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02-12-24 Thurston PTO Newsletter

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Thurston Elementary Parent Teacher Organization

Heron Happenings

February 12, 2024



Upcoming Events

February 12: NAAPID - National African American Parent Involvement Day (details below)

February 13: Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meeting, 6:00 - 7:00p.m. ([Zoom link](#))

February 16, 19-20: No School, Mid-Winter Break

February 27: No School, Election Day

PTO Meeting Tomorrow



Join us on [Zoom](#) tomorrow - Tuesday February 12th at 6:00pm - for this month's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting. We will go over budget, yearbooks, end of year events, and more. The PTO is a group of parent volunteers who work with Thurston teachers and staff to organize school events and to fundraise for vital programs and materials that enrich our Thurston school community. Every Thurston parent receives automatic membership in the PTO and is welcome and encouraged to attend meetings. [Join the discussion!](#)

Be sure to add upcoming PTO meetings to your calendar:

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](#))

Lunch Recess Volunteers Still Needed



If you have a spare hour in your week, please consider donating your time to Thurston's staff and students. We are running low on volunteers and could use the help! This is a great opportunity to get outside and get involved at school! We are looking for noon-hour (lunch recess) volunteers who can help monitor children on the playground at recess. Recess at Thurston goes from approximately 11:12-12:48, you may come for part of it or all of it.

You can sign up on the [Winter 2023-2024 sign up sheet](#). Use the top of the sheet to [sign up](#) for a recurring shift or scroll down to sign up for just one or two days. Please include your shift choice next to your name on the form.

Recess starts at 11:12 and goes until 12:48. There are 3 shift options.

Shift 0: the whole recess period

Shift 1: 11:00-12:30

Shift 2: 11:20-1:00

If you have trouble with the form, please email pto.thurstonelementary@gmail.com. We greatly appreciate your support!

When you arrive for your scheduled volunteer shift, please check in at the school office with your ID. Thank you so much for helping out at the school and have a great day!

Today is National African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID)



You are invited to NAAPID at Thurston Elementary on Monday, February 12, 2024.

What is NAAPID?

National African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID) is a call to action for continued involvement of parents in their child's education. NAAPID is a continuation of Joe Dulin's (founder of NAAPID and retired AAPS educator) vision. We continue to celebrate this day to honor our parents and show them what our students are learning in school.

What will happen on this day?

Families are welcome to stop in to see what their child does during the school day. You must check in to the main oco to receive a visitor badge.

We will have a special assembly to celebrate Black History Month.

9:15-10 AM; Grades/Classes: PK, Y5, K, 1, 2(Mawby, Ma), Domangue, Coles/Lawhead

10:15-11 AM; Grades/Classes, 2(McKenzie, Seavitt) 3, 4, 5, Gramza

Lunch Served between 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

The Thurston PTO and School are happy to provide our visiting families with lunch from Mo P's Chicken & Fish Restaurant. You may also pack your own lunch and join your student! Thank you to our parents for the restaurant recommendation!

NAAPID 29th Annual Poster Contest

Attention Thurston students: Submit your artwork for the annual NAAPID poster contest! This year's theme is "The Most Valuable Gift You Can Give Another is a Good Example". The contest is open to all Washtenaw County K-12 students, and the entry deadline is February 16th. Download the [flyer](#) for full details.

Submit entries to the [NAAPID Poster Contest Google Form](#).

Check out the winning 2023 poster design by Nina Tshiyoka from WIHI below.



The Lost and Found is overflowing!



Our school Lost and Found is bursting at the seams! You can view [photos](#) of the items that have been lost and found in our [Google Drive](#). If you see an item that belongs to your child, please encourage them to grab their item during the school day. Parents may also gather their child's items before school (8:35- 8:45) or after school (3:48-3:58). **All items not claimed by Spring Break, March 22, 2024, will be donated to the AAPS PTO Thrift Shop.**

Tickets on sale now for the Thurston play!

THE THURSTON PLAYERS 48TH PRODUCTION

ALL THAT GLITTERS IS NOT GOLD

SAT MARCH 16TH 7PM
SUN MARCH 17TH 2PM

HURON HIGH SCHOOL



\$5/YOUTH
\$10/ADULT



The Thurston Community Players present our 48th production:

"All That Glitters Is Not Gold"

Saturday, March 16, 7 pm

Sunday, March 17, 2 pm

Huron High School Auditorium ([2727 Fuller Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105](https://www.google.com/maps/place/2727+Fuller+Road,+Ann+Arbor,+MI+48105))

The Thurston Community Players is a group of Thurston students, staff, families, alums, and neighbors that create an original musical production each spring to benefit the Thurston Elementary and Clague Middle School Parent Teacher Organizations. This year's all ages show takes us back to the early days of Ann Arbor and features tall tales, talking salamanders, and townspeople determined to put their new city on the map.

Join us to enjoy a great show, cheer on your friends and neighbors, and help raise money for two great schools! Tickets are on sale now! For more information, including how to buy tickets, visit the [Thurston Community Players website](https://www.thurstoncommunityplayers.org/).

Order your Thurston Yearbook now!



The 2024 yearbook is on sale now for \$15. [Order your yearbook\(s\)](#) from Jostens now. This year we want EVERY Heron to get a yearbook. If you are in need, please fill out this [form](#). Use the following link to [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).

Did you know that our fifth grade students create the yearbook? They take photos and design pages to ensure EVERYONE is in the book.

Questions? Contact the Thurston yearbook adviser [Mrs. Badalamente](#).

Mark your calendar for International Night!



Save the date for International Night - Thurston's premier cultural event of the year! Come enjoy an evening of music and performances, food, community, and culture brought to you by Thurston families and children.

Date: May 3rd (rain date: May 10th)

Time: 5:30 - 7:30p.m.

Cost: FREE thanks to the generosity of Thurston families and the Thurston PTO

Interested in representing your culture/country or helping with planning? Contact thurstoninternationalnight@gmail.com

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](#).

Please sign up with our local grocery stores to [raise money for Thurston while you shop!](#)

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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Newsletter submissions due by Saturday, 5pm to: newsletter.thurstonpto@gmail.com

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