
04-03-23 Thurston PTO Newsletter

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Thurston Elementary PTO

Heron Happenings

April 3, 2023



Upcoming Events

April 3: Thurston fundraiser begins! (details below)

April 6: Wear blue for Autism Month

April 7: No school

April 20: Early release day

April 21: Fun Run (details below)

School Fundraiser Starts Today!

Today we begin our Thurston Elementary online school fundraiser! Our goal is raise \$20,000 for our school, and the money raised directly benefits all students at Thurston. The PTO uses money earned through fundraising to help pay for field trips, all school events, teacher grants, clubs and activities, school improvement projects, and much more! **Thanks to those of you who have already registered. Donations have started coming in!**

Show Your Support!



5%

SCHOOL GOAL
\$20,000.00

WE'VE RAISED
\$1,065.00


Our School Has **24** Total Donations

Donations Accepted Until April 28th, 2023

🕒 25 days left

If you haven't already, it's time now to register your student(s) on our FundHub website and start sharing the site with family and friends.

1. Register or login to your parent dashboard and complete your child's student webpage at getmovinfundhub.com (School Identifier: 5d2ddc964cf2b).



Account Login

Email Address

Password

☐ Remember Me

Login

Register As Parent

[Forgot Your Password?](#)

2. Make a donation using the red "Donate" button.



3. Share with friends and family!



Need some help registering or using our online fundraising website? Watch this [video tutorial](#).

To make our fundraiser more fun, we are including some rewards and incentives! The classroom(s) with the most students registered will get a special visit from our school mascot, Haven the Heron! The highest earning classroom (%) will win a Popcorn Friday! The classroom with the most "shares" of their webpages will earn a Pajama Day! **All Classrooms will celebrate our success with an exciting Spirit Week leading up to the Fun Run on April 21st!**

Fun Run Details

On Friday April 21st, we will celebrate the success of our school fundraiser with a Fun Run! The Fun Run is a lively, all-school event that takes place just outside of our building on school grounds during the school day. All parents/families are invited and encouraged to come and cheer on their children as they complete an obstacle course. Each class has a time slot for going through the Fun Run course, and you can check the [Fun Run Schedule](#) to see when your child's grade will be completing the course. **We will also need parent volunteers to help run the event.** You can sign up to help out at an obstacle or take a class photo. Sign up [here](#)!

Autism Awareness



Sunday April 2nd, 2023 was World Autism Awareness Day. Show your support for the autistic community this Thursday April 6th by wearing something blue to school!

Many around the globe dedicate the month of April to autism awareness and acceptance; to educating ourselves and others about neurodiversity; and to celebrating the contributions and achievements of neurodiverse people. This week, we are encouraging Thurston families to join in this effort by learning more about autism. Below are some good places to start:

- Read the White House's [Proclamation on World Autism Day 2023](#)
- Watch panel discussions from the United Nation's [Transformation: Toward a Neuro-Inclusive World for All](#)

You can also check out the documentary [Swim Team](#) - showing at Pioneer High School's Schreiber Auditorium on April 13th at 6pm. The film shows the real-life, inspiring story of teens with autism who form a competitive swim team. The Ann Arbor Public Schools Office of Special Education is hosting this screening and will also have a discussion with the film director Lara Stolman.

MOVIE NIGHT

**April 13
6 PM**

**Pioneer High School
Schreiber Auditorium
601 West Stadium**

The Office of Special Education at Ann Arbor Public Schools proudly presents the movie *Swim Team*, an inspiring look at the rise of a competitive swim team of teens on the autism spectrum.



The evening will feature a showing of the movie followed by a Q&A with Director, Lara Stolman

An inspiring real-life story of teens with autism who form a competitive swim team. This documentary chronicles the overwhelming struggles and extraordinary triumphs of three young athletes with autism and shows how a swim team can bring hope to a community.

Free event
open to all

A2Schools.org

Custodian of the Year



Abdul Akeely - Top 10 Finalist

Please consider voting for Abdul Akeely - one of 10 finalists in the national Custodian of the Year contest sponsored by the Cintas Corporation. Mr. Akeely has been filling in as our custodian at Thurston, and students have been enjoying getting to know him. He is a hard worker that truly cares for our school community. **You can vote [here](#) every day until April 14th.** The award includes a \$10,000 cash prize to the winning custodian, \$5,000 in products and services for a school makeover, a trip to Las Vegas for the Top 3 finalists and more. Read more about Mr. Akeely and the contest in this [local news article](#).

Mark your calendars for the Thurston Players' original musical production!

THE THURSTON PLAYERS 47TH PRODUCTION

TIME, TURTLES, & TWISTS



SATURDAY, MAY 06 @7:00 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 07 @2:00 PM

HURON HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

TICKETS AT DOOR

\$5 / STUDENTS K-12 \$10 / ADULTS

WWW.THURSTONPLAYERS.ORG



Need to contact a Thurston parent or student? The 2022-2023 Thurston student directory is 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](#).

The PTO wants to hear from you! [Email us](#) , [Visit our Site](#) or [Facebook Page](#)

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

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