

05-01-23 Thurston PTO Newsletter

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Thurston Elementary PTO

Heron Happenings

May 1, 2023



Upcoming Events

May 2: No school (Election Day)

May 5: International Night, 5:30 - 7:30p.m.

May 6: Time, Turtles & Twists (Thurston play), 7:00p.m. at Huron High School

May 7: Time, Turtles & Twists (Thurston play), 2:00p.m. at Huron High School

International Night this Friday!

It's time to get excited about International Night 2023 - an evening of music and performances, food, community, and culture brought to you by Thurston families and children! We're keeping our fingers crossed, but the weather forecast for Friday looks good right now.

Please enter through the school's front doors at 5:30p.m. and head over to the MPR (multipurpose room) to watch wonderful performances by some of our very own Thurston children. We will have an overflow viewing space in the gym as well. Then, we'll move outside where you can visit the many different country displays hosted by Thurston families and children representing cultures from around the world. Kids will receive a "passport" where they can collect stamps from each country visited.

We could still use some volunteers to stay and help clean up after the event. If you're able to help, please sign up [here](#). Thanks to all those who've already signed up to help with International Night!



- Date:** May 5th (rain date May 12th)
- Time:** 5:30-6:00 Performances
6:00-7:30 Tour the World!
- Place:** Performances in the MPR and gym (enter through front door), country displays outside
- Cost:** FREE thanks Thurston families and the PTO
- Bring:** Reusable water bottles (to help reduce waste)

Questions? Contact thurstoninternationalnight@gmail.com

The Thurston play is this weekend!

THE THURSTON PLAYERS 47TH PRODUCTION



thurstonplayers.eventbrite.com

SATURDAY, MAY 06 @7:00 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 07 @2:00 PM

HURON HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

TICKETS AT DOOR & ONLINE

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

WWW.THURSTONPLAYERS.ORG

Each year the [Thurston Community Players](https://thurstonplayers.org) produce an original musical production starring Thurston students, parents, staff, alums, and neighbors of all ages. In this year's original musical production, the Thurston community grapples with unprecedented changes. The neighborhood cat, Luigi, narrates flashbacks to past challenges at the school. Can the students, staff, and parents learn from the past and resolve their differences in time to avert disaster? Tickets can be purchased in advance at <https://thurstonplayers.eventbrite.com> or at the door (cash only). Tickets will also be available for purchase at Thurston's International Night on Friday, May 5. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students K-12. There is an additional service fee for online purchases. Children 5 and under are free. Proceeds benefit the Thurston PTO. If you have questions or would like to get involved in next year's production, please contact ip.thurstonplayers@gmail.com.

Mr. Fisher's Virtual Memory Book



“I have a strong mind because I believe in myself and I always do my best.” This is a mantra that Thurston herons can recite to you by heart because our much-loved P.E. teacher Mr. John Fisher incorporated it into his classes each day. Mr. Fisher has retired after more than a decade with us here at Thurston. The PTO would like to help say goodbye, honor him for all of his hard work, and recognize all of the bonds that he formed in our Thurston community with kids and grownups alike.

Thanks to all those who have contributed to our virtual [Memory Book for Mr. Fisher](#). If you haven't had a chance yet, **there's still time to add your contribution**. Parents, students, teachers and staff are all encouraged to leave a note, drawing, artwork, photo, audio or video message for him. You can duplicate and personalize one of the template slides or create your own new slide. **The deadline to add your contributions is this Friday May 5th by 5p.m.** You can email newsletter.thurstonpto@gmail.com if you have any questions or need help.

Fundraiser Success!

