
10-09-23 Thurston PTO Newsletter

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Thurston Elementary PTO

Heron Happenings

October 9, 2023



Upcoming Events

October 11: Thurston Community Players Information Session, 6:00 - 7:00p.m. in the Thurston Gym (details below)

October 12: Picture Re-Takes

October 13 & October 16: No School - Fall Break

October 17: PTO Meeting, 6:00 - 7:00p.m. in the Thurston library ([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([iCal file](#))

October 20: Enchanted Nature Walk, 5:30 - 7:00p.m. at the Thurston Nature Center (details below)

Enchanted Nature Walk

Our first ever Enchanted Nature Walk is coming up Friday October 20th 5:30 - 7:00p.m.!

This week we are accepting donations of unopened bags of nut-free candy to be passed out at the walk! Please drop off your donation in the marked plastic bin in front of the school main doors.

You can help make the walk festive and fun! **Volunteer to set up your own table** with Fall/Holiday themed decorations and/or **pass out donated candy** to walkers? **Sign up [here](#).**



Thurston Student Directory



Need to contact a Thurston parent or student? Check out the updated [2023-2024 Thurston student directory](#). 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](#).

Order your Thurston spirit wear now!



The Heron Spirit Wear Committee has organized a new THURSTON SPIRIT WEAR SALE! Check out our NEW ITEMS and **FUN COLORS!** Orders are due by Friday, October 20th. Download the [order form](#) and place your order via email to the address provided on the form. Credit card orders only.

Any questions? Email Mrs. McGee: mcgee@aaps.k12.mi.us

Thank you for ordering!

Thurston Community Players Information Session

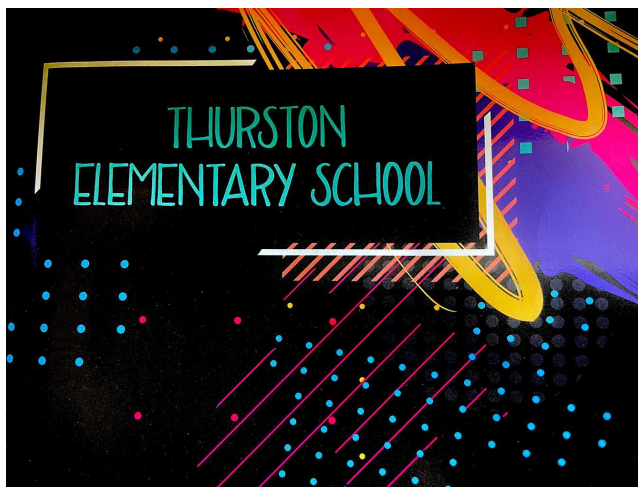


Please join us on Wednesday, October 11 from 6:00 - 7:00p.m. in the Thurston Gym to learn about how you and your student can get involved in this fun Thurston tradition!

The [Thurston Community Players](#) is a group of Thurston students, parents, staff, and community members who create and perform an original musical production each spring to raise money for the Thurston PTO. We have roles for actors, writers, organizers, prop makers, stage builders, choreographers, musicians, lighting, costumes, and more! There are roles for students Y5 and up!

This year, rehearsals will begin after winter break, and the performance will take place March 16-17 at Huron High School Auditorium. To learn more, please come to the information session or email ip.thurstonplayers@gmail.com!

Yearbook Fundraising



Did you know that our very own Thurston fifth graders create the yearbook that comes out at the end of the school year? They take photos and design pages to ensure EVERYONE is in the book. Planning and fundraising for our 2024 yearbook has already begun, and we want EVERY Heron to get a yearbook.

Preorder/donate: You can [preorder your own yearbook\(s\)](#) from Jostens now, and you can also [donate to cover the cost of a yearbook](#) for another family in need (simply put in "donation" for the first and last name and add to cart).

Yearbook Scholarship: To request a yearbook scholarship for your family, please fill out [this form](#) by December 1st.

Recognition Ads: Loved ones can design a special message in the yearbook for their Heron. Recognition ads are \$30. Complete the [Josten's recognition ad form](#) to secure your space now (deadline December 1st).

More details about the 2024 yearbook in [this flyer](#).

Raise money for Thurston every time you shop!

Start earning money for Thurston Elementary while doing your regular shopping! A few minutes of your time can earn hundreds of dollars at no cost to you. Now is a great time to **sign up for (or renew) your store fundraising accounts!**

Currently only a small fraction of Thurston families are participating. Please take a few minutes to set up or renew your accounts, and you will earn money for your school every time you shop! To make it easier, we've included step-by-step instructions below:

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 find "Cash for Education" under "Community" on the menu.
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

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!

Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop



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- 1993 -** The **Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop** is incorporated as a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Corporation.
- 1994 -** A group of parents hold the first sale in the cafeteria of Tappan Middle School and raise \$5000.
- 2006 -** Relocated to our current home at 2280 S. Industrial Hwy., occupying 22,000 sq. ft. of sales and processing space. (*AATA Bus Routes #6 and #24*)
- 2016 -** The **Showcase**, featuring unique treasures, opens at 2284A S. Industrial - next door to the original shop.
- 2023 -** The **Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop** looks forward to many more years serving AAPS and the community!

Thanks for all the support!



Visit our website or FaceBook page for Current Hours.

Have a question or suggestion? The PTO wants to hear from you!

Contacts:

[Maureen McCoy](#) (PTO President)

[Sathish Arcot & Ying-Chieh Wang](#) (PTO Treasurers)

[Holly Giesman Rosero](#) (PTO Newsletter)

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