

10-02-23 Thurston PTO Newsletter

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Thurston Elementary PTO

Heron Happenings

October 2, 2023



Upcoming Events

October 4: Walk and Roll to School Day

October 8: Soccer Day at Thurston, 2:00 - 5:00p.m. (details below)

October 11: Thurston Community Players Information Session, 6:00 - 7:00p.m. in the Thurston Gym (details below)

October 13 & October 16: No School - Fall Break

October 17: PTO Meeting, 6:00 - 7:00p.m. in the Thurston library ([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([iCal file](#))

Fall Carnival Success



The PTO would like to thank all the parents, teachers and staff who helped with the Fall Carnival last week! We are very grateful to those of you who volunteered your time to help run the carnival - selling tickets and concessions, running the games, painting faces, setting up and cleaning up, etc... Without your help, events like this are not possible. Thanks also to those who attended and helped us raise money for the school. The attendance was well above and beyond what we expected, and your support greatly enriches the student experience at Thurston! We raised around \$4,000, which the PTO will use to help fund bussing for field trips, software and other supplies for the classroom, extra-curricular school groups, school events, and more.

Walk and Roll to School Day is this Wednesday!



Join us in walking or rolling to school this Wednesday, October 4th!

- **Local Families** are encouraged to **walk or bike** in to school
- **Bus Riders** will be dropped off at Dolfin Community Pool and walked to school by staff and volunteers
- **Car Riders** are encouraged to park on Sheffield, Aurora or Burlington (within legal limits and not blocking drives) and walk to school

We need volunteers to cheer for and supervise students as they walk from the bus drop off point at Dolfin Community Pool to our school. Please email principal [Samantha Cucu](#) if you are interested in supporting this event!

[Download this map](#) for specific walking directions/drop off spots.

Soccer Day at Thurston!



Attention Thurston Families: Come and help use raise money for new nets and goals for the the Thurston soccer fields!
Thurston's First Annual Soccer Day is October 8th from 2pm-5pm. There will be organized co-ed soccer games for Y5-5th grade. Suggested donation is \$5/player. Snacks available for \$1. [Sign up to coach a game or help organize a team here.](#) The Orchard Hills Maplewood Homeowners Association (OHMHA) [Fall Festival](#) is on the same day from 1-3pm, so you can also stop by the Fall Festival for cider and donuts and pizza slices for sale from your Thurston PTO before heading over to play soccer with friends! Please note we will not have access to Thurston for restrooms. Check out our [flyer](#) for more details, and please contact thurstonsoccerday@gmail.com with any questions or to get involved!

Thurston Community Players Information Session



Please join us on Wednesday, October 11 from 6:00 - 7:00p.m. in the Thurston Gym to learn about how you and your student can get involved in this fun Thurston tradition!

The [Thurston Community Players](#) is a group of Thurston students, parents, staff, and community members who create and perform an original musical production each spring to raise money for the Thurston PTO. We have roles for actors, writers, organizers, prop makers, stage builders, choreographers, musicians, lighting, costumes, and more! There are roles for students Y5 and up!

This year, rehearsals will begin after winter break, and the performance will take place March 16-17 at Huron High School Auditorium. To learn more, please come to the information session or email ip.thurstonplayers@gmail.com!

Help us plan the Enchanted Nature Walk!



The PTO is excited to announce that we are organizing an **Enchanted Nature Walk for the evening of Friday October 20th!** Families can walk the path through the Thurston Nature Center and stop at decorated stations along the way to trick or treat. Costumes are not required but are encouraged!

Planning is underway, and **we are seeking individuals or groups who would like to set up a themed booth or table along the Thurston Nature Center path.** Get your creative juices flowing and help us come up with some really fun and slightly spooky ideas! Young children will be attending, so stations need to be family friendly and not too scary. Showcase your creativity! Sign up [here](#) to get involved.

Starting October 9th, we will have a bin in front of the school to collect nut-free candy donations for the Enchanted Nature Walk. The event is free to attend, but we are requesting a donation of a bag of candy if families are able.