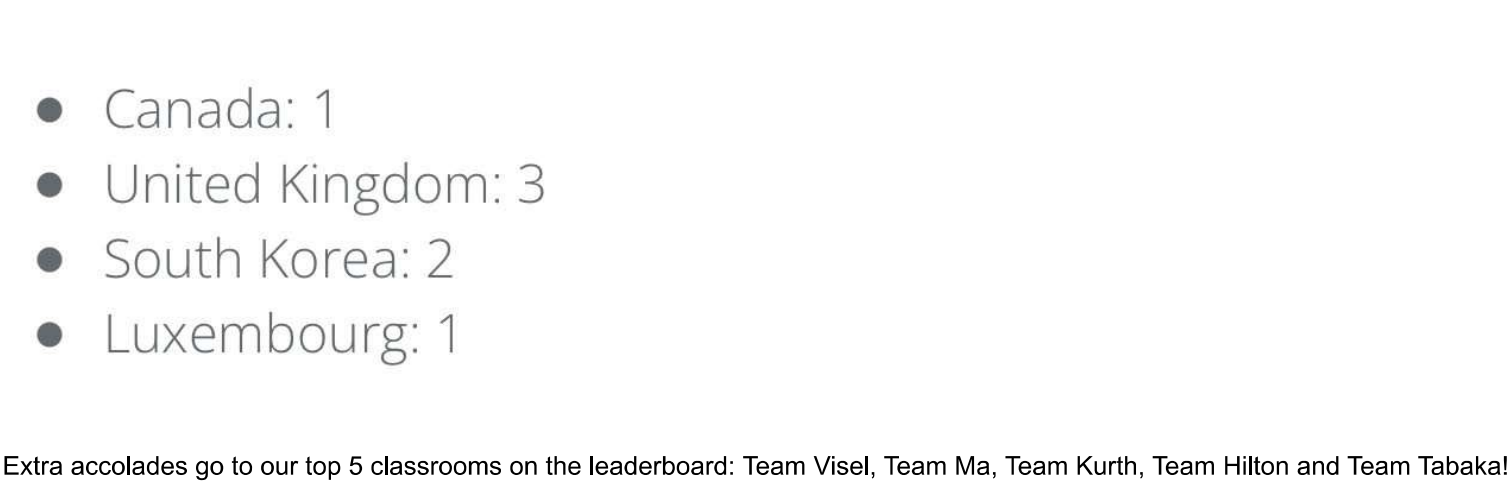
Congratulations Thurston families! We are proud of how our school community came together for the big fundraiser this year! Together we raised \$17,215! This money directly benefits all students at Thurston as it is used to help pay for field trips, all school events, teacher grants, clubs and activities, school improvement projects, and much more!



We received donations from 24 of the 50 states and even some from other countries around the world!

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24/50 States



- Extra accolades go to our top 5 classrooms on the leaderboard: Team Visel, Team Ma, Team Kurth, Team Hilton and Team Tabaka!

Classroom Donations Leaderboard

1	Team Visel	235.42% <i>of goal raised</i>
2	Team Ma	234.68% <i>of goal raised</i>
3	Team Kurth	187.50% <i>of goal raised</i>
4	Team Hilton	144.03% <i>of goal raised</i>
5	Team Tabaka	123.27% <i>of goal raised</i>

Stay tuned for more on the rescheduled Fun Run!



With our big fundraiser now over, we know that everyone is looking forward to celebrating our success at the Fun Run. And, while we know that all this rain is turning the grass greener, helping the flowers bloom, and helping our new plants grow in the Thurston gardens...we've been so unlucky with the timing of the Fun Run and the rain! Rest assured that we are not giving up on it! Stay tuned for an announcement about the new date and times for the Fun Run. We look forward to celebrating soon!

Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser



Who loves pizza? Thurston is participating in the [Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser](#) this year. **Funds raised from the pizza kit fundraiser will go specifically toward educational assemblies, motivational speakers, team building experiences, and SEL activities for staff and students!** This fundraiser is completely hassle free. There are NO products to handle or deliver and NO money to collect... it's that EASY!

As of today, we have sold 91/500 kits. Amazing work, Thurston Herons! Our group earns \$6 profit on every kit we sell. Big pizza eating days are just around the corner, so make sure you have pizza kits on hand for your celebration this year! Remember that you can also email a [link](#) to your family and friends so they don't miss out and post on your social media pages. Shipping costs are the same for 1 Kit or 2 Kits, so stock up and help us reach our goal!

The pizza kit fundraiser will close on May 10, 2023! Thank you for all of your support! We appreciate YOU!



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](#).

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