

02-22-24 Thurston PTO Newsletter

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Thurston Elementary Parent Teacher Organization

Heron Happenings

February 26, 2024



Upcoming Events

February 27: No School, Election Day

March 6: Early Release Day - preschool dismissal at 12:35p.m., Y5-5th grade dismissal at 12:52p.m.

March 12: International Night Informational Meeting, 6:00 - 7:00p.m.

March 19: Young Five/Kindergarten Tour #1, 9:30-10:00a.m.

March 19: Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meeting, 6:00 - 7:00p.m. ([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([iCal file](#))

Food Drive Starts March 4th



Each spring, the Ann Arbor Rotary Club partners with Food Gatherers in a campaign to fight child hunger in our community. The AAPS is pleased to continue our participation in the **2024 drive, Monday, March 4 - Friday, March 15, 2024**. The 2024 drive will include **collecting nonperishable food at Thurston Elementary**. Cardboard bins will be located in the hallway near the main entrance. Food donations are always appreciated and provide an excellent way to involve our students in this vital effort.

Community members are encouraged to make **financial donations**, as Food Gatherers is able to use their bulk buying power to efficiently distribute more food in our community. For every \$5 donated, Food Gatherers can provide 10 meals to our hungry neighbors. The 2024 Rotary Fights Child Hunger donation drive goal is to gather food and funds to provide 100,000 meals.

Donations of \$25 or more made through the Rotary drive will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$10,000. A gift of \$25 provides enough food for 100 meals when you include the match!

We encourage you to register your own team, club or community group to form your own fundraising team and create a link to your page on the Food Gatherers' website to promote your fundraising efforts. Share the link with family, friends, and community to join in your efforts. To register:

- Visit www.foodgatherers.org/rotary
- Click on "Register Your Own Team" or "Participate as an Individual"
- Create an account or log into your existing account
- Create your team or individual page for 2024
- Share it via email, Facebook, Twitter and other social media
- Challenge co-workers, friends and family to join the fight against hunger!
- Donations made to team/individual pages also qualify for matching funds.

Thank you for your contributions in support of our local community.

Purchase tickets now for the Thurston Play!

Tickets are on sale now! For more information, including how to buy tickets, visit the Thurston Community Players website.

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](#))

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!

International Night Update

Last call for International Night participants! Please considering sharing your country or culture.



Curious about International Night? Join an **informational meeting** on **Tuesday, March 12th from 6-7 pm** in the Thurston Library. Come learn more about this special night at Thurston!

For those who would like to share their culture or country and have not already signed up, please contact us by Sunday, March 31 at thurstoninternationalnight@gmail.com

International Night is May 3rd (rain date May 10th).

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!

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.**

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](#).

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)

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

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