

05-06-24 Thurston PTO Newsletter

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Thurston Elementary Parent Teacher Organization

Heron Happenings

May 6, 2024



Upcoming Events

May 6-10: Teacher Appreciation Week! (details below)

May 6: 5th Grade Band & Orchestra Concert, 6:00 - 7:00p.m. in the MPR at Thurston

May 7: No School (Election Day)

May 10: International Night, 5:30 - 7:30p.m. at Thurston (details below)

May 14 **note date change*: Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meeting, 6:00 - 7:30p.m. in the Library at Thurston ([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([iCal file](#))

May 14: PLTW (Project Lead the Way) and CTE (Career and Technology Education) Expo, 6:00 - 7:30p.m. at Skyline High School Commons (details below)

May 15: Early Release Day - preschool dismissal at 12:35p.m., Y5-5th grade dismissal at 12:52p.m.

Special Election for Additional PTO Board Members



We have had some additional volunteers for the roles of Co-Treasurer and Co-Fundraising Chairs, and we are running another [election](#) to bring them into the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Board for next year!

Candidates

Co Fundraising Chair: Rachel Lavieri-Wagner

Co Fundraising Chair: Katie Choi

Co Treasurer: Shasha Zhang

Please take a second to [cast your vote](#). Voting will close on Wednesday May 8th at 5pm. Once elected, they will join the board and begin serving in their new roles in the 2024-2025 school year!

Congratulations and thanks again to our recently-elected incoming board members for their spirit of service and commitment to our school!

President: Rachael Oram

Vice President: Maureen McCoy

Secretary: Libby Benton

Communications Co Chair (Webmaster): Victoria and Daniel Brubeck

Communications Co-Chair (Newsletter): Nic Naguib

PTOC Representative: Maggie Huebschen

Member at Large: Rachel Weisberger

You can get involved too! The incoming board is excited to start planning for next year! **Parents are welcome to join the newly-formed [WhatsApp group](#) to connect and start planning for the 2024/2025 school year via this [invitation](#). There you can participate in the general discussion or join the committee that interests you most.**

International Night moved to this Friday!



Last Friday's forecast for thunderstorms meant that we had to postpone. We will now be holding the event this Friday at Thurston. Fingers crossed that the rain holds off! International Night is 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 10th

Time: 5:30 – 6:00p.m. Performances in the MPR (please enter through the main doors)
6:00 – 7:30p.m. Tour the world behind Thurston

Cost: FREE thanks to the generosity of families and the PTO

We are **still in need of** [volunteers](#) particularly for clean up after International Night. **Please consider** [signing up to help](#). It takes a village!

It's Teacher Appreciation Week



Monday May 6th- Make a card for your classroom Teacher and/or TA telling them how much you appreciate them! Parents and students are encouraged to bring cards or small gifts to school to give to their classroom teacher to thank them for everything they do!

Wednesday May 8th- Thank a Specials Area Teacher! Please bring a card, note, or small gift of appreciation to one of our Specials Area Teachers on this day. Some of these Teachers work with every single student at Thurston and often go unrecognized! Please choose a Teacher (or several) from the list below!

- Orchestra Teacher - Mr. Smith
- Library and Media Teachers- Ms. Burau and Ms. Eaddy
- Art Teacher- Ms. Wyse
- PE Teacher- Ms. Althouse
- Music Teacher- Ms. Rothfeld & Ms. Krohn
- Instrumental Music Teacher - Ms. Carpenter
- Theater Teacher- Ms. Cook
- English/Second Language Teachers - Ms. Higgins, Ms. Elmeligi & Ms. Yuan
- Teacher Consultants- Ms. Operacz, Ms. McKeith-Shaker and Ms. Griffin
- Reading Intervention Teacher- Ms. Taylor
- Speech Language Pathologists- Ms. Rutan & Ms. Pusilo
- Physical Therapist- Ms. Kim Bonenberger
- PLTW Teacher- Ms. Manthey
- Social Worker- Mr. Andraska
- School Psychologist- Ms. Harris
- Occupational Therapists- Ms. Shelley and Ms. Russell
- Office Professionals- Ms Delp and Ms Polovick

Friday May 10th- Snack and Drink Cart brought around to each room. Staff and Teachers can select from a variety of donated items to enjoy!

Tuesday May 14th- Thurston PTO is paying for the Bear Claw Coffee Truck to visit the school from 11-1. Teachers and Staff can enjoy free drinks and pastries, all paid for by the PTO! Thank you for all the Read-a-Thon donations that are helping pay for this experience!

Wednesday May 15th- Thurston Teachers and Staff will enjoy a lunch catered by Chipotle on this Early Release Day. Donations for drinks and desserts are also requested!

Please feel free to create your own way of thanking your teacher this month!

Project Lead The Way (PLTW) EXPO



AAPS PLTW and CTE Expo

Tuesday, May 14th 6:00-7:30 pm
Skyline High School Commons, All Are Welcome



What is STEAM?

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math

In AAPS, some of our STEAM offerings include engineering, computer science and biomedical, including PLTW courses

What is CTE?

Career and Technology Education

In AAPS, our CTE programs are Automotive Technology, Business, Computer Science, Cosmetology, Culinary, Engineering, Health Science, and Homebuilding

What to Expect at the Expo:

Student work showcase Y5-12th Grades

Hands-on, interactive STEAM Demonstrations, including our district robotics teams and CTE Programs



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!



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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