

03-04-24 Thurston PTO Newsletter

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Thurston Elementary Parent Teacher Organization

Heron Happenings

March 11, 2024



Upcoming Events

March 12: International Night Informational Meeting, 6:00 - 7:00p.m. in the Thurston Library

March 15: School-wide Book Character Dress Up Day!

March 16: Thurston Community Players performance of *All That Glitters is Not Gold*, 7:00p.m. at Huron High School

March 17: Thurston Community Players performance of *All That Glitters is Not Gold*, 2:00p.m. at Huron High School

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](#))

March 21: Thurston Peer 2 Peer Stuffie Sleepover (see details below)

International Night informational meeting is tomorrow!

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).

Don't miss the play this weekend!

Come and see Thurston students, families, community members and neighbors in the play *All That Glitters Is Not Gold* this Saturday or Sunday at Huron High School. Special guest Principal Cucu will be appearing on stage as well! Get your [tickets](#) now! This year's all ages, original musical production 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. Proceeds benefit the Thurston Elementary and Clague Middle School Parent Teacher Organizations. Join us to enjoy a great show, cheer on your friends and neighbors, and help raise money for two great schools!

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



Stuffie Sleepover Fundraiser

THURSTON'S PEER TO
PEER CREW IS HOSTING A

STUFFIE SLEEPOVER!

Sign up to see what mischief they will
get into without you for the night...

Help us build friendships across abilities at Thurston by participating in our [Peer to Peer Program Fundraiser](#).

- For \$7, your student's stuffed animal gets to spend the night at Thurston on March 21st (includes access to an online photo album of all the stuffie shenanigans)
- For \$10, you get the Sleepover Bonus Package (includes a framed souvenir photo and a name bracelet for your stuffed animal)
- Please contact your classroom teacher if a scholarship is needed

Register and pay with this [registration form](#) by 4pm on Tuesday, March 19th. Payment can be made by cash or Paypal. Please add the note "Stuffie Sleepover" if paying by Paypal. Peer 2 Peer Crewmates will come around to classrooms to pick up stuffed animals from pre-paid and registered students. There will be a secure check-in process to make sure that all stuffed animals will be returned to the correct families.

Join the fun and see what your stuffie will do!

Food Drive ends this Friday!

Rotary
Club of Ann Arbor



Fights Child Hunger

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

Claim lost items by March 22!



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](#).

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!

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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