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### 06-10-24 Thurston PTO Newsletter

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# **Thurston Elementary Parent Teacher Organization**

# Heron **Happenings**

June 10, 2024



# **Upcoming Events**

June 13: Half Day/Last Day of School

- 9:00a.m.—PTO Parent Meet-Up with Free Coffee & Donuts (details below)
- 9:15 10:00a.m.—5th Grade Celebration Event
- 11:05a.m.—Preschool Dismissal begins
- 11:15a.m.—5th Grade Clap Out (details below, driveline closed)
- 11:28a.m.—Y5-5th Grade Dismissal



Congratulations on your growth and learning this school year, Thurston Herons! Thank you teachers and staff for your devotion to students even in difficult and uncertain times! Thank you parents and caregivers for supporting your children and their school!

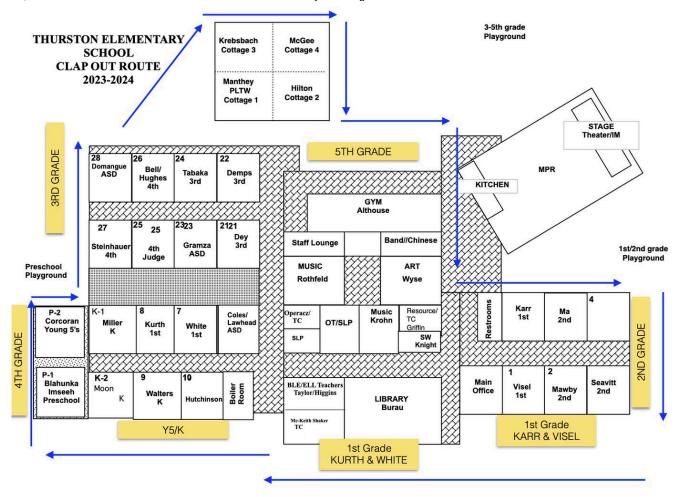
# **Last Day of School Parent Meet-Up**

Stop by for free coffee and donuts at 9am on the last day of school - Thursday June 13th. The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is hosting a parent meet-up. Join us to meet or catch up with other Thurston parents, celebrate the completion of our 2023-2024 school year, and talk about plans for 2024-2025.



### Last Day of School - Clap Out and Dismissal Plan

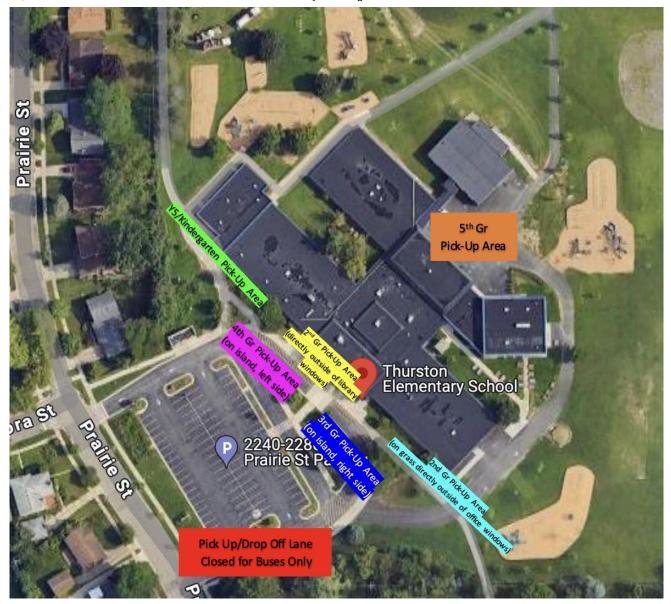
Prior to dismissal on Thursday, we will have the Thurston Clap Out for our 5th grade students. The Clap Out will begin at 11:15am. The Driveline will only be open this day for buses and prearranged cab services. All others who are picking up or attending our Clap Out will need to park on the streets in areas that are legal to park in. Bus service will occur as usual. You may join your child at their grade level location for the Clap Out. Students will all have their personal items with them and be ready to go at the end of the Clap Out. See the Clap Out location map:



#### **Dismissal Locations**

Due to Clap Out and the shortened day, <u>driveline will be closed!</u> The parking lot will only be accessible to buses and prearranged cab service during dismissal. Families with multiple children should have all siblings meet at the youngest child's dismissal area!

