

January

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

1/3/2021

Happy New Year Thurston Herons!

As we move into the second half of the school year on behalf of the entire Thurston staff, I would like to say thank you for all of your support and hard work thus far. The biggest thank you goes to all of the efforts put into place to support our own Thurston Families. Thanksgiving and the Holiday programs were a huge success. There was not one dry eye as gifts and donations were being handed out. The overwhelming generosity was truly appreciated by each person affected. It truly takes a village and the Thurston Community out did itself.

As we continue to take on this virtual learning experience together, we would like to encourage everyone to keep their heads up and stay safe. We hope that this new year will bring us closer to to a safe return into the building. Until this time comes we will continue to work together to make sure that our herons have the best learning situation possible. We encourage everyone to continue taking advantage of our individual and small group learning opportunities as the daily live instruction. We recognize that many families are doing the best they can to balance all aspects of the day. As a team will continue to work with everyone to create supportive and flexible schedules that support individual family needs. In addition, please continue to read your teacher's and PTO newsletters for upcoming events and classroom updates. As always, thank you for your continued support. We look forward to all of the wonderful experiences 2021 will have to offer.

**Science Olympiad
is coming to all
interested
2nd-5th graders!
Informational
Meeting on
January 7th at
7:00pm**

Science Olympiad Information

The Washtenaw Elementary Science Olympiad (WESO) is back for 2021 and our 2nd-5th graders are eligible to participate! Due to COVID-19, the 2021 WESO event will be held completely virtually and will take place through a series of 5 monthly, self-paced, individually oriented, non-competitive activities focused on a different theme each month. For those of you familiar with the traditional WESO format, you may even notice that these 5 themes/activities draw heavily from tried-and-true WESO events. These monthly themes are intended to be supplemental science-based activities that engage your children outside of the classroom to learn and have fun with science. Thurston WESO head coaches will be holding an informational session on Thursday January 7th at 7pm via Zoom (<https://umich-health.zoom.us/j/9101212121>). This is your chance to ask questions and learn a little more about the 2021 WESO event. We hope to see you there! Also, we are still in the process of updating our website, which should be current on Monday Dec. 21 From there you will be able to find more information and register your child. In the meantime, questions can be sent to wesoteamthurston@gmail.com.

Upcoming Day Off

**MLK Day
January 18, 2021
No School for Staff
or Students
School will resume
on January 19, 2021**

Helpful Contact Information

AAPS Parents of Students with Special Needs Hotline - call 734-994-2318
AAPS Food Service-Hotline - call 734-994-2265
AAPS Technology Hotline- call 734-997-1222

Please feel free to reach out for any needed resources or information. We are here to help!

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Calendar

Week of January 4th	1/4/2021 School Resumes Welcome Back!	1/5/2021	1/6/2021	1/7/2021 Science Olympiad Information meeting @ 7PM	1/8/2021
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