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Thurgood Marshall Middle School's Official Newsletter

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Ms. Hampton shares her new children's book

Marshall Teacher's New Book Release

Thurgood Marshall is full of talented students and staff members who are working hard to make a difference in our community and world.

Ms. Hampton, our 7th grade Science and Social Studies teacher, is using her voice as a author and teacher to help improve the environment in her new children's book "You Belong Here."

Karissa Hampton grew up land locked in Antioch, Tennessee most of her life, but still managed to become quite the mermaid enthusiast. She attended MNPS schools, Wright Middle School and Hume Fogg High School where she developed a love of writing. This is now Hampton's 7th year teaching middle school students.

The idea for her sustainable mermaids story came to her after a professional development opportunity with Urban Green Lab and it's Sustainable Classroom summer training. Soon after her children's book was written she had a previous student, Lydia San, creatively illustrate the book and her dream was brought to life!

As a 4th year teacher at Marshall, Ms. Hampton's advice to students is to "be mindful about your waste and actively take steps to protect it." She quotes Robert Swan, who stated, "The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it".

Her book will be released on June 8th, but if you would like to pre-order you can visit: <https://store.bookbaby.com/book/you-belong-here> to place an order.



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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 attendance secretary (christian.henry@mnps.org). 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!

TN Ready & MAP testing

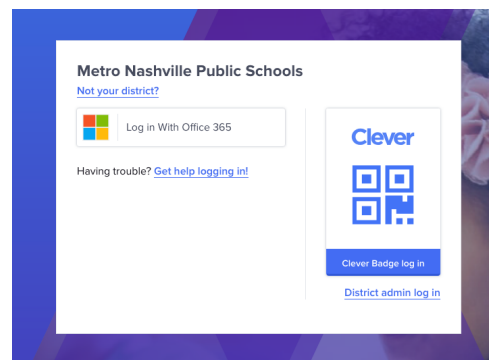
At Marshall, we did our best to create a testing schedule that kept student safety and test fatigue in mind. This year since the third MAP test and TN Ready testing overlapped, we decided to put a one week break between TN Ready testing and MAP testing for both our In-person and Virtual students. We also tried to maximize safety and give extra options for testing by testing our virtual students separately and by giving them a Saturday option. If you are a virtual parent that has not selected your testing option, please do so before the end of the week.

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.
- **Virtual Students TN Ready testing- Option 1: Weds. April 21st to Friday April 23rd, OR Option 2: Two consecutive Saturdays: Saturday April 24th and Saturday May 1st, Virtual Parents please click on link to select testing option.**
- **In-Person TN Ready testing-** Monday April 26th to Friday April 30th
- **Monday, May 3 to Friday, May 14th-** Final MAP testing for Virtual Students May 3rd-7th, MAP testing for In-person students May 10th-14th
- **Wednesday, May 19th-** *Socially Distanced Block Party/Cook out*
- **Tuesday, May 25th-** *Last day for students. Half-day.*

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>



7th Grader, Sidney Shannon, works on her conversation animation in Ms. Bustamante's class.



Ms. Regnier's 6th grade STEM students plant trees donated by The Blessed Earth Southeast



Mr. King, 5th/6th Counselor, takes a moment toward the end of the day to sit and work