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MARSHALL MEMOS

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Thurgood Marshall Middle School's Official Newsletter

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Royal Elite Dance Team (REDT) performs at halftime

Author Visit-Andrew Maraniss

Last week, our students had the pleasure of listening to author Andrew Maraniss. Marshall has been reading his book *Strong Inside: The True Story of How Perry Wallace Broke College Basketball's Color Line*.

Maraniss shared with students how Wallace was courageous as a student-athlete in the civil rights era, maintaining a positive demeanor when others around him treated him cruel and others treated him as if he didn't exist. Reading *Strong Inside* as an entire school was the first time Marshall has done something of the sort. We are grateful to Humanities Tennessee for providing this experience for our students, and especially thankful to Andrew Maraniss for coming to share with us.



Students learn about Perry Wallace from the author of the book Strong Inside



IBL Support

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

Career Guest Speakers

To help students explore their career interests, we are looking for guest speakers to meet with small groups of interested students during their lunch periods. If you would be interested or know someone who would be interested, please click on the link below to sign up or contact our school counselors (Mr. King brandon.king@mnps.org or Ms. Sowell amanda.sowell@mnps.org). Please help us recruit speakers that will help our students learn more about their career interests and help them to connect their current learning with their future goals. Link for Career Guest Speaker Sign Up http://bit.ly/careerguestspeaker

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 Thursday Jan. 30th against Oliver @ Home, and Tuesday Feb 4th against LEAD SE @ home Tickets are \$3.

Online Academic Help & Practice

If your child needs academic help or more practice, there are three resources that our school recommends. Our school has student subscriptions for IXL and Study Island. The IXL subscription covers Math and Science while the Study Island subscription covers all subjects. Khan Academy is another free online resource that covers all subjects. To help students meet their projected MAP RIT goals, we encourage students to login to Study Island and click on their NWEA individual pathway. This is aligned to their individual 2nd MAP score in Math and Reading. Our goal is for all students to show growth, and at least 60% or more of our students meet their projected RIT score next month. On days your child does not have homework, please encourage them to login and spend 30 minutes on this.



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



Boys huddle up to celebrate victory



Our girls' team is still undefeated!



Khan Academy, IXL, & Study Island are all great options to help students achieve and gain practice.