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Thurgood Marshall Middle School's Official Newsletter

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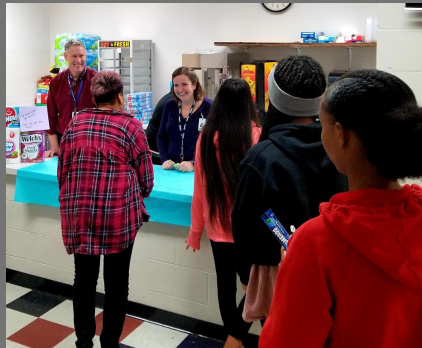
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Students redeem MAP growth tickets for treats at the Winter Bash.

Marshall Vision & Focus Meetings

To welcome students back from the break and to make sure students were ready and focused for the second half of the year, Mr. Gilkes held a vision and focus meeting with each grade level. At the meetings, Mr. Gilkes shared with students how middle school was a pivotal moment in his life that helped him to begin to focus on college and potential careers.

Mr. Gilkes elaborated on Marshall's vision of unlocking potential, and he gave students the opportunity to write down their personal career interests and ideas on how our school can better support them. We will be using what students shared to continue to support students in unlocking their potential!



Mr. Gilkes takes time to review the school's vision & focus for 2020 and has students write down their own vision and future career interests.



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IBL Kick-off & Support

We have officially kicked off the Inquiry Based Learning (IBL) project. Students are choosing a Cambridge Global Perspective topic and developing a question where through research and critical thinking, they develop a proposed solution for the topic they choose. Students begin this process with Ms. Long in the library by selecting a topic, by learning database research skills, and by learning how to generate a works cited page. Students continue this process in their Literacy classes by learning how to turn their topic into an argumentative essay. While students will have some opportunities to work on this during school, they are expected to use time away from school to complete some of the assignments and tasks.

For those who need computer and Internet access, or additional help with the IBL project, Ms. Long will be opening the library on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 am and Wednesday afternoons until 5:15 pm. Students must sign up to attend these sessions. Students attending in the morning may enter through the cafeteria door. Students attending in the afternoon must be picked up by 5:15 pm. **Signup online to attend before or after school by clicking the following link.** <http://bit.ly/IBLhelp>

Garden Club

The Marshall Garden club is building a Legacy Patio. We are trying to get every student and staff member to bring in an 8x8 inch or 8x9 inch aluminum pan to create a step stone. Please put your name on it and deliver it to room 119. Marshall Garden club is also collecting clean, clear 2 liter bottles to build a greenhouse. We've collected about 200 so far. Help us reach our goal of 3,500 bottles

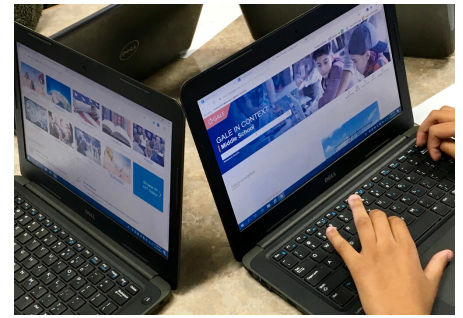


IMPORTANT DATES & INFO

- **Wrestling**- Our next home Wrestling match will be Weds. Jan 29th against Bellevue. Tickets are \$2
- **Basketball**- Our next basketball games will be Tuesday Jan 21st @ Wright, and Thursday Jan 23rd @ Croft. Tickets are \$3
- **MLK Day**- There will be no school January 20th to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Teacher of the Year

We would like to congratulate and recognize Mr. Denzel Brown our 2019-2020 teacher of the year! Mr. Brown currently serves as a 5th grade Literacy teacher and 5th grade team leader. He has been a part of the Marshall staff since 2016. Mr. Brown is quick to support and mentor students even those who are not in his grade level. You will often see him at student games cheering on our athletes, and he always greets students and staff with his infectious positive outlook and smile! Congratulations to Mr. Brown!



Students learn how to research their IBL topic on the GALE database



Students enjoy food trucks at Winter Bash



Our Marshall Girls' Basketball team in action against Antioch Middle



Mr. Brown, our 2019-2020 teacher of the year, assisting students in his class