If you are unable to make it to the Clap Out at 11:15am and your child is getting picked up, then you will meet them at their pick-up location. See the map:



# **Next Year's PTO Calendar**

The PTO is already planning a full slate of social, educational, school support and fundraising events for next school year. Check out our calendar of events for 2024-2025! Get involved now by joining the PTO WhatsApp Group. You can participate in the general discussion on WhatsApp or join the committee that interests you most. You can also follow our Facebook page.

# 2024-2025 Thurston PTO Events

Event	Date	Time	Location
Kindergarten Meet-up	8/16/2024	5:00PM - 6:00PM	Kindergarten Playground
Welcome Night - Meet Teachers	8/22/2024	5:15PM - 6:30PM	Thurston School
Kindergarten Meet-up	8/23/2024	5:00PM - 6:00PM	Kindergarten Playground
First Day of School Parent coffee meetup during drop off	8/26/2024	8:30AM - 9:00AM	Turtle Rain Garden
PTO First meeting in person	9/3/2024	8:00PM - 9:00PM	Thurston School
PTO First Social Gathering	9/17/2024	3:45PM - 4:30PM	Kindergarten Playground
Curriculum Night	9/17/2024	6:00PM - 7:15PM	Thurston School
Fall Carnival	9/27/2024	5:30PM - 7:30PM	Thurston Basketball Court
PTO Meeting (virtual, continue monthly)	10/1/2024	8:00PM - 9:00PM	Zoom Video Meeting
National Walk & Roll to School Day	10/2/2014	8:20AM - 9:00AM	Thurston School
Thurston Cup! aka Soccer Day	10/6/2024	2:00PM - 4:00PM	OHAC pool check-in & Thurston Soccer Fields
Fun Run & Enchanted Nature Walk	10/25/2024	FR during school, ENW 5:00PM- 7:00PM	Thurston School and William Stapp Amphitheater Rain date 11/1
Fall Teacher Appreciation Day	11/19/2024	during school day	Thurston School
Winter Break - No School	12/23/2024 - 1/3/2025		
NAAPID Day	2/10/2025	during school day	Thurston School
Movie Night	2/21/2025	5:00PM - 7:00PM	Thurston School MPR
Thurston Play	TBD		
Read-a-thon!	3/21/2025	during school day	Thurston School
Spring Break - No School	3/24/2025 - 3/28/2025		
May is Teacher & Staff Appreciation Mon	th		
International Night	5/2/2025	5:30PM - 7:30PM	Thurston MPR and basketball court (rain date 5/9/2025)
Field Day	5/30/2025	during school day	Thurston School
Art on the Pond - End of Year Celebration!	6/6/2025	5:00PM - 7:00PM	Thurston School William Stap Amphitheater

\*Dates and times may change based on needs or release of the AAPS School Calendar



## Get Involved - be a Super Heron!

Join event & committee volunteer groups in the Thurston PTO 2024-2025 WhatsApp Community





Follow **Thurston Elementary PTO** on Facebook for real-time updates about PTO Board Meetings and School Events!

**Summer Garden Beds Available at Thurston!** 



There are 13 raised beds in the Thurston community garden for families to rent for \$10 each, with all proceeds going to the Thurston PTO. Gardening can begin on the last day of school with plots available to anyone in the community. There is no school affiliation required, so please feel free to pass this information along to friends and neighbors who may be interested. The garden plots are yours to be creative with! In the past families have grown a variety of fruits, vegetables and flowers to enjoy throughout the summer. In the late fall, all garden beds must be cleaned out and composted in preparation for colder weather. With the summer being such a busy time, families have created a shared watering schedule to make tending to your plot a little easier. If you're interested in a plot for the summer or have questions, please feel free to email Thurston Garden Captain Kelly Gilbert.

#### **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)

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