

# The Third Institute Newsletter Vol 5

## September

#### **Announcements**

October 18th at 4pm we will be back at College Hill Library for the next installment of Roots! **Professor Ernie and Assistant** Mom will be teaching about Toni **Morrison and Thurgood Marshall!!** 



#### **Success Stories**



Huge Shout out to Ms. Rachelle! Branch Manager at College Hill Library. She serves as a Roots CHAMPION!!!!!!!

### **Board Member Spotlight!** Pati Chow!!

- Who is your favorite Hero/Shero? My favorite hero is Langston Hughes. I've loved his poetry for as long as I can remember, and in fact, one of my favorite poems is Dreams, as the message of holding fast to your dreams is so important for all of us, and especially children.
- Why did you join TTI? I was inspired by a conversation with Dr. Davis about the mission of this organization. As an educator myself, I know how important it is to teach children about people of color who have made significant contributions to our world. I'm honored to serve with this devoted group of talented people, to share my gifts and talents to bring this important knowledge through fun activities to my students.
- What is your hope for the future? I hope that we all realize the joy in celebrating and honoring people of all backgrounds, and partake in sharing different perspectives to learn from and love each other. I believe that hope starts with instilling this in our children.
- What is your favorite children's book? I have so many favorites, but one from my childhood sticks out and that is Miss Twiggly's Tree. It tells the story of a woman who was initially shunned from her community for being different, but then when there is a crisis, and she shares her home with many, they all come to realize the beauty of acceptance and helping each



#### **Shero/Hero Spotlight**

Mae Jemison told her teacher in kindergarten "I want to be an Astronaut". Her teacher told her to be a teacher or nurse.... Clearly, she didn't listen. Born in Decatur, Alabama and raised in Chicago, IL Mae set high goals while following her passions. She is a Dancer, Teacher, Author, Doctor AND Astronaut! We salute you Mae!!!