

10-17-22 Thurston PTO Newsletter

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Thurston Elementary PTO

Heron Happenings

October 17, 2022



Upcoming Events

October 18: PTO Meeting, 6:00 - 7:00p.m. ([Zoom link](#)) ([Agenda](#))

October 20: Early Release Day, dismissal at 1:18p.m.

October 26-28: Scholastic Book Fair (see details below)

October 31: Thurston Halloween Parade (Time TBD)

November 8: No School (Election Day)

Don't miss the PTO Meeting this Tuesday!



All are welcome and encouraged to join the PTO meeting on [Zoom](#) tomorrow evening (October 18th) at 6pm. We'll meet to discuss this year's fundraisers and events; hear updates from board members and school representatives; and, we'll share ideas, thoughts or concerns. We'll also vote to approve the [meeting minutes](#) from our September meeting. Here is the [agenda](#) for tomorrow's meeting. Hope to see you there!

Mark your calendars for all the upcoming PTO meetings!

October 18
November 15
December 13
January 17

February 21
March 21
April 18
May 16

Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon!



Location: Thurston School Multi-Purpose Room

Preview: Wednesday, Oct 26—Teachers will take their students for a sneak peek at the Book Fair. Wish lists will be made.

Shopping: Thursday and Friday, Oct. 27-28 (School hours only)—Teachers will sign up their classes for a specific time to shop. Schedule will be shared the week of the fair.

Only cash and eWallet payments will be accepted from students shopping at the fair. **Please read our school librarian Ms. Burau's Book Fair emails for information about eWallets.** We strongly encourage families to create an "eWallet" account for a quick, easy way for students to pay. Click [here](#) for a short video introducing eWallet. For more information click [eWallet](#) or visit the [Thurston Scholastic Book Fair Webpage](#).

If you have questions, email Ms. B. at burau@aaps.k12.mi.us

Thurston Student Directory



Need to contact a Thurston parent or student? The 2022-2023 Thurston student directory is now available [here](#). The directory is organized by grade (see tabs) and then alphabetically by class. If you registered prior to the start of school and indicated in InfoSnap that you wanted to be included in the directory, your contact information should be included. If you find a change needs to be made or do not see your information but wish for it to be included, please complete this [form](#).

Sign up for store fundraising now!

Here's a super simple way to support our Thurston community every time you shop!

Store fundraising is so easy, and it can really make a difference for our school. But, we currently **only have a small number of Thurston families participating**. Please take a few minutes to get set up, and you will earn money for your school every time you shop! To make it easier, we've included step-by-step instructions below:

[Amazon](#)



1. Go to amazon.com and create an account. If you already have one, go to step 2.
2. From your web browser: Go to smile.amazon.com and sign in with your Amazon account information.
3. From your Amazon Shopping app on your phone: Tap “AmazonSmile” within the Settings or Programs & Features menu.
4. On your first visit to AmazonSmile, you will be prompted to select a charitable organization to receive donations from your future eligible AmazonSmile purchases. Select Thurston Parent Teacher Organization.
5. Every purchase you make after that will send a percentage to Thurston. This is a great way for out-of-town relatives and friends to contribute as well.

Note: Amazon should remember your selected charity whenever you shop at smile.amazon.com or with AmazonSmile activated in the Amazon Shopping app, but be sure to check that you are using smile.amazon.com from your web browser OR that you have AmazonSmile turned on in the mobile app before checking out.

Kroger



1. Get a Kroger Plus Card at the customer service desk or use the one you already have.
2. To start earning Kroger’s Community Rewards program, you need to create an account at kroger.com. Go to Create an Account and type in your name and Kroger Plus card number. If you already have a digital account, please ensure you have a Plus Card linked to your account.
3. Click on My Account and scroll to the bottom where it says Community Rewards.
4. Click Enroll and fill out the required information.
5. You will now be able to search for and select the organization you want to link your card with. Search for Thurston PTO (organization number VY999) and click Enroll.
6. Scan your Kroger Plus card whenever you check out. Kroger often offers special discounts to cardholders in addition to the community rewards program.

Note: Kroger requires everyone to re-enroll after April 30th!

Busch's



1. To enroll in Cash for Education, you must have a MyWay account. If you are already a Busch's member, log in to your MyWay account through buschs.com/MyWay and click the Cash for Education icon.
2. Choose Thurston PTO from the list of organizations (for all quarters) and every purchase you make will earn rewards.
3. Select up to four organizations that you would like to support for each quarter using the drop down menu. Purchases will be allocated equally between your chosen organizations.
4. Participants will be required to re-enroll on an annual basis. You will receive an email reminder before the next year's enrollment begins.
5. Just be sure to use your MyWay card or phone number at checkout.
6. You must have a valid email address and opt in to receive emails to participate in this program. You can check this information under My Account > Account Holder when logged into MyWay.
7. Busch's will sometimes update accounts after one year, so check the Community tab periodically to make sure Thurston is still receiving your rewards.

You can learn more about the Cash for Education program and sign up here at www.buschs.com/community

Shutterfly



If you order your photos, calendars, cards, or gifts from Shutterfly or their partners, they will give 13% commission to Thurston. This is another easy way friends and family can show support. Just enter the site from the Thurston storefront at thurstonpto.shutterflystorefront.com and we'll receive credit for every purchase.



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Here's what our community has to say about us . . .

*"As a fundraising chair at my children's school, I always enjoyed finding ways to package up donated goods for our Silent Auction. I always found what I needed at the **Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop** and donated back what we didn't sell!" ~Michelle M.*

*"One of my favorite fundraising activities was when we got tokens for schools collecting them to win. Love to support the **Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop** and AAPS!" ~Samina D.*

*"As a working parent, my kids wouldn't have been able to participate in after-school activities or tutoring without the donations from the **Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop** that helped provide the late buses!" ~Brad B.*

*"I love knowing my children's stuff can be loved by another when I donate to the **Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop**. I feel like a contributing part of the community and it keeps things out of landfills!" ~Eddie K.*



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