

11-13-23 Thurston PTO Newsletter

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Thurston Elementary PTO

Heron Happenings

November 13, 2023



Upcoming Events

November 15: Science Olympiad Parent Info Meeting for new families, 7:00 - 8:00p.m. in the Thurston Library

November 21: Turkey Trot around the Thurston neighborhood, during the school day (schedule below)

November 22 - 24: No School (Thanksgiving Break)

November 28 (NOTE DATE CHANGE): PTO Meeting, 6:00 - 7:00p.m. ([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([iCal file](#))

Turkey Trot Fundraiser Update

We are currently at 31 percent of our [fundraising goal](#)! We still have a long way to go, and we have just 9 days left to get there!

31%

SCHOOL GOAL
\$20,000.00

WE'VE RAISED
\$6,245.00

Our School Has **151** Total Donations
Donations Accepted Until November 22nd, 2023
⌚ 9 days left

Have you registered your student(s) yet? Following these three simple steps will help get to the fundraising goal fast:

1. First [Register](#) or re-[Login](#) to your parent dashboard and complete your child's student webpage with a PICTURE at getmovinfundhub.com. *School Identifier: 5d2ddc964cf2b*
2. Make an online donation using the red Donate button right away
3. Share with friends and family. They want to help! Help your child reach their goal in 24/48 hours by sending 10-15 emails and/or text messages and posting on social media.

The final donation due date is 11/22/2023 by 11:59p.m. Donations can also be made via cash or check (payable to: Thurston Elementary School PTO) and turned in to the school.

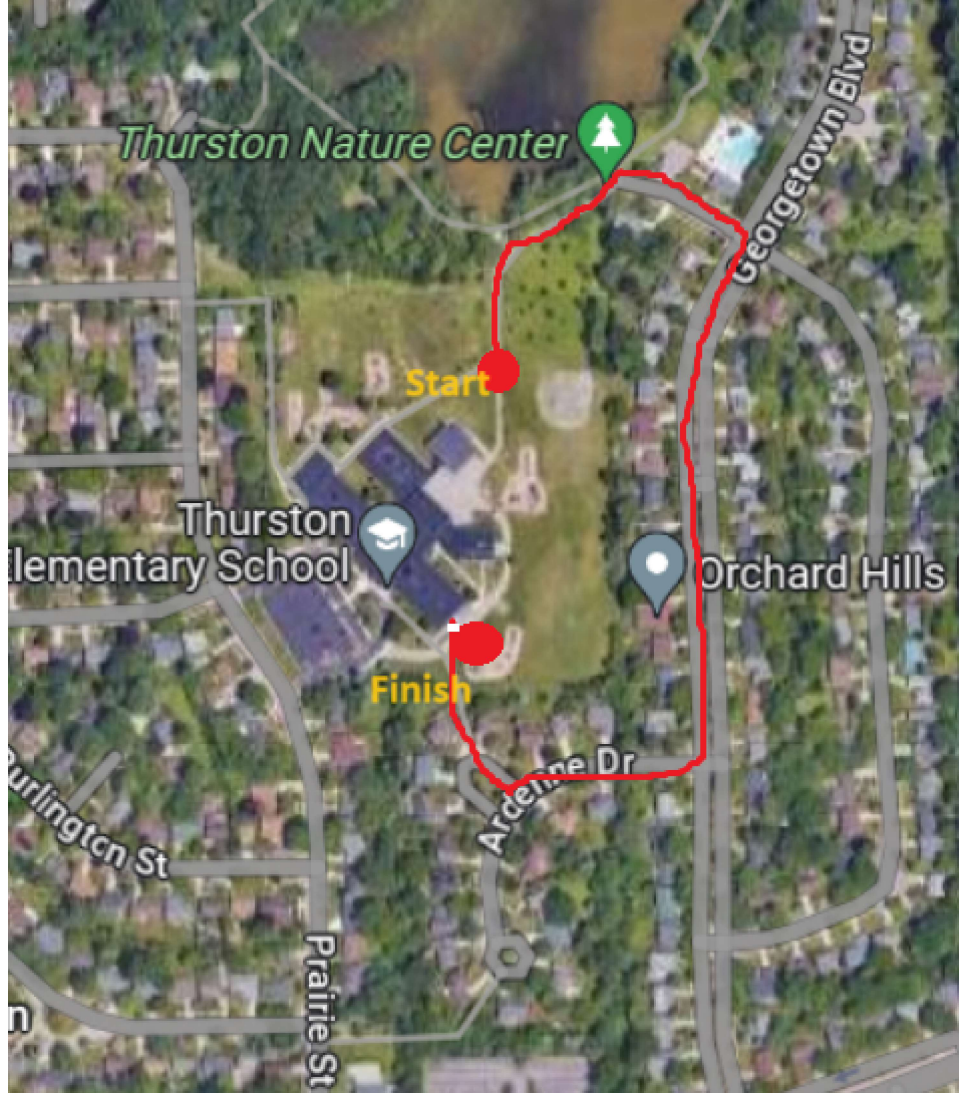
Check out how your student's classroom is doing on our [Classroom Donations Leaderboard](#). Team Ma, Team Coles/Lawhead and Team Walters are currently leading the way!



