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Thurgood Marshall Middle School's Official Newsletter

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8th graders recognized at center court & hall

Marshall Spirit on Full Display!

Students and faculty showed their Marshall Spirit by dressing up and participating in various themes during our Coming Home Week. Although the week was cut short due to an unexpected snow day, it ended on a high note with a pep rally and a victory for both our boys' and girls' basketball teams. At the pep rally, students were entertained by the Pep Band, Dance Team, cheerleaders, and by the students and faculty who participated in the Faculty vs Students game.

The Faculty vs. Students game featured many memorable moments. Coached by Mr. Chapman, the student led team had enough energy to run circles around the teachers. However, the teacher's experience, assisted by a few "questionable" calls by referee Mr. King, allowed the teachers to be tied with seconds left. With bragging rights on the line, Blake Dean, the 8th grade basketball captain, took the game in his hands. As the buzzer rang, Blake sank the winning shot, giving the students the victory 56-54!" We want to thank all of our students and faculty for your participation! Also, a special thank you to our parents who helped with decorations!



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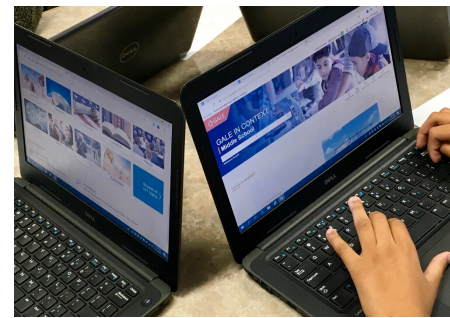
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IBL Support

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>



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

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@mnp.org or Ms. Sowell amanda.sowell@mnp.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>

Students Compete @ Belmont

Marshall students participated in the Special Olympics Basketball competition that was held at Belmont University. They had a great time and won both games defeating Valor and Two Rivers.



Students and Staff Participate in Celebrity Status Wednesday!

IMPORTANT DATES & INFO

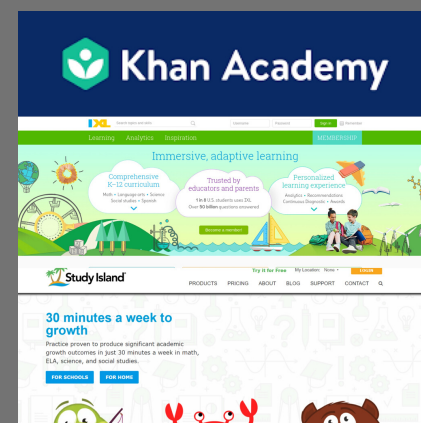
- **No School-** Students will not have school on Monday Feb 17th. This will be a Teacher Professional Development and Planning Day.
- **Basketball-** Basketball Playoffs will begin soon. Stay tuned for dates and locations. Tickets are \$3
- **MAP Testing-** The 3rd round of MAP testing began this week and will continue through next week. Please encourage your child to get rest and continue to work hard on reaching their projected RIT by studying/doing homework, reading, and practicing on IXL and Study Island.



Mr. Gilkes and Mr. Allen are Tiger Twins!

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.



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