

02-13-23 Thurston PTO Newsletter

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Thurston Elementary PTO

Heron Happenings

February 13, 2023



Upcoming Events

February 13: Thurston Play Info Session, 7p.m., [Zoom link](#), passcode: 123 (details below)

February 14: Deadline for ordering a yearbook (details below)

February 15/16: Thurston Play Tryouts (sign-ups and details below)

February 16: Pre-school, Young 5s & Kindergarten Round-Up, 6:00 - 7:00p.m. (details below)

February 20: No school (Mid-winter break)

Girls on the Run is coming to Thurston!



Registration is now open for the [Girls on the Run](#) program at Thurston! By using a research-based curriculum that creatively integrates physical activity with valuable life lessons, **Girls on the Run empowers 3rd-5th grade girls to develop the confidence and character they need to become strong, healthy leaders in our community.** Through small team sizes with trained coaches, Girls on the Run is able to bring critical social-emotional programming to the girls at Thurston. **Check out our flyer!**

Starting the week of March 12th, our team will meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:45 pm to 5:15 pm. The cost is \$215 (\$185 program fee plus \$30 Rec&Ed site fee). The program includes 20 lessons/practices, a t-shirt, water bottle, cinch sack, journal, a

beautiful 5K medal and more! Girls on the Run is committed to ensuring that program cost is never a barrier to participation. A financial aid application along with payment plan options are included in the online program registration form at www.girlsontherunsemi.org. If you do not have internet access please call (734) 712-5640.

Make a Positive Impact, Become A Girls on the Run Coach:

Full time coach: Tuesday and Thursday 3:45-5:15 pm

Part time coach: Tuesday or Thursday 3:45-5:15 pm

Email 2007yl@gmail.com or visit www.girlsontherunsemi.org

Info Session & Tryouts for the Thurston Play are this week!



Join us tonight via [Zoom](#) to learn more about the Thurston Play! This year's play will be held May 6—7 at Huron High School! All are welcome and there are many ways to get involved! A typical cast includes actors ranging from ages 5-75+ and includes Thurston students, family members, teachers, and community members. We have opportunities for many different talents: actors, writers, organizers, prop makers, stage builders, choreographers, musicians, lighting, costumes, and more!

Info Session: Monday February 13th at 7p.m. via [Zoom](#) (passcode 123)

Audition for a part in the play this Wednesday or Thursday! Sign up [here](#). Auditions are low-stress. Everyone who wants a part, gets a part!

In Person Tryouts (preferred): February 16th, 6—8:30p.m. at Gretchen's House ([1580 Dhu Varren Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48105](#))

Virtual Tryouts: February 15th, 7—9p.m. via [Zoom](#) (passcode 123)

If you or your child plan to participate in the play, either acting or another role, **please register on the Thurston Community Players website using the links below by February 17.** Registering on the site will help us communicate with you about rehearsals and other issues.

- **Y5-12 registration:** <https://www.thurstonplayers.org/k-12-player-registration/>
- **Adult registration:** <https://www.thurstonplayers.org/adult-player-registration/>

You can find more information in our [flyer](#). If you'd like to be involved in other ways or have questions, please email ip.thurstonplayers@gmail.com

New recess volunteering starts February 21st!



A huge thank you to all of you who have volunteered to help at recess this winter! **It's time to sign up for our last trimester, which starts February 21st.** If you are able to help again or would like to help for the first time, we sincerely appreciate your support!

Recess at Thurston is from 11:45-12:55. If you have a date this Winter or Spring or a day of the week you have some time to volunteer on the playground, please sign up on the Google Sheet [here](#)! You will receive a reminder email from the PTO the week you sign up to volunteer with the playground rules and instructions for volunteers. We thank you for your time and commitment to the school!

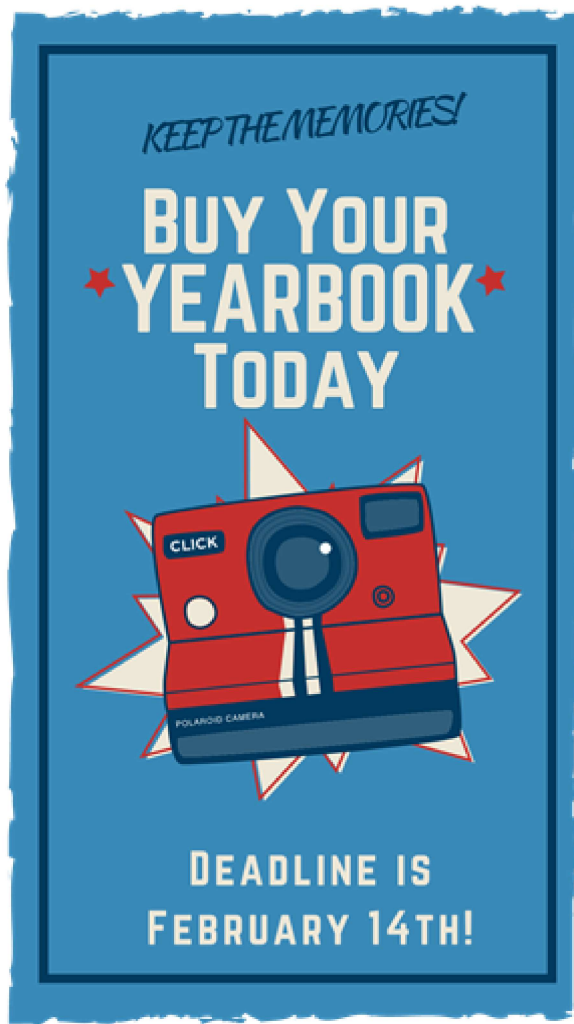
Please also feel free to send an email to pto.thurstonelementary@gmail.com and we can help you sign up or answer any questions!

Tomorrow is the last day to order and/or donate yearbooks!

The 2023 yearbook is on sale now for \$15. Head to [Jostens](#) to order. The deadline to secure a book is Feb. 14.

This year we want EVERY Heron to get a yearbook. If you want to donate a yearbook, click [here](#), and simply put in "donation" for the first and last name in the order form and add to cart.

Did you know that our fifth grade students are working on this year's yearbook? They are taking photos and designing pages to ensure EVERYONE is in the book.



Round-up is this Thursday!

PRE-SCHOOL, YOUNG 5S, & KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

We are happy to announce that our 2023 Kindergarten Round-up will be held this Thursday February 16th. We are excited to host this wonderful event and even more excited to meet our future herons! In hopes of keeping all of our families safe and healthy, we will be running a staggered "Open House" format based on your child's last name!

LAST NAMES M-Z: PLEASE JOIN US 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

LAST NAMES A-L: PLEASE JOIN US FROM 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Save the Date for International Night!



Save the date for an evening of music and performances, food, community and culture brought to you by Thurston families & children.

Date: May 5th (rain date: May 12th)

Time: 5:30—7:30

Cost: FREE thanks to the generosity of Thurston families and the Thurston PTO

Colombia, Libya, Poland and Korea will be there! Want to represent your child's country/culture? Contact thurstoninternationalnight@gmail.com.

Thurston Student Directory



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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