



November Weekly Newsletter

11/17/20

Thurston Herons,

It is with extreme excitement that we introduce this brand new "weekly" newsletter to you! We will share this document every Sunday evening. Our hope is that while we can't see one another, we will still have the opportunity to connect about what's going on for the week. In addition, this will be the place where you can find supports and upcoming school/district information. While we DO NOT want to burden you with one more thing, we also don't want you to feel alone and out of the loop. We hope this resource will lend a universal "hand" in keeping us all together and connected.

Ms. York & Dr. Chalfant

Closing Circle

In the hope of creating an opportunity for more targeted small group & individualized instruction, all AAPS elementary classrooms we will be adjusting Closing Circle to occur earlier in the school day between 1:00-2:00. Instructional Staff (Classroom, Special Education, Building Literacy and English Language Teachers) are all looking forward to the opportunity to offer individual and small group instruction. We highly encourage families to take advantage of these opportunities! These times will allow for instructional staff and students to not only learn more about academic progress and supports needed but also allow for opportunities to build positive and more meaningful relationships. This is definitely the area that we have all missed the most! Please look for more detailed information to come from instructional staff regarding these more personalized opportunities.

Holiday Giving Drive

Every year our community looks to support our immediate family during the holidays. We recognize that this year has brought many new and unpredicted hardships. In hopes of reaching those who may be hurting the most, we hope to bring a little joy to our herons during this holiday season. We know that everyone has been impacted by the pandemic in many different ways and do not want to create any undo pressure or anxiety for anyone. With that said, we are organizing the holiday giving drive and would ask that if you are in a position to support you check out the wish lists of our kiddos. If you are not in a position to support at this time, we understand and urge you to continue keeping your family and loved ones safe and healthy. We will be releasing the wishlist this Sunday in our next weekly newsletter! As always, thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Other Opportunities to Help

As we continue to hear of the hardships our community/ families are facing due to the pandemic, we would like to offer additional opportunities to support our community. With the Thurston Pantry not able to operate in its normal capacity, we still would like to offer families the opportunity to support. Beginning November 30th, we will begin to have themed supply drop off opportunities.

Donations can be dropped off M-F 8am-3pm (Bin will be located outside front doors)
Week of November 30th- Personal Care (personal hygiene, toothpaste, soap etc.)
Week of December 7th- Paper Goods (toilet paper, paper towels, etc.)
Week of December 14th- Cleaning Supplies (windex, pinesol, etc.)

Distribution

If you still need to pick up your supplies please visit Thurston Weds- Friday of this week between 8am-3pm. Supplies will be sorted in grade level boxes at the main door, with your students name.

If your 5th grader needs their instrument please contact Mr. Jackson to set up a date and time to meet him at Thurston.

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Upcoming Dates

11/25-11/27 -Thanksgiving Brea- No School for Staff & Students

12/17- Report Cards go home-

12/21-1/1 Winter Break- No School for Staff & Students

1/3/21- School Resumes

1/21/21- AAPS invites you to a Facebook Live Event @7PM. This event will feature mental health
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Report Card Adjustments

Term 1 Report Card: Classroom Teacher (SISS/BLE/ELL progress notes/reprt/newsletter) Report Cards will be sent home on December 17th.

Term 2 Report Card: Classroom Teacher, Instrumental Music (5th only) Report Cards will be sent home March 26th.

Term 3 Report Card: Classroom, art, Library, vocal Music, Pe, World Language (5th only) Report cards will be sent home June 11th.

Outside Resources & Supports

With funding provided by the Miles Jeffrey Roberts Foundation, and with support from the WISD and Washtenaw County Community Mental Health, the AAPS is providing all families with the opportunity to view Screenagers Next Chapter: Uncovering Skills for Stress Resilience. For more information, please see the districts website.

Connecting Together: An AAPS Parent/Guardian Support Group: Twice a month Drop in support groups for parents and guardians of student's in AAPS. Groups meet on the 2nd Tuesday (7:30-8:30pm) and 4th Thursday (1-2pm) of the month. Connect with other parents to find support and get ideas about how to face challenges of 2020. Please register on the AAPS website.