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Thurgood Marshall Middle School's Official Newsletter

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works with staff to kick off our community garden.

The A.M. @ Thurgood Marshall

This Monday we kicked off a new weekly video announcements and news segment called The A.M. @ Thurgood Marshall. This weekly segment will be shown every Monday at 9:00 am in students' first period class. The announcements will include items familiar to daily announcements, such as the school's vision, moment of silence, the pledge, student birthdays, important information, and the quote of the day. However, our goal is to get students to contribute content and ideas to the weekly announcements and news segment with the ultimate goal for our students to run and produce the weekly announcements when we return to the school. If you child has an idea for a weekly news segment please have them email it to Mr. Gilkes (joseph.gilkes@mnps.org) or Mr. Smith (ron.smith@mnps.org).

This week we are asking students with August birthdays to send their favorite picture of themselves to Mr. Smith for a special August birthday tribute. We are also asking students to email Mr. Smith a 10 second or less video on who they think will win the NBA finals. We look forward to involving students virtually and in person with The A.M.this year!







Attendance

Parents please remind your child to log in and out of Schoology everyday and attend all live sessions on Monday through Friday. We have the majority of our students logging in, but our goal is 100%. If your child is having trouble logging in, please call the school or email the teachers and the grade level principal for assitance (5th/6th vice principal- kimberly.woodard@mnps.org, 7th/8th vice principal- adam.allen@mnps.org)

School Lunch & Free Breakfast for ALL

School Breakfast will remain free to all students and can be picked up along with lunch at the school (drive through by gym from 11:30-1 pm)) or at the student's bus stop (12:45-1:45 pm). Lunch will cost \$3 if you are ineligible for free or reduced lunch. E-mail the cafeteria manager sheilania.ransom@mnps.org or our 7th/8th grade Dean of students luther.dollar@mnps.org for more info. Also, check out our school's website to apply for free or reduced lunch under parent info.

7th Grade Vaccinations

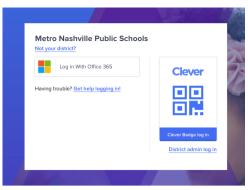
An updated Tennessee Immunization Certificate with proof of one additional immunizations is required when entering 7th grade. Immunizations are available from your child's doctor, or may also be available through the Metro Public Health Department if your child has TennCare, no insurance or insurance that does not pay for vaccines. *Please fax (#615-941-7521), mail, or email a copy of your child's immunization record to* **amanda.sowell@mnps.org.** If you email the records, please do not send a cell phone picture, but use a scan to pdf app to convert your picture to a printable PDF file. For more info about free vaccination locations please check our school website under parent info.

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.
- Technology Requests- If your child needs a computer or hotspot please use
 technology link to place request. We schedule appointments in the order the requests
 are made. Please email Mr. Allen if you have placed a technology request and have
 not received an email or phone reply to set up a time for pickup. adam.allen@mnps.org
- Online MAP testing- Online MAP testing this Tuesday and Thursday. 6th/7th @10 am and 5th/8th @ 1 pm. Students should log on to homeroom or PLT teachers live link to get testing code and information from their teacher on the testing date and time.
- September 4th- the required permission forms from the Student Parent Handbook will need to be signed online. See <u>www.mnps.org/handbook</u> and <u>https://permissions.mnps.org/</u> to sumit permissions online.
- Labor Day- September 7 is Labor Day. There will be no school and district offices will be closed

Contacts & Support

The entire Marshall Staff is listed by grade level on our <u>school website</u> under contact. The staff email addresses and roles are listed as well as our school's phone number, fax number, and address. Feel free to reach out to anyone on our staff for assistance. Both of our front office secretaries are bilingual (fluent in Spanish), and Ms. Rasheed our 7th/8th secretary can speak Kurdish and Arabic. We understand this year is a major shift. We are here to support you!



Students use Clever to login to Schoology http://www.clever.com/in/mnps



Mr. Brown, 6th grade Literacy teacher, connects with students in his live session.



Ms. Sparks, 5th grade Science & Social Studies teacher, brings her excitement and passion for teaching into her virtual classroom and live sessions.