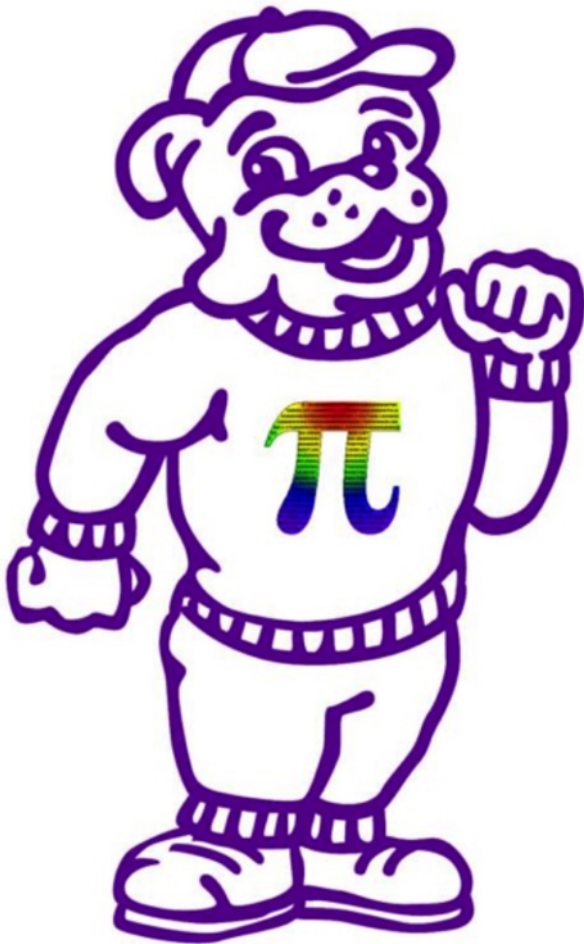
Apply by March 19 to join a new task force developing recommendations for the improvement of the Student Assignment Plan. This plan should provide equitable access to programs and services, and transparency in the enrollment and school choice process for all. Meetings are anticipated to begin in March and will be at least once per month. Full information at <http://bit.ly/SAPtaskforce>.

Seattle Public Schools, SPS, provides Equal Educational Opportunities and Equal Employment Opportunities and does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex; race; creed; color; religion; ancestry; national origin; age; economic status; sexual orientation, including gender expression or identity; pregnancy; marital status; physical appearance; the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability; honorably discharged veteran or military status; or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal. SPS also provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

Calculated to be *FUN* whether or not you love numbers!

Math Night

6-8 p.m. • Wed., March 14 (3.14)
in the TM Cafeteria



FREE fun for your family

- **Enjoy games** and other activities with math and related themes.
- **Potluck** (optional): 'Pi' is the theme, so bring pizza and other pies! Beverages also needed; water available.
- • • All ages welcome! • • •

This night really is for *all* ages! Parents & guardians, play with your kids. Kids, give them a chance to win! People who think math isn't fun, this night is for you, too!

It's March Match-ness

Time to get in the game for Thurgood Marshall!

It's game time for our spring fundraising drive. We still need to raise \$75,000 to reach the \$170,000 in 2017-18 donations needed to maintain PTA-supported programs.

Help us beat the buzzer by teaming up with donors who have created our March Match-ness Challenge Match!

The play: If we can raise \$25,000 in March, a group of Thurgood Marshall All-Stars have agreed to contribute another \$25,000, getting us that much closer to our goal.

Everyone at Thurgood Marshall can help us earn the match:

- Benchwarmers ... get in the game and make your gift!
- Already gave? Go for the rebound and give again!

DONATE online or by check! See below!

How does our PTA support Thurgood Marshall?

Your donations pay for:

- 100% of the salary for Ms. Meghan Kaloper, school Counselor
- 50% of the salary for our full-time Librarian, Ms. Merilee Hudson
- Drama/dance activities led by Seattle Children's Theatre Artists-in-Residence
- Grants available to teachers and staff for classroom and school-wide needs
- Literacy tutors who are helping ensure that all students read at grade level or above
- Special performances at assemblies and after-school community-building events

Don't let the clock run out. **The PTA spends more than \$300 per student annually. With your help, we can meet our goal and ensure PTA-funded programs continue to support teachers and students daily.**

Questions about the Annual Giving Fund? Contact me at giving@tmlink.org.

Thanks for your support!

Jennifer Lan

3rd-grade parent and PTA Annual Giving Fund Chair



DONATE NOW! HELP US DOUBLE YOUR DOLLARS

- Go online right now with your credit card at www.tmlink.org
- Mail (or bring in) a check to Thurgood Marshall PTA Annual Giving Fund, 2401 S. Irving St., Seattle 98144
- Transfer shares of stock to the PTA. Contact giving@tmlink.org for further information