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01-29-24 Thurston PTO Newsletter

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Mon, Jan 29, 2024 at 2:00 PM

Thurston Elementary Parent Teacher Organization

Heron Happenings

January 29, 2024



Upcoming Events

January 31: Early Release Day - preschool dismissal at 12:35p.m., Y5-5th grade dismissal at 12:52p.m.

February 1: Kindergarten, Young 5s & Preschool Round Up, 5:30 - 6:30p.m. at Thurston

February 9: Spirit Day! - Pajama Day

February 12: NAAPID - National African American Parent Involvement Day

February 13 (Note date change): Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meeting, 6:00 - 7:00p.m. ([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([ics file](#))

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

Kindergarten Round-Up is this Thursday!



Kindergarten Round-Up

An Exceptional Education Begins with the Ann Arbor Public Schools

When: Thursday, February 1, 2024

Time: 5:30-6:30 PM

Who: All new Preschool, Young Fives, or Kindergarten Families

Where: Enter through the main entrance

What: All new Preschool, Young Fives, or Kindergarten Families are welcome to get to see their new school! Families are welcome to join us for an open house round-up where students and families can meet with special area teachers, our EL teacher, and their possible classroom teacher next year.

Spread the word!

Order your Thurston Yearbook now!



We are almost done designing the cover for our Thurston yearbook! This is what it looks like so far. Did you know that our fifth grade students create the yearbook? They take photos and design pages to ensure EVERYONE is in the book.

Yearbook Ordering

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).

Recognition Ads

Show your love and pride by purchasing a personalized recognition ad in the yearbook. Act now and create a special memory that will be cherished forever and make their yearbook even more special! Complete the [Josten's recognition ad form](#) to create and purchase your ad! But hurry, time and space is limited. **Create your ad by February 2, 2024.**

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

Thurston Student Council Winter Sock Drive

THURSTON ELEMENTARY KICKS OFF THE NEW YEAR WITH A



**THURSTON ELEMENTARY IS PARTNERING WITH AVALON HOUSING
TO SUPPORT OUR ANN ARBOR COMMUNITY.
YOUR DONATIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND ARE APPRECIATED!**

We are collecting **NEW** socks in all sizes; however, there is a particular need for men's socks sizes 10+



Lunch Recess Volunteers



Thanks to those who have already signed up to help at lunch recess! **We still have some openings on Tuesdays.** Check out our [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!

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)

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

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

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