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## Thurgood Marshall Middle School's Official Newsletter

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**Passage Vocabulary: "Jazz: The Recipe"**  
 Use your knowledge of the words. Define the words. Draw a picture to help you remember the definition.

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**Jazz: The Recipe**

1. Jazz began with a "recipe" that had many different ingredients. Different groups of people, including African and European, were part of the recipe. Different kinds of music, including the blues and ragtime, were also part of the recipe. All of these ingredients combined to make American jazz music. Jazz "recipes" were never fixed. They changed as they were passed on to other musicians. They were like recipes that were passed on to other people. They were like recipes that were passed on to other people.

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Language! Live is used to help support ELA growth during PLT classes

## What is PLT?

PLT stands for Personalized Learning Time. At Marshall, we also refer to PLT as Mariner Time. This is the time where students receive differentiated instruction based on their instructional needs. We use MAP, IEP's, TN-Ready, Class performance, and WIDA Data to determine students' placement in PLT classes. There are PLT classes for all instructional levels. We have PLT classes where students, who are English Language (EL) learners or who qualify for Exceptional Education, receive their services and support. These students receive Live PLT instruction from their EE or EL teachers 5 days a week during their PLT class time. EL teachers use a program called Achieve 3000 to supplement their live instruction and to prepare students for the upcoming WIDA assessments. EE teachers use the programs Language! Live for Literacy and i-Ready for Math to supplement their live instruction and prepare students for TN-Ready. It is vital that these students attend every day, so they can accelerate their learning and growth and catch up to grade level standards.

Students who do not qualify for Exceptional Ed, but who are below grade level standards in Math and Literacy, participate in what is called Tier 2 and Tier 3 instruction. Students in Tier 2 & 3 PLT classes receive live instruction on Tuesdays and Thursdays using the programs Language! Live or i-Ready. They receive asynchronous work on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays on Language! Live or i-Ready.

We have other PLT classes where students, who are at or above grade level, receive enrichment such as SEL development using the 7 Habits, TN Ready Test Prep using Study Island, ENCORE, Southern Word, or Spanish 1. These students have a combination of Live instruction on Tuesdays and Thursdays and asynchronous Study Island work on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Parents if you get a call about your child not attending PLT, please help you child get to this vital class. It is set up to meet their unique needs and unlock their potential!



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# Attendance

Parents please continue to remind your child to log in and out of Schoology everyday and attend all live sessions on Monday through Friday. Our average daily attendance has increased from 89 to 90.2%, but our goal is 95% or higher. Please remind your child to please log into Schoology on Tuesdays and Thursdays and to attend each classes designated office hours to turn in work and get support. These days do count. If your child is having trouble logging in, please call the school or email the teachers or the grade level attendance secretary for assistance (christian.henry@mnps.org (5th/6th grade) and anahi.reyes@mnps.org (7th/8th grade)). **Thank you parents and students for helping us increase our Tuesday and Thursday attendance! Keep up the good work!**

## 7 Habits of Highly Effective People

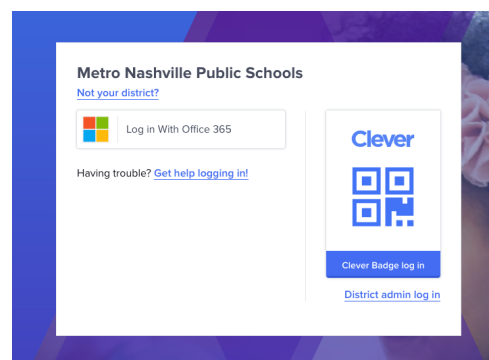
We have 5 months left to this school year. Each month we will focus on one of the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People discussed in the book by Stephen Covey. These habits have also been highlighted in books for families and teens. These are habits that will help us to focus our attention on our goals and ways we can maximize our ability to reach these goals, keep ourselves refreshed, and have healthy relationships with those around us. We believe reviewing and practicing these habits will help us all unlock our potential! **For January, we will highlight Habit #3- Put First Things First.** On Tuesdays in Tier 1 PLT classes, students will explore how they can apply the 7 Habits to their own lives.

## IMPORTANT DATES & INFO

- **Daily Attendance-** To meet daily attendance requirements and avoid truancy letters and notifications, your child must login and logout of Schoology and attend scheduled live sessions every school day. If there is an issue with logging in, please notify your grade level secretary and teachers for assistance.
- **Technology Requests-** If your child needs a computer assistance or hotspot, please go to Glen Cliff High School (160 Antioch Pike). They will assign computers for those who have not received a MNPS computer yet. If you currently have a MNPS computer and are having issues, you can contact the Help Desk at 615-269-5956 or you can take the computer to Glen Cliff High School. To request school help with technology related issues (ex. logging in, Schoology, etc.) please contact your child's homeroom teacher.
- **To Request or Swap Out for New Laptop-** Click [LINK](#)
- **WIDA testing-** Will begin in-person at Marshall starting Tuesday February 16th. More information to come from your child's EL teacher and the school.

## Schoology Support

- **Watch Parent Schoology Training on 9/15/20** Learn how parents log into Schoology and check your child's grades and other data
- [WWW.bit.ly/TMMSVL101](http://WWW.bit.ly/TMMSVL101)
- **How students upload assignments in Schoology**  
<https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/6aeccc9f-7b71-4045-afca-661b94e8bef8>
- **How to log into Schoology**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CsjERHNSzow&feature=youtu.be>
- **How to get Schoology alerts for absences, late work, grades, etc.**
- <https://support.schoology.com/hc/en-us/articles/201000903-Parent-Email-Digest-and-Overdue-Notifications-Email>



Students use Clever to login to Schoology  
<http://www.clever.com/in/mnps>

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens ~ Sean Covey Mission Statement

1. **BE PROACTIVE** – Take responsibility for your life.
2. **BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND** – Define your mission and goals in life.
3. **PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST** – Prioritize, and do the most important things first.
4. **THINK WIN-WIN** – Have an everyone-can-win attitude.
5. **SEE FIRST TO UNDERSTAND, THEN TO BE UNDERSTOOD** – Listen to people sincerely.
6. **SYNERGIZE** – Work together to achieve more.
7. **SHARPEN THE SAW** – Renew yourself regularly.

Tuesdays in Tier 1 PLT classes, students will do activities around the 7 Habits. Make sure you are there. It may be life changing!



Students share their Personal Mission Statements from 7 Habits activity



Student Novels, New Laptops, Agendas, and Marshall T-Shirts are ready for pick-up at the school between the hours of 9am and 4 pm. When you arrive, use the buzzer to let us know you are here to pick up supplies