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Thurgood Marshall Middle School's Official Newsletter

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Ms. Dotson's 8th graders enjoy first day in-person

Together Again!

After almost an entire year out of the building, 5th through 8th graders are back in-person together again. We want to thank our in-person students, parents, and staff for a smooth first week!

We did want to notify parents of a few changes and important information. The YMCA Fun Company will now meet in the 1st and 4th portable at the back of the building. Parents will drop off and pickup students from the portables. In addition, we handed out car line numbers to parents to expedite dismissal. Please post your student's assigned number in your dashboard when pulling into the front parking lot. Also, this week we distributed the Meharry forms to opt in for random COVID testing. This is a free and painless service offered by the Meharry Medical College. If you would like your child to opt in, please sign the forms and have your child return it to the school. Click this [link](#) to download or review the form.

We hope all is well with our in-person and virtual families and hope to all be together in-person in the Fall!



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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 90.9%, 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

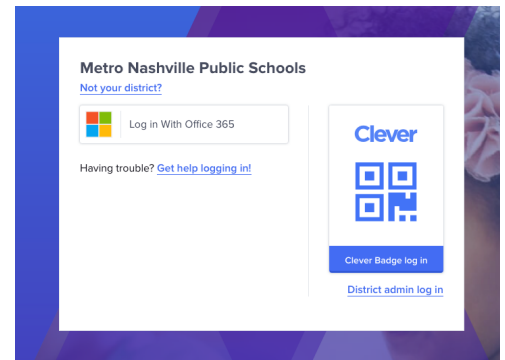
The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People discussed in the book by Stephen Covey are habits that will help us focus our attention on our goals and ways we can maximize our ability to reach these goals, keep ourselves refreshed, and have healthy relationships with those around us. We believe reviewing and 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 Friday during the Career Arts classes.
- **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/6aeccc9f-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>

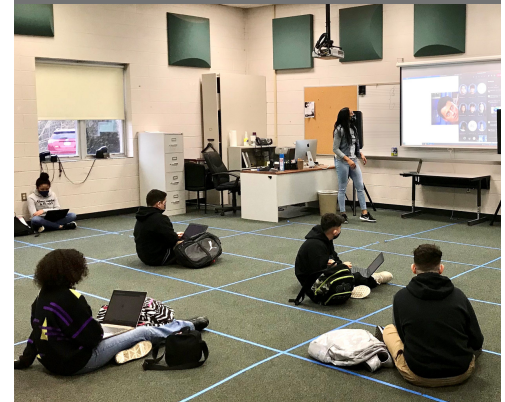
The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens ~ Sean Covey

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. Smith's 7th grade Dance students meet in-person together on Friday



6th graders practice social distancing as they transition between classes