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Thurgood Marshall Middle School's Official Newsletter

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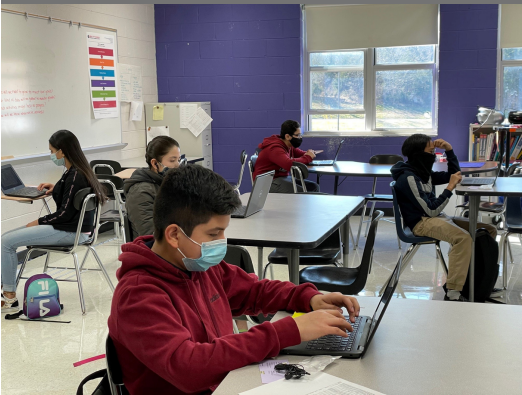
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Showing Growth

This Monday and Tuesday, our virtual students took the 3rd MAP test. Next Monday and Tuesday, our in-person students will take the 3rd MAP test. MAP stands for Measure of Academic Progress. Unlike TN Ready which measures mastery of state standards, MAP is measuring student academic growth. Although state testing is wrapping up, MAP tests are very important. In January, students met with their Math and Reading teachers to review their academic progress over time and they set their own MAP goals based on their projected growth scores or RIT.

MAP test results place students into 5 quintiles and they track their growth over time. It is our goal that students show growth no matter what quintile they may score. MAP results also help us to determine if students need extra help or intervention in Math or Reading during their Mariner time. We acknowledge there has been a lot of testing over the last week, but encourage students to give their best on this final assessment!

We are planning a special incentive for students who meet or exceed their projected MAP goal. We will have a cook out on May 19th for those students who meet or exceed their Math or Reading projected RIT scores and who score a B or above in Career Arts or earn 25 ribbons on Study Island in Science and Social Studies.



MAP tests began this week for Virtual Students



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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 91.8%, 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 Make-ups

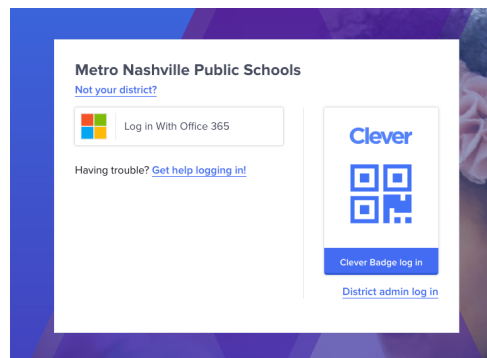
TN Ready Testing make-up testing will continue this week for virtual and in-person students. If your child is missing tests, please be on the look out for notifications on make-up days and times. We wanted to thank all of our parents for your response to testing! We have had a great turn out! We will announce our official TN Ready participation percentage soon. The district and state school goal was for schools to have at least 80% of all students participating. We are on track to exceed this percentage.

IMPORTANT DATES & INFO

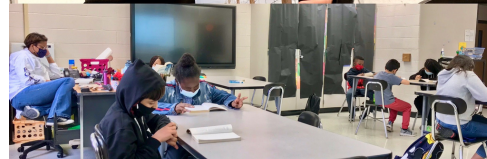
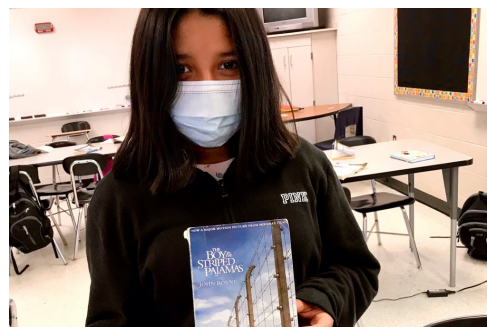
- **Daily Attendance-** To meet daily attendance requirements and avoid truancy letters and notifications, your child must login and logout of Schoology and attend scheduled live sessions every school day. If there is an issue with logging in, please notify your grade level secretary and teachers for 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.
- **In-Person & Virtual student TN Ready make-up testing-** Monday May 3rd 10th
- **Monday, May 3 to Friday, May 14th-** Final MAP testing for Virtual Students May 3rd-4th, MAP testing for In-person students May 10th and 11th
- **The Promising Scholars student application portal closes on May 5**
- **Wednesday, May 19th-** *Socially Distanced Block Party/Cook out*
- **Tuesday, May 25th-** *Last day for students. Half-day.*

Schoology Support

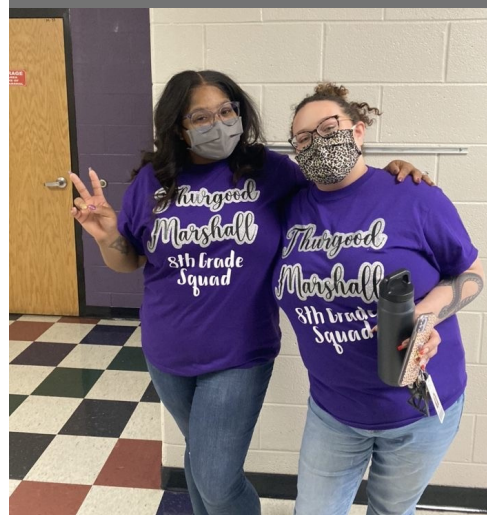
- **Watch Parent Schoology Training on 9/15/20 Learn how parents log into Schoology and check your child's grades and other data**
- WWW.bit.ly/TMMSVL101
- **How students upload assignments in Schoology**
<https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/6aeecc9f-7b71-4045-afca-661b94e8bef8>
- **How to log into 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>



Ms. Johnson's 5th grade class read "The Boy in the Striped Pajamas"



8th Grade teachers Ms. Dotson and Ms. Mitchell pose for the camera!



Students enjoy lunch in the cafeteria