

05-22-23 Thurston PTO Newsletter

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Thurston Elementary PTO

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Upcoming Events

May 27: Thurston Turtle Rain Garden Volunteering, 10-11a.m. (details below)

May 29: No school (Memorial Day)

June 2: Field Day + Fun Run Event (details below)

June 9: Last day of school, dismissal at 11:28a.m.

Teacher Appreciation Snack Cart this Wednesday!



Thanks to all who have donated items to our **Teacher Appreciation Snack Cart!** Our Amazon Wishlist items have all been purchased! There are still a few pastries and fruit items on the Sign Up Genius list if you would like to volunteer to purchase and bring these items Wednesday morning.

- Check out our [Snack Cart Sign Up Genius list](#)

The snack cart will go door to door to deliver sweet and salty snacks to teachers and staff this Wednesday May 24th! Thanks for showing your appreciation and support!

Volunteer at Thurston's Turtle Rain Garden this Saturday!



Calling all Thurston Gardening Enthusiasts! Our Turtle Rain Garden (near the Kindergarten/Young 5 doors and turtle statue) is in need of some love! We are looking for volunteers who can help pull weeds and clean up the garden! Please bring your own gardening gloves, knee pads, etc. Children are welcome!

Our volunteer work day is on Saturday May 27 from 10-11 a.m.

You can sign up on our [Rain Garden Sign Up Genius sheet](#)

Looking forward to seeing you there! FYI we will not have access to the building.

Field Day + Fun Run on June 2nd!

Field Day is a wonderful all-school event where kids will enjoy a whole series of high energy and exciting activities like tug-of-war, water balloon toss, pool noodle croquet, water bottle bowling and much more! Last week Ms. York sent out a [detailed Field Day plan](#). Please check it out if you haven't already!



One of the stations at Field Day will be the PTO's Fun Run obstacle course! We need some additional volunteers to help set-up, run and tear down the Fun Run station. If you had signed up to help with the Fun Run back in April, we hope you can still help us out. **Check out our updated [Fun Run volunteer sign-up sheet](#).**

Summer gardening opportunity at Thurston



Thurston summer garden plots are available June 10th through the fall growing season for \$10 per plot (donations go to the PTO).

- Bring your own vegetables and flowers to plant, your own tools to garden.
- Open to anyone in the school or broader community.
- A great way to get outside and grow your own food this summer and to build community.
- Want to share a plot with your friends or neighbors? That is also possible.
- Interested in helping in the garden but not having a plot for yourself?

Contact [Leah](#) with questions or for more details.

PTO Elections coming soon!

PTO Board Elections will be held by virtual email ballot next week! We have 2 open board positions to fill. Please email pto.thurstonelementary@gmail.com if you are interested in running! We also need to officially vote in our current Health, Safety and Wellness Officer.



Open Positions:

- **Co-Treasurer (1 opening)** - Serve as custodians of the PTO's finances, collect revenue, pay authorized expenses, follow all financial policies of the PTO, and hold all financial records.
- **PTOC Representative (1 opening)** - Attend and represent the Thurston PTO at the [AAPS PTO Council \(PTOC\)](#) meetings. Obtain options or recommendations from the PTOC to open items facing the Thurston PTO. Report back to the Thurston PTO as to new information from the PTOC.
- **Health Safety and Wellness Officer** - Gina Schneider has been serving as our Health Safety and Wellness Officer all school year. She was elected by the PTO Board in the Fall. According to our bylaws we must confirm our vote in the next public election, so you will see Gina on the ballot also.

PTO Board Candidate List (as of 5/22):
Co-Treasurer - Ying-Chieh Wang "Hi, my name is Ying-Chieh Wang. My husband and I moved to the US in 2015 from Taiwan. I am a stay home mother with two daughters both in Thurston. After my younger daughter began to go to Thurston, I have been volunteering at school at least twice a week during lunch recess and during some class time when the teacher needs help. It is never easy to run a school and provide kids with happy, safe learning. I am excited to have this opportunity to contribute to the school and the community. My English might not be perfect but fluent. My background is in Accounting, and I was a professional business purchaser in Taiwan. I enjoy making the budget for my family, tracking expenses, and analyzing the data periodically to seek improvements. I am confident that I will pick up quickly and start helping the PTO and Thurston community. Thank you."
Health, Safety and Wellness Officer - Gina Schneider "I am Gina Schneider and our family was new to Thurston this year. I have two boys; my oldest is in first grade. I am interested in the Health, Safety, and Wellness board position because children's health and wellness has been a passion of mine for a long time. My undergraduate degree is in Kinesiology and my professional internship was with a non-profit working with public schools in Texas to encourage healthy movement and eating habits in elementary-age students. As a grad student in St. Louis, I became involved in educating underserved communities about healthy eating. I am also a certified yoga instructor. I am very excited to be involved with Thurston and see myself drawing upon all these experiences in my role as Health, Safety, and Wellness Chair."
PTOC Representative - None

Outside of our elected board positions, there are many other ways to be involved! Check out the [PTO website](#) for more information on vacancies. As always, feel free to reach out to the [PTO President](#) to learn more. Joining the PTO is a great way to meet fellow Thurston families, get to know the teachers and staff, and get involved in school activities!

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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