



The S.S. TMES Nautical News

NAVIGATING OUR STUDENTS' JOURNEY TO ACADEMIC SUCCESS...

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THE TMES CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE



The S.S. TMES is surely, "Letting Our Light Shine!" Thanks to the planning of our staff and the support from our families, the winter months held some fantastic occasions for our school; including our Family Fun Dance, the Black History Month Program, our 2nd Marking Period Awards Assembly, a few exciting Spirit Weeks, Read Across America, and so much more!

The goal of our Thurgood Marshall Elementary School Family is to focus on the **development** and **education** of the *whole child* through a student-centered approach. We have been able to work with our students to ensure they build their own self-awareness and self-confidence, which is so important. As an educational team, we are dedicated to ensuring academic excellence and holding high expectations to guarantee that each and every student has a **successful, enriching, and fun** learning experience in our school.

With the 3rd marking period of the school year upon us, please know that our staff are committed to creating a **safe** and **positive** learning environment where **responsible** and **respectful** behavior is modeled each day to provide each student the best learning opportunity.

Important Dates

- 4/3: Day of Autism Acceptance
- 4/6: Half Day
- 4/7 to 4/16: School Closed - Spring Break
- 4/18: 3rd Marking Period Awards Assembly
- 4/19: Delayed Opening In-Service
- 4/21: Earth Day Exhibit
- 4/25 to 4/27: Half Days - Parent Teacher Conferences
- 5/2 to 5/6: NJSLA. Grade 3 Only
- 5/26 & 5/29 No School Memorial Day Weekend



As we head into the spring season, I find myself *incredibly grateful* to spend my days with our students aboard the S.S. TMES.

On behalf of the TMES Team, we are all looking forward to more exciting events after the spring break that we will be providing for you and your child in the upcoming months. It's a fantastic time of year!

Respectfully,
Dr. Lauren Schulze
Principal



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Our Valentine's Family Fun Dance!



Raisin, By Ms. Visiko-Knox

On March 8, 2023 a select group of 3rd grade students were invited to the Axelrod Performing Arts Center to see the musical, "Raisin." "Raisin" is a Tony Award winning musical based on Lorraine Hanesberry's "A Raisin in the Sun." We had a wonderful experience. The play was amazing.

The actors and actresses were amazing singers.



Ian Morales said, *"The play was so good! I loved the ending when they got to move into a new house. It was a great show!"*

Arlene Hernandez said, *"It was really good! I did not expect to see real actors. I thought it was going to be on a screen."*

"It was funny and joyful!" Keven Desir said, *"I really liked it! My favorite actors were the little boy and the dad. They were really funny. There were sad parts and a loving family."*

Mayrani said, *"I loved the music! The sets looked very real and the kitchen looked cozy."* A good time was had by all!

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SEL Day, Ms. Major-Phillips



Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Day at TMES kicked off with positive affirmations during our morning announcements. Konscious Youth Development & Services (KYDS) program presented an assembly for our K-3rd grade students, focusing on kindness, self-awareness, feelings, and empathy. KYDS also participated in yoga sessions for various grade levels.

The teachers and students participated in a variety of classroom activities which centered on strengths and challenges, managing emotions, kindness, compassion, and responsibility.



Recreating the Biggest Snowflake, Ms. Cortes

During our research into winter for the science benchmark, the students in room 324 discovered that the biggest snowflake ever recorded was 15 inches across and 8 inches wide! We decided to see if we could recreate the dimensions of this snowflake using alternative materials, such as sentence strips, paper and cups. We really enjoyed the different ways to create the snowflake!



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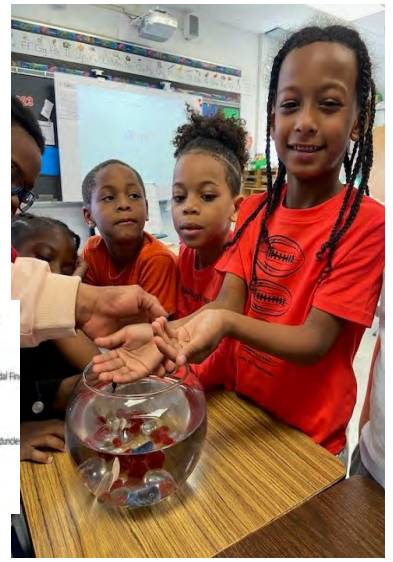
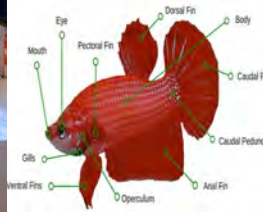
Room 200, Ms. Lonon & Ms. Morris

Room 200 has been learning about plants, animals, and sea life; especially fish. OBAMA, our class Beta fish, is helping us learn about a fish's anatomy. The class is fascinated by the dorsal fin on top of the fish's body. The dorsal fin is located on the top of the fish and is used for stability when swimming through the water so that the beta can swim in a straight line.

