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Thurgood Marshall Middle School's Official Newsletter

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February is Full of Changes!

We hope your family is staying safe and warm during this week of cold weather, snow, and ice. As we tough out this week, we can be hopeful that it will be back in the 50's next week and Spring next month!

Just like our February weather is full of changes, many of our students will also be experiencing some significant changes during the next few weeks. Weather permitting, by the end of this month 5th-8th graders, who chose in-person learning, should be returning to school. In addition, virtual and in-person EL students will be taking the WIDA ACCESS tests at the school. Our career arts teachers will also be working with our students to create a virtual Black History Month Program.

As students return, our school has partnered with Meharry Medical College to provide an automated student temperature screening station in the cafeteria and a free COVID testing program. If you would like your child to participate in the free COVID testing program, please return the application that was emailed by the district and that is on our school Weebly site under Parent Info. We are excited about all of these changes, and we look forward to continuing to work together to unlock all of our students potential and to do so in safe manner!



Meharry Medical College has partnered with MNPS to provide a free COVID testing program



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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 continues to climb. We are currently at 90.7%, 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 amal.rasheed@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

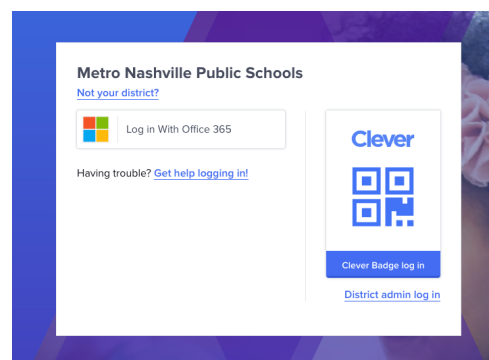
The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People discussed in the book by Stephen Covey are habits that will help us focus our attention on our goals and ways we can maximize our ability to reach these goals, keep ourselves refreshed, and have healthy relationships with those around us. We believe reviewing and practicing these habits will help us all unlock our potential! **In February we are highlighting Habit #4- [Think Win-Win](#)** 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](#)
- **Asynchronous Learning Day-Feb 17th-** For ALL returning 5th-8th in-person students
- **Asynchronous Learning Day-Feb 24th-** For ALL returning 6th-8th in-person students
- **WIDA testing-** Will begin in-person at Marshall starting Tuesday February 16th & 18th. More information to come from your child's EL teacher and the school for make-up dates

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
- **How students upload assignments in Schoology**
<https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/6aecc9f-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!



Career Arts Teachers will be working to produce a virtual Black History Program



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