10-24-22 Thurston PTO Newsletter

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Thurston Elementary PTO

Heron Happenings

October 24, 2022

Upcoming Events

October 26: Scholastic Book Fair Preview Day

October 27-28: Scholastic Book Fair

October 31, 3:00p.m.: Thurston Halloween Parade

November 7: Picture Retakes

November 8: No School (Election Day)

Scholastic Book Fair is this week!

This Wednesday, teachers will take their classes to preview the Scholastic Book Fair in the school multi-purpose room. Then, Thursday and Friday, students will attend the fair and can purchase books. Watch for an email from our school librarian, Ms. Burau, early this week for specific classroom shop times.

Don't forget to set up your child's eWallet!

If your child will be purchasing books, please remember that we can only accept cash or eWallet payments. 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.

Classroom Donations

This year, our teachers have set up eWallets for their classroom libraries. You can contribute funds to your student's classroom library here: Teacher eWallets.

Heron Heroes Donations

Please consider donating to our Heron Heroes eWallet. We hope to ensure that every child is able to leave the book fair with a book of their choice. Any amount is greatly appreciated! Any leftover funds will be used at future book fairs for the same purpose. Thank you for your generous support of all of our students!

Thank you so much for your continued support of the Thurston Library!

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

Thurston Halloween Parade

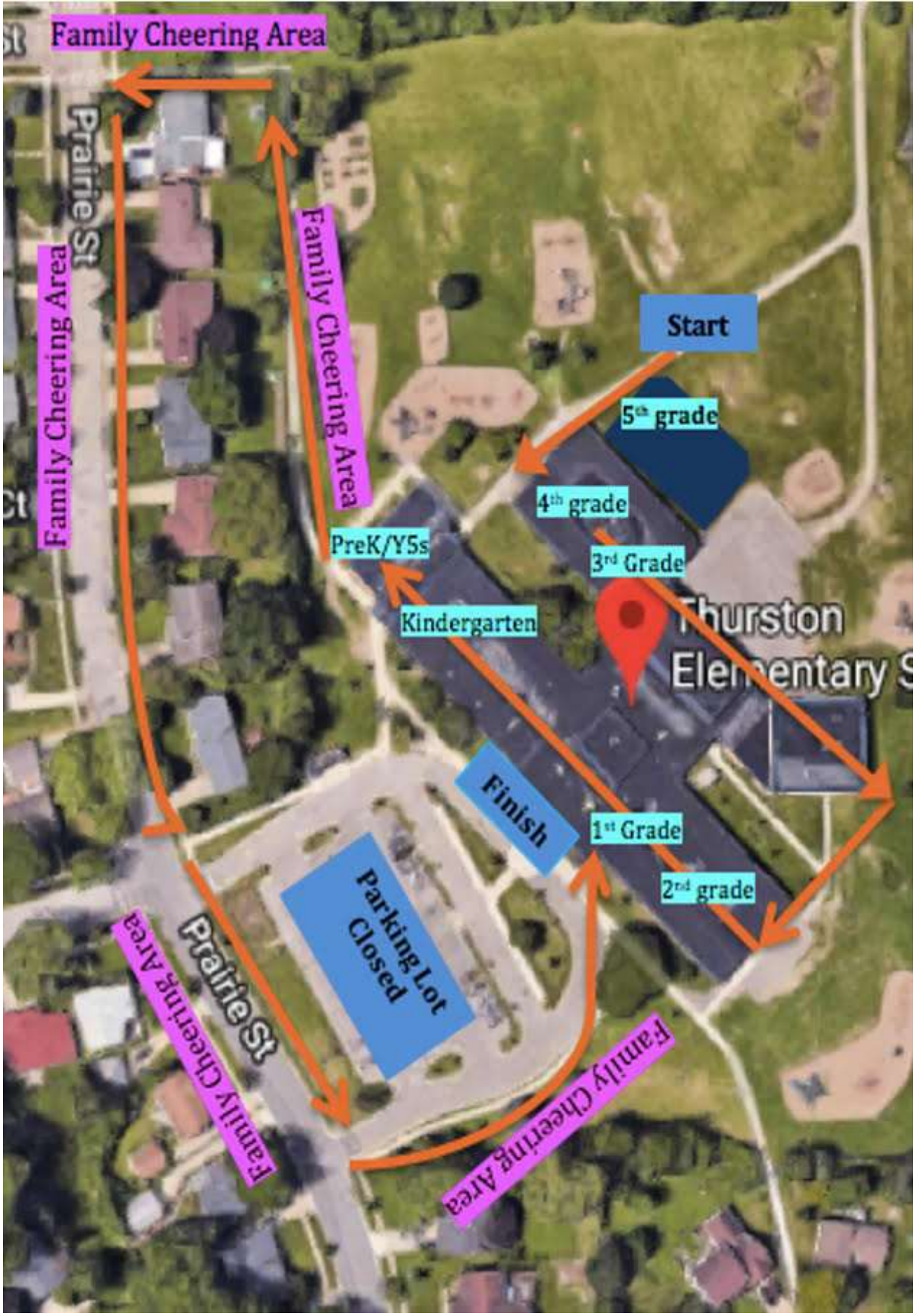
Our school Halloween Parade is Monday October 31st at 3p.m. Students are invited to bring costumes to school that they can wear over their clothes (please follow the costume guidelines below). Parents are invited to watch the parade from the sidewalks outside (see the map below).

Halloween Costume Guidelines:

1. All costumes should be in a bag or backpack labeled with your child's name and can be worn over their clothes only.
2. Please do not send any costume that can't be worn over you child's school clothes or make-up that needs to be put on your child. This also includes any shoes that are distracting to the school day.
3. ***Costumes may not have a weapon, be overly gruesome, offensive, bloody or inappropriate*** for a school-friendly environment. If you are not sure about the appropriateness of your child's costume, please ask your classroom teacher.
4. If you do not want your child to participate, please let your classroom teacher know. We will make sure alternate options are available for those students.

Guidelines for Parade Spectators:

1. Parking lot continues to be for staff only. Please find appropriate parking around the surrounding streets.
2. We would like to welcome all families to join us during the parade as cheering spectators. We simply ask that during the parade, all families find a nice grassy space along the route sidewalk.



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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