

09-26-22 Thurston PTO Newsletter

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Thurston Elementary PTO

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Upcoming Events

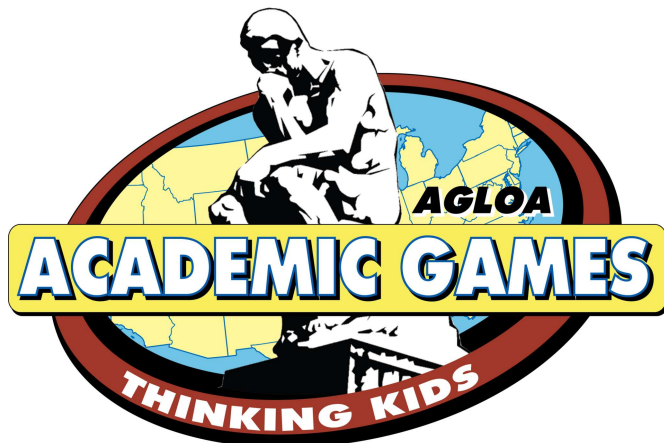
September 30: Fall Fundraising Kickoff (Watch for an email from PTO this Friday!)

October 2, 1:00 - 3:00p.m.: Thurston PTO Pizza Sale at [Orchard Hills Maplewood Association \(OHMHA\)](#) Neighborhood Fall Festival

October 5: Student Count Day

October 12: Walk & Roll to School Day

Thurston Academic Games Team



Attention Thurston 4th and 5th Graders! Join the Academic Games Team to develop and test your knowledge in Math, English, Social Studies and Logic. Thurston students come together for fun, friendly competition with other school teams from across the state in monthly tournaments. Our team meets for practice **Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30p.m.** in the Thurston Media Center. Check out the [team flyer](#) for more details and a link to register.

Volunteer as a Recess Monitor!

Thank you to all the parents who have signed up and started volunteering during the lunch hour!



If you have considered it but haven't yet signed up, there is still time to do so. We could use more help (especially on Mondays).

Our school is in need of volunteers to help monitor the playground at recess. If you are interested and able to support Thurston's staff and students during lunch hour, please sign up for a day or multiple days during the week. Even if you have just one day this Fall that you can come, feel free to sign up for just one day. Any and all help is welcome!

Thurston's recess goes from 11:45-12:55. Volunteers should check in at the main office. Please arrive 10 minutes early on your first day to leave time to check in and see where our Lunch Supervisor, Anne T., most needs your help.

Please use this [Google Sheet](#) to sign up for a recurring weekday volunteer time or a specific date. If you have trouble with the sheet, please email the day or specific dates you can volunteer to pto.thurstonelementary@gmail.com and we will get you signed up!

Thank you for your time and service to the school!

Supporting our Thurston Community



Thanks to all who attended the September PTO meeting last Tuesday!

Your participation, support and feedback are vital. For those who weren't able to attend, we will be sharing the minutes from last week's meeting shortly. During our discussion, we established our estimated expenses and fundraising goals for the year. With an approved budget, it's now time to start working toward those goals.

How PTO supports the Thurston community

This year, Thurston has just over 500 children enrolled, and our teachers rely on PTO grants to enhance curriculum, cover materials and fund special projects. PTO supports field trips as well - providing funds for bus rentals and admissions and furthering our culture of equity and inclusion. Finally, PTO is working toward a return to many of the in-person events that had been put on hold during the pandemic. We need to raise money to be able to achieve all this.

Fall Fundraising Kickoff

This **Friday September 30th**, PTO will kick off our fall fundraiser. We are excited to announce the return of the "Fun Run" this year! Students, parents and teachers will be encouraged to reach out to their communities, local businesses, and families to raise money. We will use the Get Movin' Fund Hub website to collect donations for each student online. Then, the fundraiser will culminate in a healthy movement-focused school day "Fun Run". Watch for an email this Friday with more details.

The PTO wants to hear from you!

Our next PTO meeting will be Tuesday October 18th, and meetings will continue every third Tuesday of the month at 6pm. In the meantime, you can [email us](#) or [visit our site](#) or [Facebook page](#). Have an idea or submission for the newsletter? Email newsletter.thurstonpto@gmail.com. Submissions are due by Saturday at 5pm for the following Monday.

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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