To celebrate our fundraising success, **all students will have the opportunity to run/walk in the Turkey Trot on Nov 21 during the school day!** Check out the detailed schedule and map below.

Time	Grade/Class
12:18-12:48	1st Grade
12:48-1:18	5th Grade
1:18-1:48	Kindergarten, Young Fives
1:48-2:18	2nd Grade, Ms. Domangue
2:18-2:48	4th Grade, Mr. Gramza
2:48-3:18	3rd Grade, Preschool, Ms. Coles

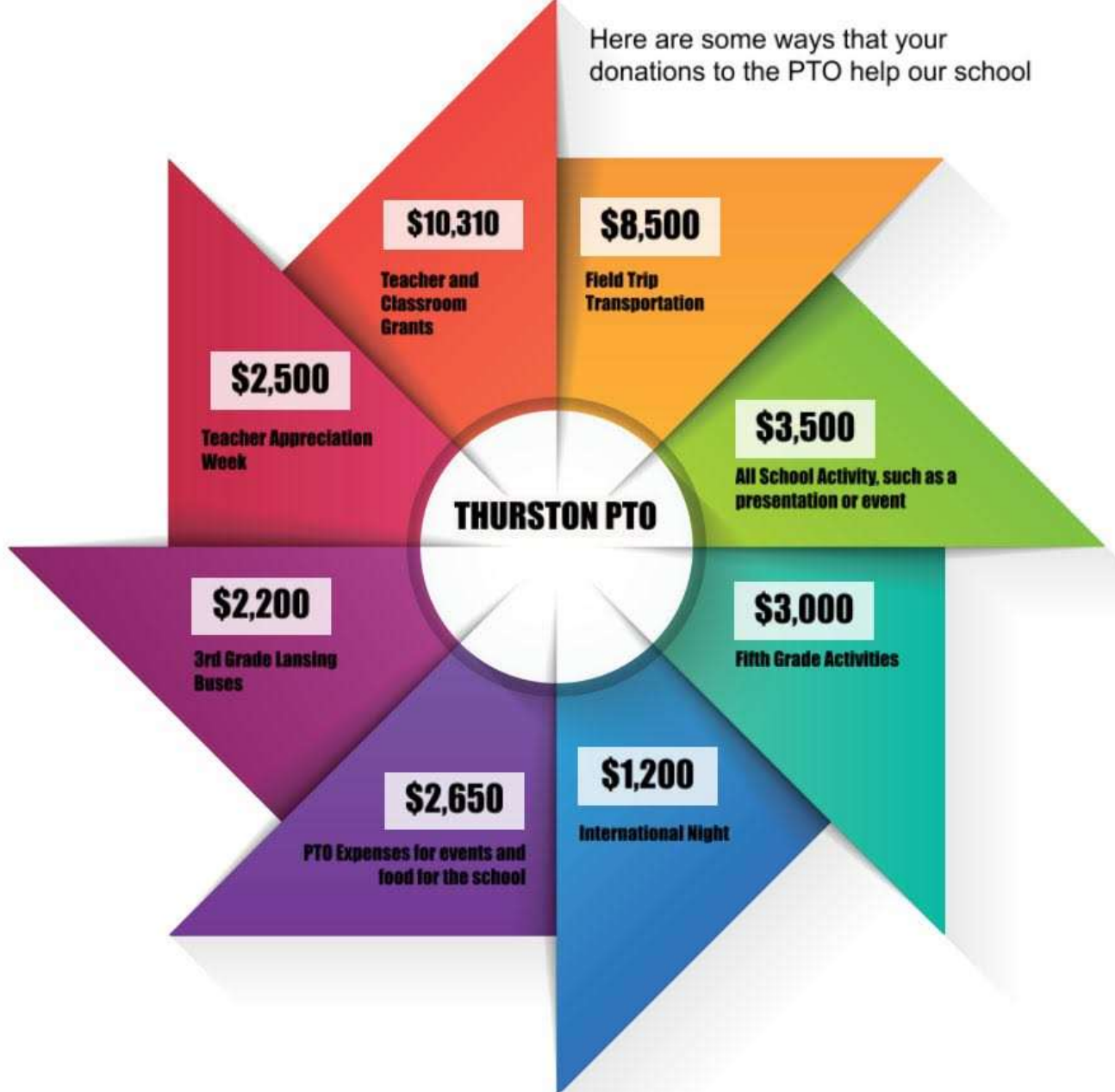
We encourage parents and families to come cheer on their student(s) along the route below or at the start/finish lines. We are seeking some volunteers to stand at specific points along the route to help keep kids on track and monitored. [Please sign up with this link to volunteer during your child's time slot!](#)



Don't forget to have your child(ren) dress in their class color at the Turkey Trot.

