

01-09-23 Thurston PTO Newsletter

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Thurston Elementary PTO

Heron Happenings

January 17, 2022



Upcoming Events

January 17: PTO Meeting, 6:00 - 7:00p.m. ([Zoom link](#)) ([Agenda](#))

January 31: Early release day, dismissal at 1:18p.m.

February 20: No school (Mid-winter break)

PTO Meeting Tonight!



Haven't attended a PTO meeting yet this school year? Have an idea, comment or concern? Join us [tonight on Zoom](#) from 6:00—7:00p.m. for our first meeting of 2023! All are welcome and encouraged to attend! PTO meetings help us stay connected to what is going on at Thurston. We will hear updates from school and PTO personnel and discuss upcoming activities.

Here is tonight's meeting [agenda](#).

If you've missed previous PTO meetings, you can find meeting minutes (once approved) and meeting recordings on the PTO website [here](#).

Be sure to add upcoming PTO meetings to your calendar:

February 21 ([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([iCal file](#))

March 21 ([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([iCal file](#))

April 18 ([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([iCal file](#))

May 16 ([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([iCal file](#))

Can you help out during recess?



Our school is in need of a few more volunteers to help monitor the playground at recess from 11:45—12:55. 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. If you only have one day this winter that you're available to help, that's fine too. You can add your name just for that particular date.

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!

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. needs you. We are in need of people to support all play areas, so we can not guarantee you will be with your kiddo on the day(s) you choose.

Thank you to all who have signed up so far! We greatly appreciate your support in keeping recess orderly and fun!

Save the Date for International Night 2023!



International Night is Thurston's premier cultural event of the year!

Come enjoy an evening of music and performances, food, community, and culture brought to you by Thurston families and children.

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

Time: 5:30-7:30p.m.

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

Interested in representing your culture/country or helping with planning?

Contact thurstoninternationalnight@gmail.com

Please include the following details in your email:

- **Name(s)**
- **Email(s) for correspondence**
- **Country(s)**
- **If your country is interested in performing** (we don't need to know definitely right now, but are trying to gauge interest)

We'll be in touch with more requests for information in the new year.

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](#).

Raise money for Thurston every time you shop!

Now is a great time to sign up for store fundraising if you haven't already.

Store fundraising is so easy, and it can really make a difference for our school. **Currently only a small fraction of Thurston families are 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.

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.

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!



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*"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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