

November Looking Back -

November has been a flurry of excitement and activity. Our students have been getting involved in healthy behaviors by attending extracurricular clubs, Extended Learning Time in Math afterschool and on Saturdays, wrapping up their fall sports' season, raising funds for My Brother's Table, Unicef, Save the Children and Red Cross, competing in a school wide kickball tournament after school, and trying out for basketball. Please check out the calendar for dates and times of sports and clubs.

The week before Thanksgiving, our School Resource Officer, Ryan McDermott, our Social Worker, Stephanie Rossi and our administrative team ran grade level assemblies pertaining to Social Media Awareness, Internet Safety, and Bullying. We will post this presentation on our blog.

On Wednesday November 29th we kicked off the annual Grade 7-8 BAND and STRINGS students attending All-City Rehearsals at Breed Middle School. The bus leave promptly at 1:30pm and students are picked up at Breed after practice.

For your planning purposes, please take note of future All-City Rehearsals:
Dec. 13, Jan. 17 and 31, Feb. 14 and 28, Mar. 14 and 28, Apr. 11 and 25, May 9 and 23.

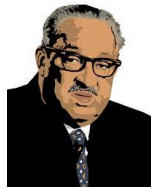
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We kick off December on Friday December 1st with a trip for Clusters 5, 6, 2, 10, 11 and half of Cluster 1 to Lynn English High School to see their drama club perform *Tales for a Winter's Night*.



The Book Fair officially opens on Monday December 4th. The librarian, Ms. DeStefano, has worked out a deal with Scholastic for bargain books for just \$1.00 and under. Ask your child for the pamphlet.

The following Friday on December 8th the well-known artist and speed painter, **Amazing Hero Art-Rob Surette** will visit us for an all school assembly to deliver a message about what it takes to "Be Somebody" , while live painting a portrait of Chief Justice Thurgood Marshall.



On December 14th during the first two hours of school our drama students have been invited to a live performance and question and answer series by the actor, Judith Kalaora, who will perform Deborah Sampson Gannett.

Thank you to Dr. Frederick Cole and the Lynn Business Association for funding this very special opportunity to see how education and career pathways connect.

Grade 7 teachers will be sponsoring a Winter Solstice Dance on Wednesday December 13th from 5-7 pm in the cafeteria.

All are welcome to pop into the PTO meeting on Tuesday December 12th from 5-6 pm in the library. Enter through the main doorways.

Remember Interim Progress Reports will go home on Friday December 15th.

Winter Spirit Week

From December 18-22, Thurgood Marshall Middle School will be hosting a celebratory week of school spirit and gift giving. The school store will transform into the Holiday Mall where students can purchase gifts for friends and family. The store will be open Monday through Thursday in the Teacher's Lounge off of the cafeteria after school. Prices range from \$.25 to \$3.00.

The TMMS band and instrument students will perform a holiday celebration of popular holiday music on Tuesday December 21st from 6-7 pm in the cafeteria

Extended Learning Time for mathematics continues to run. Look for invitations to Extended Learning Time in English Language Arts and Science.

Winter Break Dates

December 25, 2015 – January 1, 2018.

January 2, 2018 – First day back to school is a Tuesday at 7:45 am.

Enjoy your holidays – Be safe!

January – A Sneak Peek Ahead

This school year the Lynn Public Schools has teamed up with the non-profit organization, Sontag Prize, to offer a unique school vacation experience for select students to participate in hands on learning. They will offer two vacation camps focused on the two content areas of English Language Arts in February and Math in April. Golden Tickets will go home as invitations to this wonderful opportunity for Lynn students to be exposed to different approaches to curriculum. The selected students will attend an assembly in the first week of January as an introduction to the program. Look for a golden ticket!

The Amazon Robotics club at TMMS will return in January 2018. Look for permission slips from Ms. Meghan Singleton, our science teacher who oversees the program.

