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Thurston Elementary PTO

Heron Happenings September 27, 2021

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Newsletter submissions are due by Saturday, 5pm to: newsletter.thurstonpto@gmail.com

Upcoming Events and Reminders

October 3 @12pm-2pm: Picnic Table Building ([Signup Genius](#))

October 4: Virtual PTO Board Election

October 19 @6-7pm: Virtual PTO Meeting ([Zoom Link](#))

Picnic Tables Update

Thurston Families, THANK YOU for helping us!

To date, we have received enough donations for a total of 35! tables. We are only 5 tables (~\$500) short of our goal.

If you still would like to contribute, please [Click Here for the Thurston PTO PayPal Link](#) (Note "Picnic Tables" in the memo line. Any extra fund received will be added to the PTO General Funds.)

Did you know? The tables come unassembled!

So we **really need volunteers** to help us build the tables and get them ready for use by our students!

Sign-Up Here to Help Build Picnic Tables

Sunday October 3 from 12pm to 3pm

Please contact the [PTO President](#) with questions.

Thank you for your support!

Our newly renovated courtyard (across from the Preschool playground) is ready to welcome the laughter, learning, and creativity of our amazing Herons!



School Supplies Donation Drive

Do you have unused school supplies from 2020-2021?

If you have unused supplies kits that were distributed by AAPS and Thurston last year, please feel free to donate them to our teachers and classrooms.

Just drop them off in the clear plastic bin outside the front door marked "School Supply Donations"

PTO Election - Candidate Statements

Upcoming PTO Board Election: Monday, October 4th 8:00 am via GoogleForm linked in PTO Newslette

Mark your calendars for PTO Meetings: Tuesdays 6:00-7:00 pm October 19 - November 16 - December 14 - January 18 - February 15 - March 15 - April 19 - May 17 - June 14

Grace Chae - President. My name is Grace Chae and I am the Interim PTO President. I have been part of the Thurston Community since fall 2017 after moving to Ann Arbor from Chicago. I have a 2nd grader, a 3rd grader, and a 5th grader. I served as PTO Secretary last year and am excited to run for President for the 2021-2023 term. I am also an Internal Producer with the Thurston Community Players, which puts on a homegrown, yearly play production featuring students and families of Thurston, Clague, Huron, and beyond. We have an amazing community and I am excited about the prospect of working with the entire membership to find ways to bring our community back together after so much time apart.

Corentin Cras-Méneur - Vice President. I've been a part of the Thurston community for about 10 years now. I started being involved with the PTO when my youngest daughter was in Kindergarten. I was treasurer for a number of years, then a "Member at Large" (as I became treasurer for the Clague PTSO for another two years). I am also on the board of the Thurston Community Players (the Ann Arbor community theater group supporting our school and community since 1974). I currently have a second and a fifth grader at Thurston, and I would be more than happy to keep on trying to help the PTO to the best of my abilities and share my experience with the other members of the community.

Corinna Burghardt - Co-Treasurer. Hi! My name is Corinna Burghardt and my son is currently a 1st grader in Ms Hudson's class. I was a room parent last year and would love to participate in the PTO this year to continue supporting our amazing Thurston community. I am especially interested in the open co-treasurer position as it aligns so well with my professional skills: I am a research administrator with LSA Finance at UM and work with budgets, reconciliations, and projections every day. On a personal note, my family combines three nationalities and we love the international, open, and welcoming Thurston neighborhood.

Dave Stouffer - Secretary. My name is David Stouffer and I moved to Ann Arbor in 2018 with my wife and two children. Both of my kids are at Thurston and we are excited to be a part of such a great school. The short time I have been in Ann Arbor I have noticed a tight social network related to Thurston school and its wonderful group of families. I am happy to be in a position to contribute to the Thurston PTO and look forward to assisting this great community.

Holly Geisman Rosero - PTOC Representative. My name is Holly Giesman Rosero, and I'm excited to get involved with the Thurston PTO for the first time this year. I am a mom of two—my Thurston 1st grader, Lucas, and my future Thurston Heron, Maya (3 years old). My husband Luis and I moved our family to Ann Arbor from California two years ago, but I'm originally from the Midwest and happy to call Michigan home now. I'm a full-time mom at the moment, but I have a background in media and

documentary. I'm running for the PTOC Representative position, and I'm very interested in connecting with others in PTOs across the Ann Arbor area. I look forward to learning and bringing back new ideas for our Thurston school community.

Maureen McCoy - Health, Wellness and Safety Chair. My name is Maureen and I am the mom to three awesome kids, including a first grader and kindergartner at Thurston. Before becoming a full-time parent last year during the pandemic, I worked as a registered nurse. I hope my background in healthcare and love of working with children make me a good fit for this position in the PTO. I look forward to meeting all of the Thurston families and helping to make Thurston a healthy and safe place for our kids.

Sarah Surerus - Communications Co-Chair. My name is Sarah Surerus. My daughters and I moved into the Thurston neighborhood in September 2020 after eight years living on the far west side of Ann Arbor. My partner and I share a home with our blended family and 9 yo boxer, Duncan. I have two daughters in kindergarten and third grade, and this is our first year at Thurston! We are very excited to be here, meet our community, and get involved. In my freetime, I volunteer with my daughters' Girl Scout troop and have previously served as a room parent, and also I work as a speech-language pathologist at an adult brain injury facility in the area. I am running for one of the Communications Co-Chair positions because I believe in strong communication between a child's home and school. I understand the need to stay in-the-loop with my children's school in order to help my children develop academically and socio-emotionally, and I will make sure PTO communication is prompt and easily accessible for parents. I look forward to meeting everyone at Thurston.

Jeremy Bricker - Communications Co-Chair. Hi I'm Jeremy, and am running for communications co-chair to take care of the PTO's website. My daughter is in kindergarten at Thurston. We just moved here from Holland, and are enjoying all A2 has to offer kids.

Sheiba Kaufman - Fundraising Co-Chair. Hello families! My name is Sheiba Kian Kaufman, and I'm so happy to be part of this great community. My family and I recently moved from Southern California and we couldn't be happier with our awesome Thurston community. Our son Thomas is in first grade and our daughter Martha is two years old. I've been a college educator and writer for nearly fifteen years! Along the way, I've had wonderful experiences volunteering with nonprofit children's museums and working in the community to raise funds and awareness for important educational needs and causes. I would be honored to bring my experience and skills with coordination and communication to this service role as fundraising co-chair for Thurston! I promise to make our fundraising events joyful, smooth, and successful to benefit each and everyone on campus.

Michelle Malewitz - Member-at-Large. My name is Michelle Malewitz and I'm the parent of a disabled 2nd grader. This is our first year at Thurston. We recently moved from Los Angeles to Ann Arbor. My husband is a native Michigander and UofM Alumni as well. I'm a full time project manager and in my free time I'm all about disability advocacy. I'd love to get involved with the PTO and take on the role of member at large. My big goal for the year is starting a Special Education PTO Subcommittee and celebrating Disability Awareness in October. Looking forward to getting to know more Thurston parents.

Cathy Gorga - Member-at-Large. My name is Cathy Gorga, and my daughter Rowan is in second grade. I'd love to serve on the PTO as a Member-at-Large so I can learn more about how my skills and background (in social work and education) can best enable me to serve the Thurston community. We're so glad to be back in person this fall! We really missed connecting with our friends and are excited to see what the school year brings.

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