

## 04-29-24 Thurston PTO Newsletter

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**Thurston  
Elementary  
Parent  
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Happenings**

**April 29, 2024**



### Upcoming Events

**May 2:** 5th Grade Transition to Middle School Day, 12:35 - 2:45p.m.

**May 3:** International Night, 5:30 - 7:30p.m. at Thurston (details below)

**May 6-10:** Teacher Appreciation Week! (details below)

**May 6:** 5th Grade Band & Orchestra Concert, 6:00 - 7:00p.m. in the MPR at Thurston

**May 7:** No School (Election Day)

**May 14:** PLTW (Project Lead the Way) and CTE (Career and Technology Education) Expo, 6:00 - 7:30p.m. at Skyline High School Commons (details below)

**May 15:** Early Release Day - preschool dismissal at 12:35p.m., Y5-5th grade dismissal at 12:52p.m.

## International Night is this Friday!



International Night is 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 – 6:00p.m. Performances in the MPR (please enter through the main doors)  
6:00 – 7:30p.m. Tour the world behind Thurston

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

We are **still in need of** [volunteers](#) particularly for clean up after International Night. **Please consider** [signing up to help](#). It takes a village!

## Teacher Appreciation Week



With all that's happening in our district right now, our teachers and school staff need your kindness and support more than ever! Let's celebrate and honor them this May - starting on May 6th during Teacher Appreciation Week! At Thurston, we usually spread our appreciation activities out over the month of May to allow more staff and teachers to participate. **We need a volunteer to coordinate the snack cart on May 10th!** It can't happen without volunteers! Please reach out to Maureen at [pto.thurstonelementary@gmail.com](mailto:pto.thurstonelementary@gmail.com) if you can help.

**Monday May 6th:** Thank a Teacher Day! Bring a card or small gift of appreciation for your classroom teacher.

**Wednesday May 8th:** Thank a Specials Area Teacher Day! Bring a card or small gift of appreciation for a specials area teacher!

**Friday May 10th:** Snack Cart

**Tuesday May 14th:** Bearclaw Coffee Truck visits Teachers & Staff

**Wednesday May 15th:** Chipotle catered lunch for Teachers & Staff

**Announcing New PTO Board Members for 2024-2025!**



We are happy to announce our newly-elected Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) board members! Their terms will start in the 2024-2025 school year. Congratulations and thank you to our new members for their spirit of service and commitment to our school!

**President:** Rachael Oram

**Vice President:** Maureen McCoy

**Secretary:** Libby Benton

**Communications Co Chair (Webmaster):** Victoria and Daniel Brubeck

**Communications Co-Chair (Newsletter):** Nic Naguib

**PTOC Representative:** Maggie Huebschen

**Member at Large:** Rachel Weisberger

You can get involved too! The incoming board is excited to start planning for next year! **Parents are welcome to join the newly-formed [WhatsApp group](#) to connect and start planning for the 2024/2025 school year via this [invitation](#).** There you can participate in the general discussion or join the committee that interests you most.

**[Project Lead The Way \(PLTW\) EXPO](#)**



# AAPS PLTW and CTE Expo

Tuesday, May 14th 6:00-7:30 pm  
Skyline High School Commons, All Are Welcome



## What is STEAM?

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math

In AAPS, some of our STEAM offerings include engineering, computer science and biomedical, including PLTW courses

## What is CTE?

Career and Technology Education

In AAPS, our CTE programs are Automotive Technology, Business, Computer Science, Cosmetology, Culinary, Engineering, Health Science, and Homebuilding

## What to Expect at the Expo:

Student work showcase Y5-12th Grades

Hands-on, interactive STEAM Demonstrations, including our district robotics teams and CTE Programs





We are looking for volunteers for the spring! You can volunteer to come in any individual school day or a recurring day. 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 staff 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 [Spring Volunteer 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](mailto: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!



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](#).

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**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)

**You can also** [visit our website](#) or [Facebook page](#)

**Newsletter submissions due by Saturday, 5pm to:** [newsletter.thurstonpto@gmail.com](mailto:newsletter.thurstonpto@gmail.com)

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