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Thurgood Marshall Middle School's Official Newsletter

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Finishing the 4th Quarter Strong!

If you watch professional football or baseball, you know how important it is to finish out the 4th quarter strong. It is the last quarter, and it arguably is the most important quarter. As we move into the 4th quarter of this school year, let's all continue to work together to close out strong!

Below are some important upcoming events this quarter.

- **Monday, March 22nd- Meharry Free Random COVID testing begins.** Students can still turn in permission forms to participate.
- **Friday, March 26th - No School, Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences** from 9 am -12 pm (please contact your child's homeroom teacher for details)
- **Tuesday, March 30th- 3rd Quarter Report Cards Distributed/Mailed Home**
- **Thursday, April 1st- TCAP Online Verification Test** (state required, students will take during math classes, about 30-45 min)
- **Friday April 2nd- Spring Holiday, No School**
- **April 21 to May 14th- TN Ready testing** (more details to come)
- **Monday, May 3 to Friday, May 14th- Final MAP testing** (more details to come)
- **Wednesday, May 19th- Socially Distanced Block Party/Cook out-incentive for students meeting their MAP growth goal & maintaining a B average in Career Arts classes 2nd semester or earning 25 Study Island Blue Ribbons in Social Studies & Science.**
- **Tuesday, May 25th- Last day for students. Half-day.**



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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

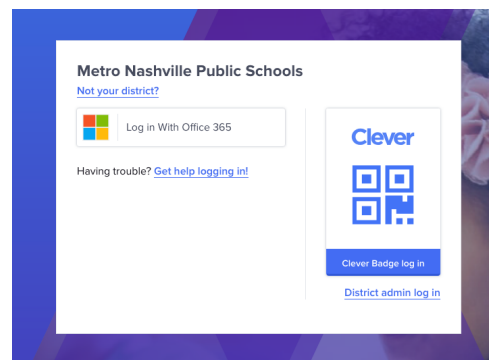
The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People discussed in the book by Stephen Covey are habits that will help us focus our attention on our goals and ways we can maximize our ability to reach these goals, keep ourselves refreshed, and have healthy relationships with those around us. We believe reviewing and 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 worked with Mr. Smith to produce a Black History Month tribute featured on this Week's AM. [Click link to watch.](#)
- **WIDA testing-** This is the last week for make-up WIDA testing. Check with your child's EL teacher for details.
- **Parent Teacher Conferences/Teacher Planning-** 3/26/21, Parent conferences will be from 9 am to 12 pm and Teacher Planning will be from 1 pm to 4 pm.
- **Spring Holiday/No School-** 4/2/21

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/6aeecc9f-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!



Ms Clark set up taco bar to provide our staff a tasty lunch and to recognize our staff's hard work.



Students enjoy brunch together before Spring Break