We completed our experiment using celery stalks, water, and food coloring, studying the importance of plant roots. By looking through the microscope, we really were able to see the roots. Now we are preparing for our Science Fair Project, "How Can You Read Mirror Writing." We used the Scientific Method when testing our theory.



Birthday shoutout to Alannah Wilson, March 9, 2023, and shoutout to the Student of the Month, Denylah Jeanmrie. Wishing peace to all of the TMES family, and have a relaxing Spring break!



Thank You Bridge to Books Foundation



Thanks to Bridge of Books Foundation for helping us make our Read Across America Day even more spectacular! Each student received two free books of their choice!

Today a reader...tomorrow a leader!

Did you know that children who engage in reading for pleasure on a regular basis (daily for 30 minutes or more) have increased vocabulary, higher levels of academic success, enhanced imagination, and a higher probability of attending a college!

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Student's of the Month for March



The TMES PBIS Happenings!

Our PBIS Team has been busy making sure our students are receiving tickets for their positive behaviors! The weekly winners have so many awesome choices to pick from our wonderful prizes! The Mid-Year MAGA Raffle was super exciting! The children had BIG prizes to choose from. The PBIS Team also planned a couple reverse ticket days where the students give the staff tickets so they can win prizes too.



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Read Across America Spirit Week



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A Visit from Valentina Sanchez Trivella, Universal Woman 2023

TMES welcomed Valentina Sanchez Trivella to our school on March 21st to read the book, *Princess Andreina*. Valentina acknowledges that she now has an international stage to propagate her mental health advocacy. Co-writing a children's book with her uncle, Mr. Trivella, has served as a pivotal tool to educate children about mindfulness and self-care. She highlights the positives on such a delicate issue and enables all of us to normalize the narrative about mental health. As Valentina has always said in her reach of the Universal Woman pageant title, it is not about the crown, rather it is about what one can do for others with the crown.



Grade 1, Ms. Tartanella's Class



Miss Tartanella's class presented a three-part presentation for Thurgood Marshall Elementary's Black History Program. First, the class Googled Marian Anderson and watched several of her performances. Next we wrote some of her famous quotes that built up women's egos and strength. Finally the class created Marian Anderson from a silhouette and adorning her in a cloth dress on what looked like a stage with real curtains.

The class had some fun performing "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands," our own take on a modern day version. Ms. Tartanella and her class practiced arm movements and vocals! We presented this homemade class video to parents as they were exiting the TMES's program, "Our Dreams, Honoring Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow." Students enjoyed viewing their videos and choosing the best one to share. It was a learning experience for all, and it was so fun!

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TMES Celebrates Read Across America Day!



We celebrated **Read Across America** on March 2nd. It was a huge success at TMES! There were several guest readers, including our very own superintendent, Dr. Adams! Other guests included, school board members, town council members, community partners, and so many more wonderful readers!



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100th Day of School at TMES

On February 15th, our students celebrated THE 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL! Our teachers took advantage of the opportunity to make the day exciting for all students by refining their math skills through the creation of different games and activities centered around this very important number!

Staff and students “Dressed to Show 100” by wearing hats, glasses and canes or created shirts with 100 “things” on it. Students also created self-portraits to illustrate the not-so-subtle differences between an 8-year-old and a centenarian. *The students learned that mathematics goes well beyond being able to count to 100!*



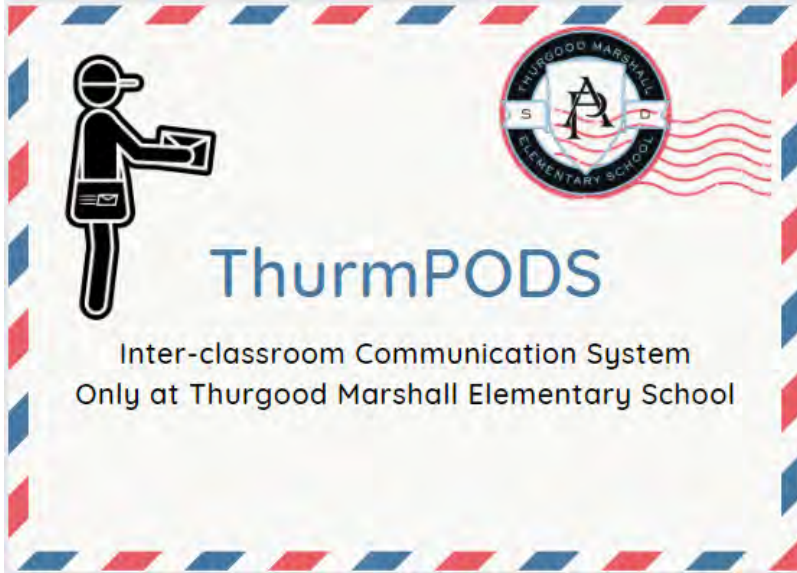
Grade 1, Ms. Pinnock

There has been a lot going on in our class. First, I want to congratulate all our children that received awards for marking period 3. In celebration of Dr. Seuss's week, our students created 100 Nouns based off the book, *I Will Teach My Dog 100 Words*. We also wrote Rhyming Poems in honor of Nikki Giovanni for Women's Month. We hope you have a wonderful spring break!



