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Thurston Elementary PTO

Heron Happenings January 10, 2022

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Newsletter submissions are due by Saturday, 5pm to: newsletter.thurstonpto@gmail.com

Upcoming Events and Reminders

January 10: Virtual Classroom Learning

January 11: Tentative In-Person Return to School

January 17: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (No School)

January 18 @ 6-7pm: Virtual PTO Meeting ([Zoom Link](#))

PTO Committee Leaders: If you have supplies stored in the PTO closet, contact Kelly Delp asap to arrange removal of those items (delpk@aaps.k12.mi.us)

826michigan Winter Programs!

Hello Thurston Elementary!

We at 826michigan are wishing you a joyful winter break and look forward to working with you in 2022! We will continue to offer FREE virtual after-school writing programs, creative writing workshops and at-home writing kits in Winter 2022. All 826michigan programs are offered free of charge to schools, students, and families and are supported by trained, caring community volunteers.

Signing up for programs is easy: visit to read more and sign-up for all programs visit our website 826michigan.org. More details are also available below.

We look forward to writing with you soon!

The 826michigan Team

TWO DIFFERENT AFTER-SCHOOL OPTIONS

826michigan is continuing to offering *two* different after-school programs to meet each student's unique needs. Limited spaces are available, so please sign up online today to indicate your interest. You'll receive follow-up instructions for registration in early January!

Virtual Schoolwork Support (homework-focused) - Ages 7-18

Wednesdays (in partnership with *Ypsilanti District Library*, open to all students):

Session A: 4-5pm

Thursdays (Open to all students):

Session A: 4-5pm

Session B: 5:15-6:15pm

826michigan's Virtual Schoolwork Support Program is a FREE online program where students ages 7-18 can receive schoolwork support from trained volunteer tutors. This program is fully virtual and will be offered over Zoom. All participating families/students need to register in advance for the program and commit to a set day of the week and time for the winter/spring semester (ending in May).

This program is homework-based: please keep this in mind as you register your student. We ask that students bring homework or other school assignments to work on: we cannot provide general tutoring at this time. If your student does not have homework regularly, please check out our After-school Writing Lab on Tuesdays.

Students can join our Wednesday sessions in-person at Ypsilanti District Library and have access to a computer with librarian support to work with our tutors virtually.

[Sign our interest list here for January 5 registration for Virtual Schoolwork Support!](#)

After-school Writing Lab (writing-focused) - Ages 8-14

Mondays: January 24-May 9

Session B: 5-6pm (Open to all students)

Tuesdays: January 18-May 10, 2022

Session A: Reserved for partnership school students with Carpenter Elementary

Session B: 5:45-6:45pm (Open to all students)

Wednesdays: January 19 - May 11, 2022

Session B: 5:15-6:15pm (Open to all students)

A FREE weekly virtual program for students ages 8-14. During the fall semester, students work in small groups with peers and adult volunteers to brainstorm, write, revise, share, and publish their writing. This program is fully virtual and will be offered over Zoom. We ask all participating families/students to register in advance (details below) for the program and commit to weekly participation for the fall semester.

[Sign our interest list here for January 5 registration for After-school Writing Lab!](#)

WEE-BOTS: A WEEKLY EVENING WORKSHOP

Wednesdays: January 12 - May 25, 2022

6-7pm

Free virtual writing sessions for young writers ages 5-10+! All ability levels are invited to these fun, informal sessions through which we read a book aloud together and then play around with writing, from the physical act of actually writing to the creative ideas involved.

[Register here today for Wee-bots!](#)

ASYNCHRONOUS WRITING KITS

Free writing activities available for download at 826michigan.org, or mailed to your home, organization, or school. Choose from a range of themes and genres for the whole family to enjoy together. Visit 826michigan.org/programs/writing-kits/ to download your kits today or order delivery of hardcopies!

You can also visit us in-person during limited hours at our Liberty Street location in downtown Ann Arbor to shop at the Robot Supply Co, or visit the [Robot Supply Co online](#) to shop anytime! All proceeds benefit 826michigan's free writing programs in the community.

Volunteer as a Recess Monitor



At present we have 17 wonderful volunteers to help during lunch recess. Thank you! If you've been on the fence about volunteering, we encourage you to sign up for a few weeks to give it a try! It's a great experience watching the kids play outdoors and meeting some of the other Thurston parents.

Supporting Covid-safety protocols to maintain safe, in-person learning relies upon parent lunchtime volunteers. Thurston's teachers, staff, and students NEED YOUR HELP for the winter trimester! Come be an adult playground monitor during Thurston's lunch hour (12:15-1:15)!

Thank you to all of our wonderful lunchtime volunteers who dedicated their time this past trimester. Thurston would love to have you continue!

Please sign up using this Google Form.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdJnRyHVitvTE6I5W-wZHk6I-CViGh733zVk_ICdVj9ImGQTg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Thurston School Directory

Need to contact a Thurston parent or student? The Thurston School Directory lists their contact information and is available via the link below.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/13XhaQjRAapQX4Ndp6VHB2jMD8vTjIsmoIJI_Mn6zb8g/edit?usp=sharing

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