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03-18-24 Thurston PTO Newsletter

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Thurston Elementary Parent Teacher Organization

Heron Happenings

March 18, 2024



Upcoming Events

March 19: Young Five/Kindergarten Tour #1, 9:30-10:00a.m.

March 19: Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meeting, 6:00 - 7:00p.m. in the Thurston Library

March 21: Rock Your Socks for World Down Syndrome Day (see details below)

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

March 22: All School Pajama and Stuffie Day

March 25 - 29: No School (Spring Break)

PTO Meeting Tomorrow



Join us on tomorrow - Tuesday March 19th at 6:00pm in the Thurston Library - for this month's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting. The PTO is a group of parent volunteers who work with Thurston teachers and staff to organize school events and to fundraise for vital programs and materials that enrich our Thurston school community. Every Thurston parent receives automatic membership in the PTO and is welcome and encouraged to attend meetings.

Haven't had a chance to come to a meeting yet this year? It's not too late. You can join the discussion tomorrow about **PTO board elections, teacher appreciation week plans, Read-a-thon fundraising, Snow Cone Social, 5th grade activities and more.** Have your voice heard or share your expertise!

Be sure to add upcoming PTO meetings to your calendar:

April 16 ([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([iCal file](#))

May 21 ([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([iCal file](#))

June 4 ([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([iCal file](#))

Last Chance to register for the Stuffie Sleepover!



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!

Rock Your Socks for World Down Syndrome Day!



World Down Syndrome Day is this Thursday, March 21st. On this global awareness day the world works together to create a single voice for the rights, inclusion and wellbeing of people with Down syndrome. The 21st day of the 3rd month —was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome. At Thurston we celebrate World Down Syndrome Day by learning about Down Syndrome, celebrating what makes us unique, and allowing for our students to share their learning with others. Families can learn more on the [World Down Syndrome Day website](#). **Students are invited to participate in “Rock Your Socks Day!” to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day by wearing silly, fun and/or mismatched socks on Thursday.**

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)

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