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TMES ThurmPod Mail



ThurmPODS is Thurgood Marshall Elementary School's brand new inter-classroom communication system. Every Friday, our responsible letter carriers come around to all the classrooms and main office to pick up mail collected throughout the week in the classroom's personalized mail bag. The mail is then brought back to headquarters, sorted, and delivered to the various classrooms. The children love getting mail every week!



“Preschool room 100 is so excited to send and receive ThurmPod mail. We are going to start hanging up some of our mail to help encourage other students to send letters if they haven't already done so. We love this idea and are so happy we can participate.”-Miss Ive



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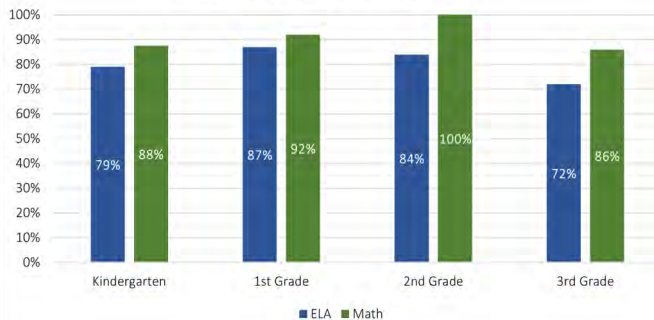
Pre-K Classroom Room 112

PreK Classroom 112 is working hard learning many things in our Building Study. We toured our school, counted /tallied and charted windows and doors; created blueprints and created buildings in all interest areas. We pulled it all together with building books. Our families also worked with their child and created buildings representing their home or a building in their community. This construction team in room 112 is amazing!



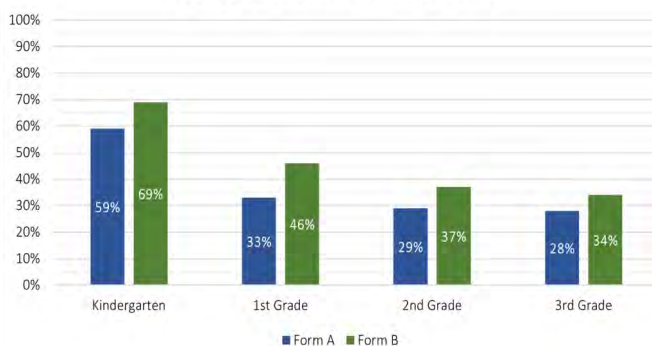
TMES LinkIt! Data Shows Growth!

Students with Increase in Performance Score
LinkIt! Form A to LinkIt! Form B

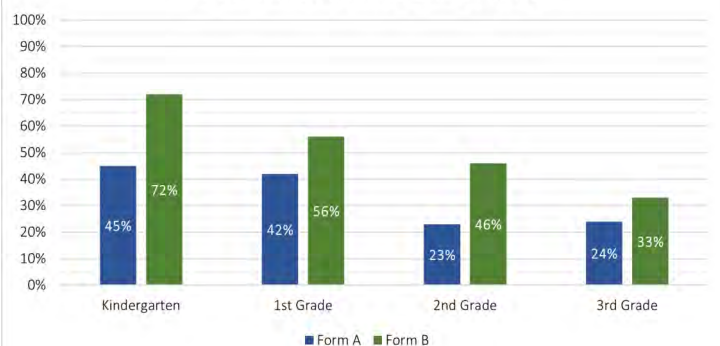


We are so excited that our overall average scores for **both** ELA and Math had increases in all grades. This is important because as we all know, it has been a historical trend that students tend to decline in scores from the Form A to Form B assessment due to changes in the complexities of assessment questions based on the evolution of standards-based skills and the variances in scoring quantiles between benchmarks. This is a great attribute to the dedication and hard work that classroom teachers, and being a student-centered building, have put forth throughout this school year and it is delightful to be able to share this positive “glow” with everyone!

Average Assessment Score, By Grade Level
ELA - LinkIt! Form A to LinkIt! Form B



Average Assessment Score, By Grade Level
Math - LinkIt! Form A to LinkIt! Form B



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TMES Celebrates Black History Month



This year, our Black History Month theme was, ***“Our Dreams: Building an America for All.”***

Each class chose a person, place, event, movement, etc. that had an impact in honoring the triumphs and struggles of African-Americans throughout U.S.

history. Each class chose their own topic and created a project representing the person they chose to represent for display during our Black History Month Program on February 24th.

