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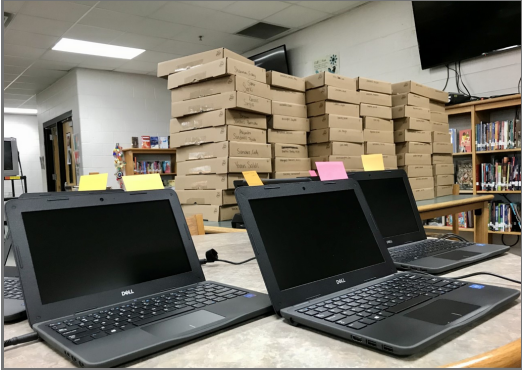
# MARSHALL MEMOS

WE ARE MARSHALL & WE ARE DESTINED FOR GREATNESS!

## Thurgood Marshall Middle School's Official Newsletter

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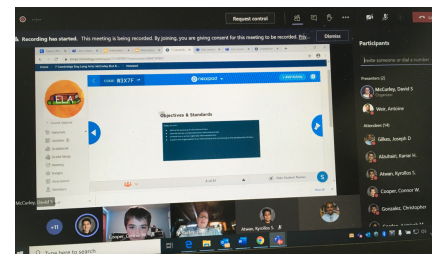
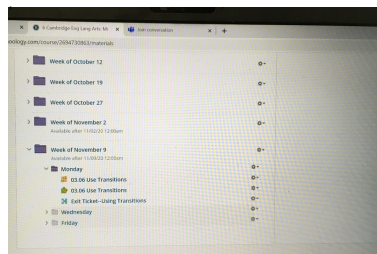
New computers are here! Click on [link](#) to register!

### Help Us Make Virtual Learning Better

Marshall parents we want to thank you for your patience and support this year! We know virtual learning can be challenging as you balance work demands, childcare, health care, finances, technology issues, and other pandemic related stressors.

As a staff, we are constantly looking for ways to better meet the needs of our students and families. Throughout the first semester, our staff has struggled to get all students attending live sessions and submitting assignments. As a result, our average daily attendance has been lower than usual and the percentage of students failing one or more classes has been higher than usual. We know that these are not typical times, and believe there are a variety of reasons that have contributed to this. However, since there is not a clear date when students will return to in-person learning, we are meeting with staff, students, and parents to discuss their struggles with virtual learning and to ask for their suggestions on how we can make it more effective and supportive.

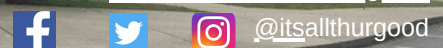
**Please join us for a special parent meeting where you can share your feedback and ideas on Thursday, December 3rd from 6:00-7:00 pm.** We will be hosting the event on Microsoft TEAMS. Please plan to join us by clicking on the [link](#) below or by clicking on the link on the school Weebly site under Parent info. We value your feedback and ideas! [Parent Meeting Link](#)



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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 is 89%, but our goal is 100%. 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 and the attendance secretary for assistance ([anahi.reyes@mnps.org](mailto:anahi.reyes@mnps.org)). **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

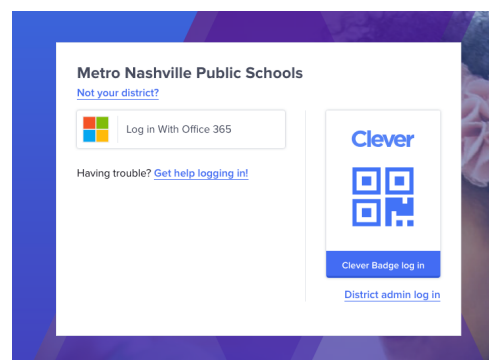
We have roughly 7 months left to this school year. Each month we will focus on one of the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People discussed in the book by Stephen Covey. These habits have also been highlighted in books for families and teens. These are habits that will help us to focus our attention on our 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!

## 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 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 submit a help request <http://bit.ly/TMMSTECHHELP> or contact your child's homeroom teacher.
- **District Decision Change Survey-** *If you would like to change your child's decision for in-person or virtual learning, please remember to **take the survey by December 4th by clicking on [mnps.org/decision-survey](http://mnps.org/decision-survey)***
- **After school programs for Marshall Students-** Click [link](#) and scroll down to Thurgood Marshall to view available programs or go to <https://www.mnps.org/before-and-after-care>
- **Marshall Athletics-** click on the [link](#) to learn how 5th-8th graders can participate in sports while we are in the virtual setting.
- **Winter Break-** Friday December 18th - Wednesday January 6th(Teacher Planning & PD on Jan 4-6th). **Students resume classes on Thursday January 7th**

## 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>

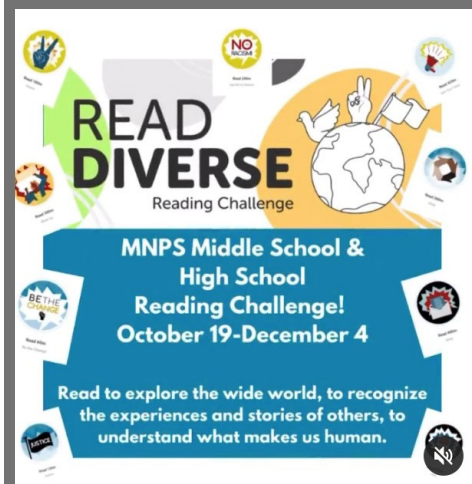


Students use Clever to login to Schoology  
<http://www.clever.com/in/mnps>

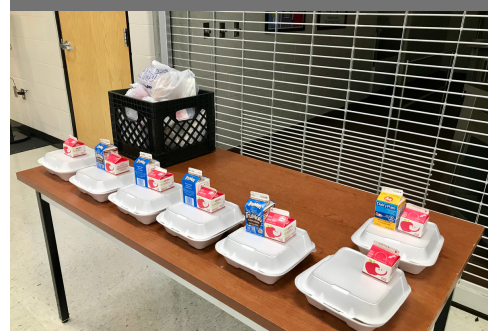
The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens ~ Sean Covey Mission Statement

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.

Ask your child what does it mean to Be Proactive. This was our habit for November!



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A special thank you to our cafeteria staff who has provided lunches for our in-person students and for outdoor pick-up