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Thurgood Marshall Middle School's Official Newsletter

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Ms. Binford was the Star staff member of the week

## Marshall Black History Program

On Friday February 28, we had our Black History Program. Marshall students and career arts teachers worked together to celebrate the achievements and impact of African Americans. Students shared artwork, speeches from MLK Jr., poetry from Maya Angelou, original spoken word, and various vocal and instrumental music selections. Some musical selections included "Lift Every Voice and Sing" by James Weldon Johnson, "The Man in the Mirror" by Michael Jackson, "Get Ready" by the Temptations, and the TSU fight song. The dance team closed out the program with an inspiring performance to the song "Stand Up" from the movie Harriet. The program was a great opportunity to celebrate Black History and to appreciate the freedoms and opportunities we all share as a result of the hard work of many who have come before us.



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# IBL Support

For those who need computer and Internet access, or additional help with the IBL project, Ms. Long will be opening the library on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 am and Wednesday afternoons until 5:15 pm. Students must sign up to attend these sessions. Students attending in the morning may enter through the cafeteria door. Students attending in the afternoon must be picked up by 5:15 pm. **Signup online to attend before or after school by clicking the following link.** <http://bit.ly/IBLhelp>

# Career Guest Speakers

To help students explore their career interests, we are looking for guest speakers to meet with small groups of interested students during their lunch periods. If you would be interested or know someone who would be interested, please click on the link below to sign up or contact our school counselors (Mr. King [brandon.king@mnps.org](mailto:brandon.king@mnps.org) or Ms. Sowell [amanda.sowell@mnps.org](mailto:amanda.sowell@mnps.org)). Please help us recruit speakers that will help our students learn more about their career interests and help them to connect their current learning with their future goals.

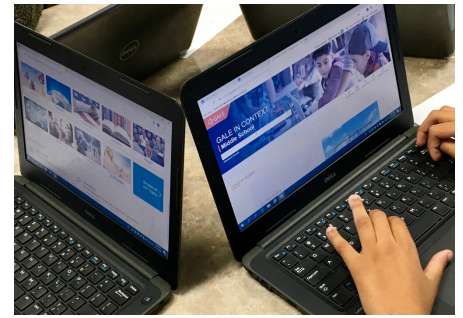
Link for Career Guest Speaker Sign Up <http://bit.ly/careerguestspeaker>

# IMPORTANT DATES & INFO

- **Soccer & Track-** Soccer and Track season has begun. Stay tuned for dates on Soccer games and Track meets.
- **IBL Argumentative Essays-** Students should be getting close to finishing their 1st draft of their IBL argumentative essay. The final drafts are due before Spring Break. If your child needs assistance, please have them reach out to their Literacy teacher and/or have them sign up for IBL tutoring in the library.
- **Half day-** Friday, March 13th will be a half day.

# Online Academic Help & Practice

If your child needs academic help or more practice, there are three resources that our school recommends. Our school has student subscriptions for IXL and Study Island. The IXL subscription covers Math (6th & 7th grade) while the Study Island subscription covers all subjects. Khan Academy is another free online resource that covers all subjects. To help students meet their projected MAP RIT goals and improve their scores on TN Ready, we encourage students to login to Study Island and click on their NWEA individual pathway. This is aligned to their individual 2nd MAP score in Math and Reading. Our goal is for all students to show growth, and at least 60% or more of our students meet their projected RIT score. On days your child does not have homework, please encourage them to login and spend 30 minutes on this.



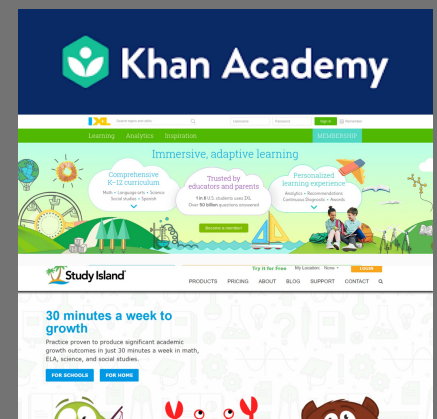
Students learn how to research their IBL topic on the GALE database



Blake Dean was the recipient of the 2020 Middle School Edu'lete Award



Ms. Isom was nominated by students as the Teacher of the week



Khan Academy, IXL, & Study Island are all great options to help students achieve and gain practice.