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## Thurgood Marshall Middle School's Official Newsletter

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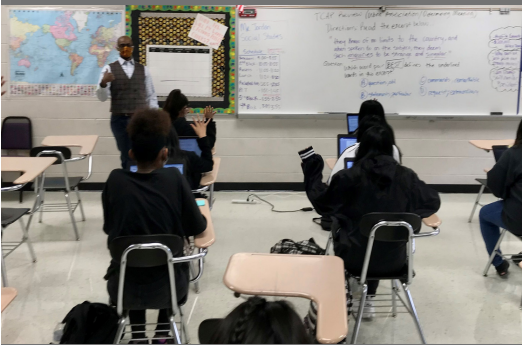
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Mr. Jordan leads discussion on Andrew Jackson

## Staying Safe While Learning Together

As we have adjusted to in-person learning, we wanted to remind parents of some information and resources that will keep us all safer as we learn together.

**Please keep your children home if they have the COVID symptoms listed below** and have them get checked out by a medical professional. If your child tests positive for COVID, please call the main office and report it to Mr. Gilkes. If someone in your family has COVID symptoms, gets tested for COVID, or tests positive for COVID, please keep your child at home and call the school to report it. We will have our nurse contact you and give you directions on what to do next. We will excuse these absences and will make arrangements with your teachers to give your child access to the classes. Finally, if you are interested in the Meharry free COVID testing program, please have your child return the completed [application](#) to his/her homeroom teacher. This random testing program will begin after Spring Break.

**WHEN IS SICK TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?**

**KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME IF...**

- Your child has had contact with someone who is positive for COVID-19
- Your child has been told to stay out of school by Metro Public Health Department

**If you have any ONE of these symptoms:**

- Temperature 100.4°F or above without the use of fever reducing medication
- New Loss of Taste or Smell
- Fatigue
- Chills
- New Cough
- Shortness of Breath or Difficulty Breathing
- Diarrhea
- Rash (covering entire body)

**AND/OR at least two of the following symptoms:**

- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Sore throat
- Conjunctivitis or runny nose
- Headache

**IF YOUR CHILD IS OUT OF SCHOOL DUE TO ILLNESS, PLEASE NOTIFY THE SCHOOL.**

**YOUR CHILD MAY COME TO SCHOOL WHEN...**

- He/she has a release note from Metro Public Health Department
- A provider gives a different diagnosis that explains the COVID-like symptoms



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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 91%, 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

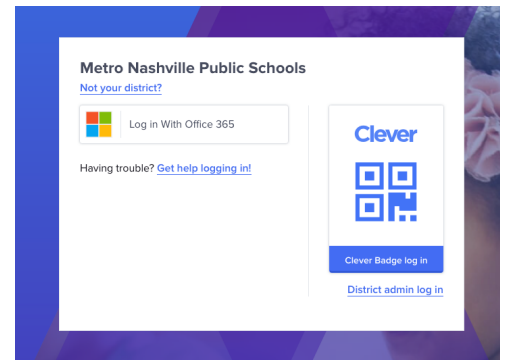
The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People discussed in the book by Stephen Covey are habits that will help us focus our attention on our goals and ways we can maximize our ability to reach these goals, keep ourselves refreshed, and have healthy relationships with those around us. We believe reviewing and practicing these habits will help us all unlock our potential! **In March we are highlighting Habit #5- Seek 1st to Understand, then to be Understood.** 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. In-person students must attend classes daily. If they are sick they must send notification to the grade level secretary and homeroom teacher.
- **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.
- **Black History Program-** Career Arts classes will share their virtual Black History Program this week. It has been delayed to finish it up.
- **WIDA testing-** There will be make-up WIDA testing this week. Check with your child's EL teacher for details.
- **Student Half Day/Teacher Planning-** Friday 3/12/21 @ 12:25 pm & End of 3rd nine weeks
- **Spring Break-** 3/15-3/19/21
- **Meharry Free COVID Testing Begins-** 3/22/21

## 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](http://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>

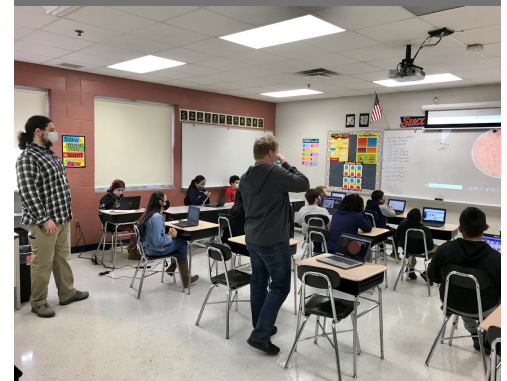
### The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens ~ Sean Covey

Mission Statement

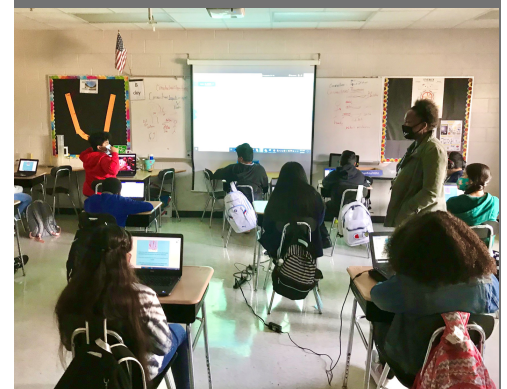
1. **BE PROACTIVE** – Take responsibility for your life.
2. **BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND** – Define your mission and goals in life.
3. **PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST** – Prioritize, and do the most important things first.
4. **THINK WIN-WIN** – Have an everyone-can-win attitude.
5. **SEE FIRST TO UNDERSTAND, 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!



Mr Shadrick & Mr. Casey start their 5th grade class with a fun number talk involving estimation of cheese balls in a bowl



Ms. Battle's 6th grade Science class learns about different forms of heat transfer