The children had a great time creating the projects and creating presentation for our families and community to enjoy.



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TMES Girl Scouts, Cookie Sales



A big component of Girl Scouting is the Cookie Program, the largest girl-run business in the world. Once a year, Girl Scouts around the country venture into the entrepreneurial world to learn business and financial skills and earn money to fund their Girl Scouting goals. Through “learning by earning,” Girl Scouting aims to empower girls through the development of five essential skills: goal setting, money management, people skills, decision making, and business ethics.

(Pictured to the right, our Girl Scouts are selling cookies in front of the school. Pictured below, Analiese Joseph from 3rd grade and another Girl Scout from Bradley sold cookies at Asbury Lanes during the Girl Scout Top Chefs Cookie Competition. The girls are with TV Chef David Burke and the other picture is of the girls enjoying some of the treats the girls made.)



Ice Cream Sundaes for our Students of the Month



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TMES Twitter Highlights

Karen Schwarz @Kare... · 3d ...
TMES Ss LOVED learning about the Woodwind Family of instruments last week, like the flute, piccolo, recorder, indigenous flute, clarinet, bass clarinet, alto and soprano saxophone, oboe, bassoon and English horn! Can you name and find all the instruments in this photo?



BRAVO! Our Sat Prep Academy 3rd grade Ss embracing the “Why” of learning about being self reliant 🙌

@Asbury_ParkSD
@DrLaurenSchulze
@DrRaShawnAdams
@APDirCI_ERuiz



NJNG volunteers were excited to share the #joyofreading with students at Thurgood Marshall Elementary School in #AsburyParkNJ this week! 🇺🇸

As a part of NJNG’s Speakers’ Bureau, one of our goals is to spread knowledge and excitement through reading!



Mrs. Christina Szaro ... · 2d ...
Enhancing our school writing initiative in Prek, with some fun letter identification and writing activities!

@Asbury_ParkSD
@DrRaShawnAdams
@DrLaurenSchulze



Pedro Trivella @miste... · 4d ...
Our ELs honored & celebrated Dr. King’s legacy by reflecting on MLK’s quotes & engaging in a Fulbright “How Else To Say It” strategy 🌍
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🥳 Congratulations to our TMES PBIS winners of the week! @DrLaurenSchulze @DrRaShawnAdams @Asbury_ParkSD



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TMES Twitter Highlights

TMES Read Across America Week... Day 5... Pajama Day! 🥰

@DrLaurenSchulze
@DrRaShawnAdams
@Asbury_ParkSD



Mrs. Christina Szaro ... · 3d ... Thank you so much to our guest readers today! My mother came to read to our beautiful students today. What a wonderful way to celebrate Dr. Seuss' bday!

@DrRaShawnAdams
@DrLaurenSchulze
@Antonel1Shannon
@JessPetersPreK
@Asbury_ParkSD



Asbury Park Schools · 3d ... TMES let the rhythm of their hearts and the beat of the music guide their minds and bodies during today's #SELDay activities!

@DrRaShawnAdams
@APDirCI_ERuiz
@DrLaurenSchulze - at Thurgood Marshall Elementary School



Congratulations to the TMES staff who received perfect attendance for the month of January. 🥰

@DrLaurenSchulze
@DrRaShawnAdams
@Asbury_ParkSD



barbara lesinski @B... · 57m ... Thank you

@TheCoasterNews for covering @Asbury_ParkSD #ReadAcrossAmerica What a wonderful morning! @tom_arnone



EdjohnsonAP @Edjoh... · 3d ... #ReadAcrossAmerica2023

I had a great time at Thurgood Marshall Elementary School Read Across America Day! Best hat I ever got to wear!



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UNIVERSAL WOMAN 2023, Valentina Sanchez Trivella! She wrote a book, Princess Andreina, about overcoming sadness and is sharing the book with our children!

TMES students are now Kings and Queens of their own destiny! They are making crowns and trying on her crown! 👑💕

**@DrLaurenSchulze
@DrRaShawnAdams
@Asbury_ParkSD
@mistertrivella @vtrivella**

TMES Analiese Joseph and another Girl Scout from BES sold cookies at Asbury Lanes during the Girl Scout Top Chefs Cookie Competition! The girls are with TV Chef David Burke and are enjoying some of the treats the chefs made. 😊

**🍪 @DrLaurenSchulze
@DrRaShawnAdams
@Asbury_ParkSD**



**SS TMES NAUTICAL... · 15s
Congratulations to the TMES staff member, Dave Pellot and the student, Saviere Othello of the month for March!**

**👏 @DrLaurenSchulze
@DrRaShawnAdams
@Asbury_ParkSD**



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