- Preschool & Y5s **Red**
- Kindergarten **Yellow**
- 1st Grade **Green**
- 2nd Grade **Purple**
- 3rd Grade **Orange**
- 4th Grade **Light Blue**
- 5th Grade **Dark Blue**

Thurston Fundraising



Our Thurston PTO Fundraising Team has put together a [website](#) with more ways to help our school fundraising efforts while you shop or via corporate sponsorship. Check it out [here](#)!

Recess Monitor Sign Up

RECESS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



It's time to [sign up](#) to be a lunch recess monitor for the winter (Thanksgiving through Spring Break)! Thanks so much to all of our wonderful fall volunteers! We rely on your help to keep things orderly, safe and fun for the kids during lunch recess!

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

Check out the [Winter 2023-2024 sign up sheet](#). Use the top of the sheet to sign up for a recurring day, or scroll down to sign up for a single date, and **please include your shift choice next to your name on the form.**

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!

Science Olympiad Parent Information Meeting this week!



Attention Thurston 2nd – 5th Graders! Want to discover a great science learning experience? Join Thurston's Science Olympiad Team! A Science Olympiad is a tournament where kid scientists can compete in different types of scientific events – launch rockets, study human skeletons, build towers, make potions, and more. Be on a team, compete for our school, make friends, learn cool facts, and maybe even win a medal.

NEW Team Families can join us for a Parent Information Meeting this Wednesday, Nov. 15th from 7:00-8:00p.m. in the Thurston Library!

The Washtenaw Elementary Science Olympiad Tournament will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2024.

Team Thurston website: <https://sites.google.com/view/weso-thurstonelementary>

Washtenaw Elementary Science Olympiad website: www.wesoscience.org

Mark your calendar for International Night!



Save the date for International Night - 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.

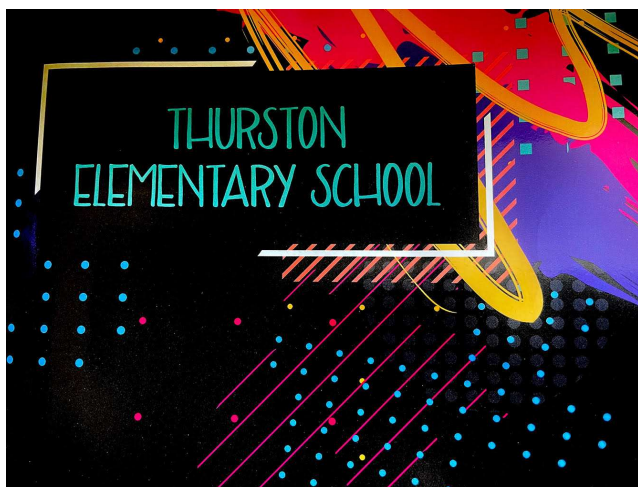
Date: May 3rd (rain date: May 10th)

Time: 5:30 - 7:30p.m.

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

Interested in representing your culture/country or helping with planning? Contact thurstoninternationalnight@gmail.com

Yearbook Fundraising



Did you know that our very own Thurston fifth graders create the yearbook that comes out at the end of the school year? They take photos and design pages to ensure EVERYONE is in the book. Planning and fundraising for our 2024 yearbook has already begun, and we want EVERY Heron to get a yearbook.

Preorder/donate: You can [preorder your own yearbook\(s\)](#) from Jostens now, and you can also [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).

Yearbook Scholarship: To request a yearbook scholarship for your family, please fill out [this form](#) by December 1st.

Recognition Ads: Loved ones can design a special message in the yearbook for their Heron. Recognition ads are \$30. Complete the [Josten's recognition ad form](#) to secure your space now (deadline December 1st).

More details about the 2024 yearbook in [this flyer](#).

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](#).

Have a question or suggestion? The PTO wants to hear from you!

Contacts:

[Maureen McCoy](#) (PTO President)

[Sathish Arcot & Ying-Chieh Wang](#) (PTO Treasurers)

[Holly Giesman Rosero](#) (PTO Newsletter)

You can also [visit our website](#) or [Facebook page](#)

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