

06-03-24 Thurston PTO Newsletter

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Thurston Elementary Parent Teacher Organization

Heron Happenings

June 3, 2024



Upcoming Events

June 4: ~~Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meeting~~ - Cancelled - Join us at the Spring Picnic or Parent Meet-Up instead (details below)

June 7: Spirit Day! Mismatch Day!

June 7: Spring Picnic & Popsicles Social, 6:00 - 7:30p.m. on the Thurston Playground (details below)

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
- 11:20a.m.—Y5-5th Grade Driveline Dismissal begins

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 Month			
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 Stapp 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!

Spring Picnic & Popsicles Social this Friday!

Join us this Friday June 7th from 6-7:30 pm behind the school on the playground for a casual social gathering with free popsicles! Embrace Orthodontics is joining us and giving out free popcorn! Embrace is also bringing a plastic axe throwing target game for Thurston students to enjoy!

Pack your picnic dinner and enjoy an evening of playing with friends before school gets out for summer! If you have any yard games (cornhole, spikeball, etc) please feel free to bring them to enjoy with friends!



PACK YOUR BASKET!

THURSTON PTO PICNIC&POPSICLES

June 7, 2024 | Thurston Playground
6:00-7:30



Last Day of School Parent Meet-Up

Stop by for free coffee and donuts at 9am on the last day of school 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.



THURSTON PTO

PARENT MEET-UP
FREE COFFEE&DONUTS
ON THE LAST DAY OF
SCHOOL

9AM JUNE 13TH
PICNIC TABLES NEAR 2ND GRADE
PLAYGROUND

Honoring PTO Volunteer Margaret Baker



Over her 14 years at Thurston Elementary School, Margaret Baker assisted with numerous initiatives, including Room Parenting, classroom tutoring, Science Olympiad coaching, Walk-to-School days, Field Day, the Turkey Trot, the New Book Sale, and the Used Book Sale.

Two of her proudest contributions were:

1. Playing piano for the annual neighborhood-written Thurston Musical Play for 10 years.
2. Collaborating with the school's diverse group of families on International Night for over a decade, creating the "Tour the Countries" passports (with thanks to Marcy Hires, Mikyoung Jang, and Nikki Bonevich), and expanding involvement.

Read the [full article on the AAPS District News](#).

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)

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