Scholastic Book Fair Volunteering

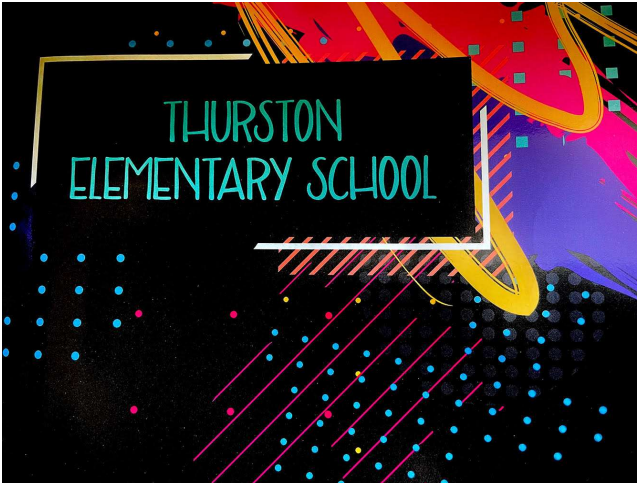


Everybody Shout “Hooray!” The Scholastic Book Fair is on its Way!!!!

Who:	YOU!
What:	Book fair volunteers (a few slots still open)
Where:	Thurston School Multi-purpose Room
When:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wednesday, October 18 - Preview DayThursday, October 19 and Friday, October 20 - Sale Days (Classroom teachers will send students down at specific times)Friday evening from 5-7pm. Please pop in before or after you complete the Enchanted Nature walk.
How:	Click on the “Sign-up Genius” below for available time slots.

Click [HERE](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D4DAAAB23A20-44464074-book) or copy and paste this url - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D4DAAAB23A20-44464074-book> to sign up for the book fair. Our past book fairs have always been successful due to the generous help of our wonderful families. Please consider helping out so we can purchase books for the library and continue encouraging our young herons to read. All volunteers must check in at the office on the day you are volunteering. Please bring your driver’s license or form of identification. Thank you so much! We’ll see you at the fair!

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](#).

Raise money for Thurston every time you shop!

Start earning money for Thurston Elementary while doing your regular shopping! A few minutes of your time can earn hundreds of dollars at no cost to you. Now is a great time to **sign up for (or renew) your store fundraising accounts!**

Currently only a small fraction of Thurston families are participating. Please take a few minutes to set up or renew your accounts, and you will earn money for your school every time you shop! To make it easier, we've included step-by-step instructions below:

Busch's



1. To enroll in Cash for Education, you must have a MyWay account. If you are already a Busch's member, log in to your MyWay account through buschs.com/MyWay and find "Cash for Education" under "Community" on the menu.
2. Choose Thurston PTO from the list of organizations (for all quarters) and every purchase you make will earn rewards.
3. Select up to four organizations that you would like to support for each quarter using the drop down menu. Purchases will be allocated equally between your chosen organizations.
4. Participants will be required to re-enroll on an annual basis. You will receive an email reminder before the next year's enrollment begins.
5. Just be sure to use your MyWay card or phone number at checkout.
6. You must have a valid email address and opt in to receive emails to participate in this program. You can check this information under My Account > Account Holder when logged into MyWay.
7. Busch's will sometimes update accounts after one year, so check the Community tab periodically to make sure Thurston is still receiving your rewards.

You can learn more about the Cash for Education program and sign up here at www.buschs.com/community

Kroger



1. Get a Kroger Plus Card at the customer service desk or use the one you already have.
2. To start earning Kroger's Community Rewards program, you need to create an account at kroger.com. Go to Create an Account and type in your name and Kroger Plus card number. If you already have a digital account, please ensure you have a Plus Card linked to your account.
3. Click on My Account and scroll to the bottom where it says Community Rewards
4. Click Enroll and fill out the required information
5. You will now be able to search for and select the organization you want to link your card with. Search for Thurston PTO (organization number VY999) and click Enroll.
6. Scan your Kroger Plus card whenever you check out. Kroger often offers special discounts to cardholders in addition to the community rewards program.

Note: Kroger requires everyone to re-enroll after April 30th!

Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop



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- 1993 -** The **Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop** is incorporated as a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Corporation.
- 1994 -** A group of parents hold the first sale in the cafeteria of Tappan Middle School and raise \$5000.
- 2006 -** Relocated to our current home at 2280 S. Industrial Hwy., occupying 22,000 sq. ft. of sales and processing space. (*AATA Bus Routes #6 and #24*)
- 2016 -** The **Showcase**, featuring unique treasures, opens at 2284A S. Industrial - next door to the original shop.
- 2023 -** The **Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop** looks forward to many more years serving AAPS and the community!

Thanks for all the support!



Visit our website or FaceBook page for Current Hours.

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

Contacts:

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