

09-05-23 Thurston PTO Newsletter

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Thurston Elementary PTO

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September 5, 2023



Upcoming Events

September 12: PTO Meeting, 6:00 - 7:00p.m. at the Thurston Library ([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([iCal file](#))

September 14: Picture Day

September 19: Curriculum Night, 6:00 - 7:15p.m. at Thurston

September 27: Early Release Day - Preschool Dismissal begins at 12:35; Y5-5th Grade Dismissal begins at 12:52 PM

Save the dates!



Our first PTO meeting of the year is next Tuesday September 12th from 6-7pm in the school library, and we're very excited to be conducting a meeting in person for the first time since the pandemic started! You can check out the agenda [here](#). Come and hear about our plans for the school year. Share your ideas, concerns, expertise and enthusiasm! If you haven't already, please consider joining one of our [event committees](#) this year. The PTO funds, organizes and enriches many of Thurston's programs and activities, and PTO depends on parents sharing a little of their time and support.

Save the dates for all of our meetings this school year:

September 12 ([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([iCal file](#)) ([Agenda](#))

October 17 ([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([iCal file](#))

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

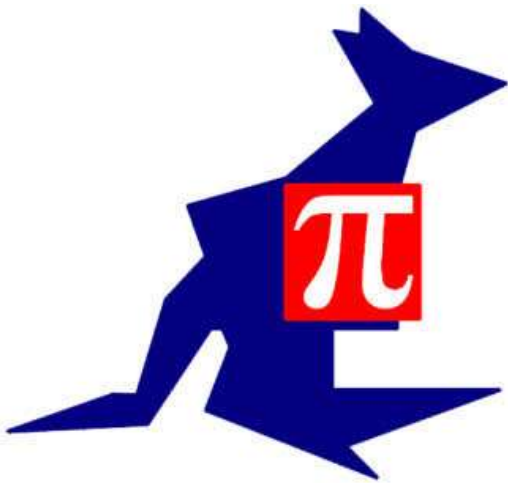
December 19 - Zoom meeting ([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([iCal file](#))

January 16 - Zoom meeting ([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([iCal file](#))
February 20 - Zoom meeting ([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([iCal file](#))
March 19 ([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([iCal file](#))
April 16 ([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([iCal file](#))
May 21 ([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([iCal file](#))
June 4 ([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([iCal file](#))

Thurston Math Club

The Thurston Math Club looks forward to another year of problem solving. Our club sessions are led by parent coaches and assistants and involve a mix of individual and small group activities. We are happy to guide and train parents who are interested. There will be a **planning/coaches meeting Sunday, September 10th in the afternoon**. If you'd like to help coach (and for details on the Sunday meeting), please email thurstonmathclub@gmail.com.

The Thurston Math Club is a club for interested students in grades 1-5. We aim to inspire all participants to enjoy logic puzzles, to explore open-ended STEM questions, and to experience collaborative math problem solving. The club meets weekly at Thurston (time TBD). Students will have the opportunity, by attending Math Club, to be prepared for the annual Math Kangaroo competition in March if they wish to participate. For more on the Math Kangaroo program, visit <https://mathkangaroo.org>.



Adopt-a-Teacher Program



The PTO is implementing a new program this year that will allow us to shower our Thurston teachers & staff with a little encouragement each month. It's called our Adopt-a-Teacher Program! Interested Thurston families will volunteer to adopt a randomly assigned (or specifically requested!) teacher/staff at our school. Teachers & staff will fill out a small "my favorite things" form that will be given to their assigned Thurston family that they can use as a reference if they wish when planning a gift each month. Gifts can be left with the front office staff to be placed in staff mailboxes. This could be as simple as leaving a Diet Coke or pack of gum, writing an encouraging note, or larger ideas like providing lunch, etc. It is totally up to each family as to what they would like to do to appreciate each staff member. No teacher will have more than one family adopt them, but we hope to have every teacher/staff member adopted!

Working in the schools can be difficult, and our hope is to help encourage our AMAZING Thurston teachers & staff each month with small reminders of how much we appreciate them and their efforts in educating our children. If you would like to participate in this

program, please fill out this [Google form](#).

If you have any questions, feel free to contact our PTO Room Parent Coordinator [Sarah Pusilo](#).

Be a Lunch Recess Monitor!



The PTO organizes volunteers to help supervise children during their lunch recess. These volunteers provide important support to Thurston's staff and teachers during a busy time of day. Thurston's recess is from 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and all volunteers are required to check in at the school office with ID before heading to the playground. Volunteers will help ensure children stay within playground boundaries, play safely, and follow the playground rules. Volunteering on the playground is a great way to spend some time outdoors, see lots of smiling faces, and get involved in the school community!

Please use this [Google Form](#) to sign up for a recurring weekday volunteer time or a specific date. If you have trouble with the form, please email pto.thurstonelementary@gmail.com.

We greatly appreciate your support!

Meet the Specials Teachers!



Your Thurston Special Area Teachers for Library, Art, Physical Education, Project Lead the Way, Chinese, Theatre and Music would like to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year! Check out this [Special Area Teacher Introductions slide deck](#) to learn more about each teacher and the learning that will be occurring in specials classes this school year.

Thurston Handbook

Learn more about Thurston's policies and procedures in our [School Handbook](#)!

Thurston Elementary

Handbook



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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



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](https://www.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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- 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:

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