

05-28-24 Thurston PTO Newsletter

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Tue, May 28, 2024 at 10:00 AM

**Thurston
Elementary
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Organization****Heron
Happenings****May 28, 2024****Upcoming Events****May 28:** Orchard Hills Athletic Club (OHAC) Swim Team Parent Information Meeting, 7:00p.m. at OHAC Pool**May 30:** Thurston After Care Registration begins (details below)**May 31:** Field Day**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

Register for the OHAC Swim Team!



Registration for the Orchard Hills Athletic Club (OHAC) swim team is now open. There will be a **parent meeting today Tuesday May 28 at 7:00p.m.** at OHAC Pool ([2300 Yorktown Drive](#)). Prospective families are welcome to come by and ask questions and meet our swim parents and some coaches! Learn more here: <https://www.ohacpool.org/pages/gator-swim-team>

After Care Registration Opens Thursday

Hello Thurston Families,

Based on the results of the survey, Thurston Elementary School will have child care starting the first day of school in the PM! Registration opens at **10:00 am, Thursday, May 30th.**

We are pleased to announce that Rec & Ed will offer both full time and PART-TIME scheduling in 2024-25.

- For PART-TIME, select either [Monday/Wednesday/Friday](#) or [Tuesday/Thursday](#).
- For FULL-TIME (M - F), add both M/W/F AND T/TH (two activities) to your cart.

A one time registration fee of \$7 per activity/per student is due at registration. The first installment of your auto-payment plan will be due on August 22, 2024. We're also proudly announcing lower fees. With the expansion to additional schools, we were able to lower before and after care fees. You may register directly from the links below on May 30th. If registration fills, a waitlist will automatically form. As we add staff into the fall, and other parents' plans change, we will be able to accommodate students from the waitlist. For more information please visit the Before/Aftercare webpage at a2schools.org and/or contact us via aapschildcare@aaps.k12.mi.us or (734)994-2300 x53253.

Thank you!

BAC Administrative Team

After Care		Monthly	Annual (10 mos)
PM Thurston M/W/F	PM	\$193	\$1,930
PM Thurston T/TH	PM	\$128	\$1,280
Full Program M, T, W, Th, F Register for both P/T schedules above	PM	\$321	\$3,210

Spring Picnic & Popsicles Social

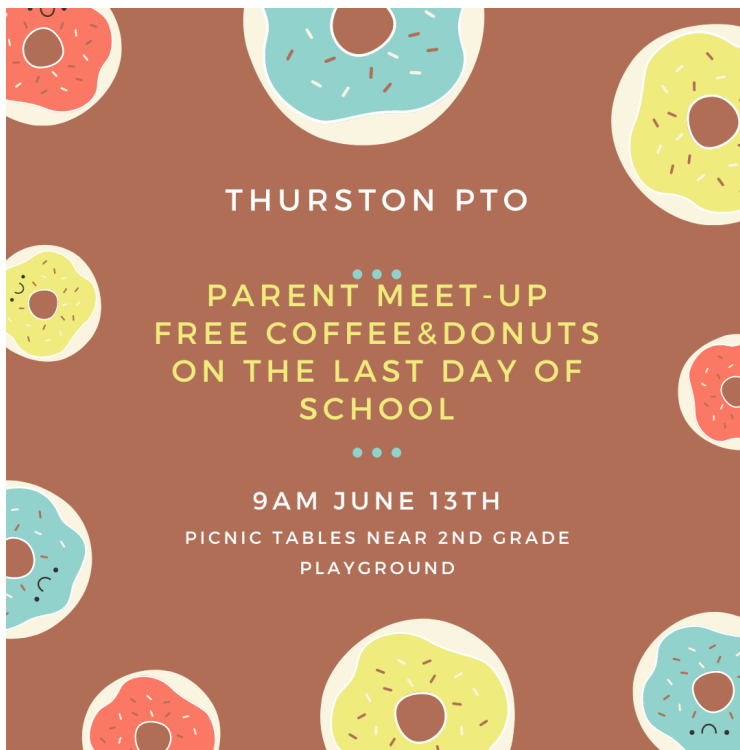
Join us on June 7th from 6-7:30 pm behind the school on the playground for a casual social gathering with free popsicles! Embrace Orthodontics is joining us and giving out free popcorn! Embrace is also bringing a plastic axe throwing target game for Thurston students to enjoy!

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!



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.



You can also get involved with the PTO planning for next year by **joining the newly-formed PTO WhatsApp Group via this [invitation](#)**. **The incoming board is already connecting with parents and starting to plan for the 2024/2025 school year.** You can participate in the general discussion on WhatsApp or join the committee that interests you most.

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](#).

Spring Lunch Recess Volunteer Sign Up



We are looking for volunteers for the spring! You can volunteer to come in any individual school day or a recurring day. 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 staff 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 [Spring Volunteer 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](#)

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