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Thurgood Marshall Middle School's Official Newsletter

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Weather.gov shows projected snow fall last week

Students Return After Winter Blast

After a round of ice, arctic temperatures, and snow, students are finally back in school! With temperatures climbing back into the 50's, our 5th grade in-person students returned to the building on Tuesday, and our 6th-8th grade in-person students will return this Friday. Because of last week's inclement weather, we shifted our WIDA testing to March 2nd (5th & 8th) and March 4th (6th & 7th), and we moved our virtual Black History Program to March 5th. Please remember that our 6th-8th graders will have a day of asynchronous learning this Thursday, so their teachers can prepare.

If you have additional questions about what it will be like to return in-person, please check on the video below from our Parent Orientation from last Monday.

[In-person Learning Parent Orientation 2/15/21](#)



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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 90.8%, but our goal is 95% or higher. In-person students are expected to attend school Monday through Friday unless they are sick or have another excusable reason for being absent. Please remember to send any sick or excuse notes to your child's homeroom teacher or the grade level attendance secretary (christian.henry@mnps.org (5th/6th grade) and amal.rasheed@mnps.org (7th/8th grade). Also, please reach out to them if your child is having difficulty logging in. We appreciate your support as we continue to increase our average daily attendance!

7 Habits of Highly Effective People

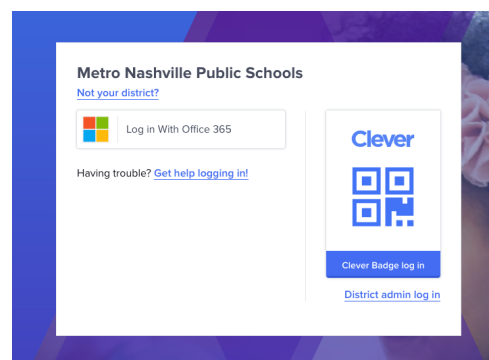
The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People discussed in the book by Stephen Covey are habits that will help us focus our attention on our goals and ways we can maximize our ability to reach these goals, keep ourselves refreshed, and have healthy relationships with those around us. We believe reviewing and 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 25th-** For ALL returning 6th-8th in-person students
- **WIDA testing-** Will begin in-person at Marshall starting March 2nd & 4th. More information to come from your child's EL teacher and the school
- **Student Half Day/Teacher Planning-** Friday 3/12/21
- **Spring Break-** 3/15-3/19/21

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/6aeeccc9f-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>

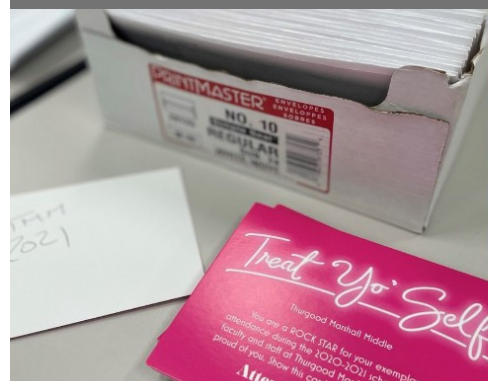
The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens ~ Sean Covey Mission Statement

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 are working to produce a virtual Black History Program



Mr. Dollar and the ACT Team are sending out cards to incentivize attendance. Attend 10 days straight (virtually or in-person), and you may have a card coming your way!