

03-20-23 Thurston PTO Newsletter

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Thurston Elementary PTO

Heron Happenings

March 20, 2023



Upcoming Events

March 20-24: Thurston Spirit Week! (see details below)

March 21: PTO Meeting, 6:00 - 7:00p.m. ([Zoom link](#)) ([Agenda](#))

March 27-31: No school—Spring Break

April 7: No school

PTO Meeting Tomorrow!



Join us [tomorrow night on Zoom](#) from 6:00—7:00p.m. for our March PTO meeting. We will hear updates from school and PTO representatives, and we will focus on planning for the upcoming school fundraiser and Fun Run in April. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

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:

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

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

Thurston Spirit Week!

- When:** March 20-24th
- What:** Each day you can dress to fit the theme with the whole school.
- Why:** Cause it’s fun!

Monday 20th	Tuesday 21st	Wednesday 22nd	Thursday 23rd	Friday 24th
Beach Day	Crazy Sock Day	Sports Day	Thurston Pride	Dress as a Book Character Day
Show us you’re Sun Ready! 	Celebrate Down’s Syndrome with wild socks and show them off! 	Sport your favorite team's colors or jersey’s! 	Wear your blue, white, or gray and show your Thurston spirit! 	Bring the book so we can see who you are! 

Lots of Socks Campaign



World Down Syndrome Day (WDS) is on Tuesday, March 21st. On this global awareness day the world works together to create a single voice for the rights, inclusion and wellbeing of people with Down syndrome. The date for WDS—the 21st day of the 3rd month—was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome.

This year our Thurston community will be participating in the “Lots of Socks” campaign. We challenge each Thurston family to [learn more about Down syndrome](#) and help the world to become more informed about this disability. On March 21st, we invite everyone to pull out a pair of mismatched, unique, fun or even silly socks and join us in participating in this awareness day. The idea is to start a conversation, so when people ask you about your socks you can tell them, “I’m wearing them to raise awareness of Down syndrome”.

Ann Arbor PTO Council Fundraiser



Can you help us create a more equitable Ann Arbor? The Ann Arbor Public Schools PTO Council is hosting the first ever district-wide fundraiser to support our lower-resourced Title I elementary schools. We believe that our children's school experience should not be based on the resources of the families at that school, yet that is the system we have. Our per student PTO income ranges from \$40 per student per year to \$238. As we begin our work, we are looking for 1500 individuals to contribute \$20 or more to show a commitment to creating a better system for all. The online campaign is focused on boosting Title I elementary schools and helping students at these schools. PTOs typically supplement gaps in school funding, but because of wealth and resource inequities among public schools in our own community, not all PTOs are able to raise equal amounts of money. For the past several years, The PTO Council has worked with school reps, caretakers, teachers and the district to identify these gaps and create steps for improvements. We know this is just a drop in the bucket, and that one small fundraiser will not fix inequity. Yet, we must start somewhere. With \$32,550 we can assist the PTOs representing 3,000 AAPS children. To participate, families and community members can donate \$20 (or more), share the goFundMe on social media, and spread the news about PTO funding discrepancies. Funds raised will be equally distributed to Title 1 elementary schools in the fall. This pilot project is part of our larger PTO equity work. The PTOC mission is to promote excellence in our schools through communication and advocacy for member PTOs with district administration, with the Board of Education and beyond. Together we facilitate parent involvement, share ideas and innovations and work to advance the quality of our schools. Thank you for helping us uplift our Title 1 elementary schools while we work together toward more equitable outcomes for all.

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

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March is Reading Month

Don't forget to have your child check out our interactive [March Reading Calendar](#), where students can click on each date for more detailed and fun reading ideas!

AAPS March is Reading Month Activity Calendar 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday & Sunday
 5 Read Across America Day! Read about a state.	Feb 28 My Reading Goal! Make a reading goal for the month and share with a family member.	1 Women's History Month! Read a book about a famous woman in history.	2 Read Across America Day! Read about a state.	3 National Day of Unplugging! Visit a Little Free Library in town.	4-5 Sports Day! Read a book about sports.
6 Adventure Monday! Read a fun Adventure Story.	7 Funny Friends! Read to a stuffed animal or pet.	8 Going on a Word Hunt! Make a list of the words you find in your home.	9 Reading Saves the Day! Read a superhero book.	10 Readers are Leaders! Read a book about a job you would like to have.	11 - 12 Authors are Awesome! Read a book by a Michigan Author.
13 Deaf History Month begins! Learn about American Sign Language.	14 National PE Day! Learn about George Gilmore and how the book pie for the Montgomery Bus Boycott.	15 Once Upon A Time! Read a fairy tale.	16 Animal Day! Animals will start to come out for spring. Read an animal book.	17 Game Day! Play a board game with your family.	18 - 19 Sharing Across Generations! Ask a grandparent, friend, or neighbor to share a story with you.
20 First Day of Spring is March 20! Read a book about spring.	21 Illustrators are Awesome! Draw a picture of your favorite book character.	22 Wacky Weather! Read a book about weather.	23 The World Around Us! Read about another country.	24 Sing into Spring Break! Sing lyrics to a song you like.	25 - 26 Spring Break! Celebrate your reading successes!

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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