

08-28-23 Thurston PTO Newsletter

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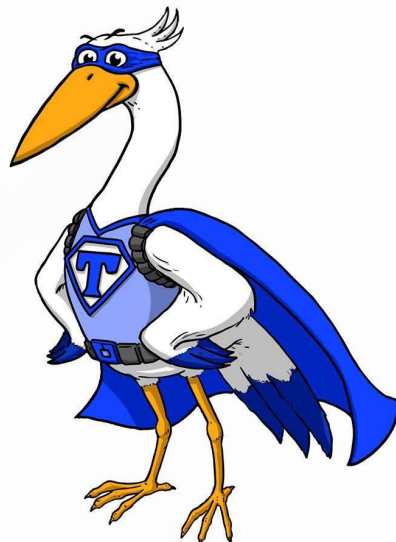
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Thurston Elementary PTO

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August 28, 2023



Upcoming Events

August 29: PTO Coffee Meet Up, 8:45 - 9:25a.m. at the picnic tables on the southeast side of Thurston school

September 1: No School (Labor Day)

September 4: No School (Labor Day)

September 12: PTO Meeting, 6:00 - 7:00p.m. at the Thurston Library ([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([iCal file](#))

September 14: Picture Day

September 19: Curriculum Night, 6:00 - 7:15p.m. at Thurston

Welcome from the Thurston PTO!



Thanks to all those who visited the PTO table at Welcome Night last week! If you didn't get a chance yet, check out the [welcome letter](#) from PTO President Maureen McCoy for more details about our plans for the 2023-2024 school year. Please also fill out our [parent survey](#) so that we can get your thoughts and feedback.

We are looking forward to bringing together parents, teachers and staff for lots of fun events and fundraisers this school year! We need your help to make it all happen! Please consider joining one of our [event committees](#) this year. Let's make this a wonderful year for our kids and for all in the Thurston school community!

Coffee Meet Up Tomorrow



Due to the school closure today, **we have moved our PTO Coffee Meet Up to tomorrow (Tuesday August 29th)**! All are welcome to stop by the picnic tables near the 1st/2nd grade playground after dropping off their student(s) tomorrow. We will introduce some of the PTO officers, learn what they do and have a quick meet and greet session. Hope to see you there!

Be a Lunch Recess Monitor!



The PTO organizes volunteers to help supervise children during their lunch recess. These volunteers provide important support to Thurston's staff and teachers during a busy time of day. Thurston's recess is from 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and all volunteers are required to check in at the school office with ID before heading to the playground. Volunteers will help ensure children stay within playground boundaries, play safely, and follow the playground rules. Volunteering on the playground is a great way to spend some time outdoors, see lots of smiling faces, and get involved in the school community!

Please use this [Google Form](#) to sign up for a recurring weekday volunteer time or a specific date. If you have trouble with the form, please email pto.thurstonelementary@gmail.com.

We greatly appreciate your support!

Thurston Handbook

Learn more about Thurston's policies and procedures in our [School Handbook](#)!

Thurston Elementary

Handbook



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Raise money for Thurston every time you shop!

Start earning money for Thurston Elementary while doing your regular shopping! A few minutes of your time can earn hundreds of dollars at no cost to you. Now is a great time to **sign up for (or renew) your store fundraising accounts!**

Currently only a small fraction of Thurston families are participating. Please take a few minutes to set up or renew your accounts, and you will earn money for your school every time you shop! To make it easier, we've included step-by-step instructions below:

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 find "Cash for Education" under "Community" on the menu.
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



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](https://www.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!

Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop



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- 1993 -** The **Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop** is incorporated as a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Corporation.
- 1994 -** A group of parents hold the first sale in the cafeteria of Tappan Middle School and raise \$5000.
- 2006 -** Relocated to our current home at 2280 S. Industrial Hwy., occupying 22,000 sq. ft. of sales and processing space. (*AATA Bus Routes #6 and #24*)
- 2016 -** The **Showcase**, featuring unique treasures, opens at 2284A S. Industrial - next door to the original shop.
- 2023 -** The **Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop** looks forward to many more years serving AAPS and the community!

Thanks for all the support!



Visit our website or FaceBook page for Current Hours.

Have a question or suggestion? The PTO wants to hear from you!

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