
10-30-23 Thurston PTO Newsletter

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Thurston Elementary PTO

Heron Happenings

October 30, 2023



Upcoming Events

October 30: Turkey Trot Fundraiser Begins (details below)

October 31: Halloween Parade

October 31: Early release day - Preschool Dismissal begins at 12:35; Y5-5th Grade Dismissal begins at 12:52 PM

November 7: No School (Election Day)

November 8 & 9: Auditions for *All That Glitters is Not Gold*, 6:00 - 8:30p.m. in the Thurston MPR (details below)

November 8: Science Olympiad Parent Info Meeting for returning families, 7:00 - 8:00p.m. on [Zoom](#) (details below)

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

Halloween Parade and Early Release Tomorrow

HALLOWEEN PARADE



Tomorrow from 12:10 - 12:40pm, we will have our annual Thurston Halloween Parade! Students will parade around school premises in costume, and families are welcome to come and cheer them on. If your student wishes to participate tomorrow, please pack a costume for them to wear (following the guidelines below). If you do not want your child to participate, please let your classroom teacher know. We will make sure alternate options are available for those students.

Costume guidelines: All costumes should be in a bag or backpack, labeled with your child's name and can be worn over their clothes only. Please do not send any costume that can't be worn over your child's school clothes or make-up that needs to be put on your child. This also includes any shoes that are distracting to the school day. Costumes may not have a weapon, be overly gruesome, bloody, or inappropriate for a school-friendly environment. If you are not sure about the appropriateness of your child's costume please ask your classroom teacher.

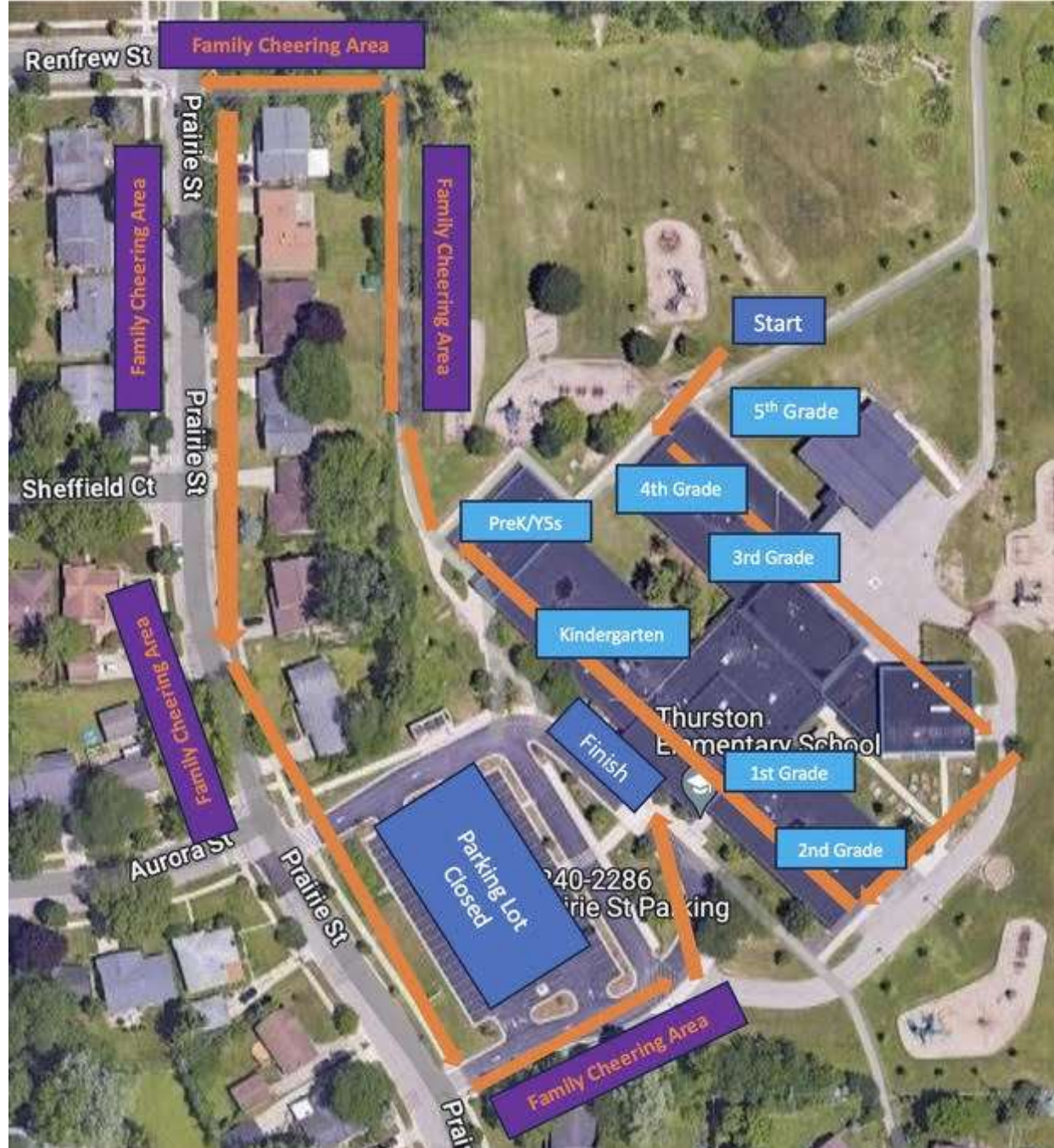
Spectator guidelines: We would like to welcome all families to join us during the parade as cheering spectators. We simply ask that during the parade, all families find a nice grassy space labeled on the parade map below. If you are unable to attend in person, then you can view the parade on [Zoom](#) (Meeting ID: 984 9637 5018, Passcode: Thurston)

Parking: The school parking lot continues to be for staff only. Please find appropriate parking around the surrounding streets.

Rain plan: If we should have inclement weather, we will have our parade inside the school. Families are welcome to enter the school building at 12:00pm and will go directly to the MPR for viewing the parade.

Early release: Although it is an early release day, students may not be picked up prior to the start of dismissal that begins at 12:52pm for Driveline.

Parade map:



[Sign up to audition for the play!](#)

JOIN US!

THURSTON PLAYERS 23-24 AUDITIONS

"ALL THAT GLITTERS IS NOT GOLD"



Fun, low pressure, no-cut auditions!
November 8th & 9th
Sign up for a 15 min slot between 6-8:30 PM
Thurston Multipurpose Room

Spread the news! It's time to join the show! Sign up now to volunteer and for auditions! Auditions (for kids and adults) are November 8th and 9th at Thurston!

[Register](#) on the Thurston Community Players website, and then [sign up to audition](#).

Join the Thurston Science Olympiad Team!



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.

JOIN US for a Parent Information Meeting!

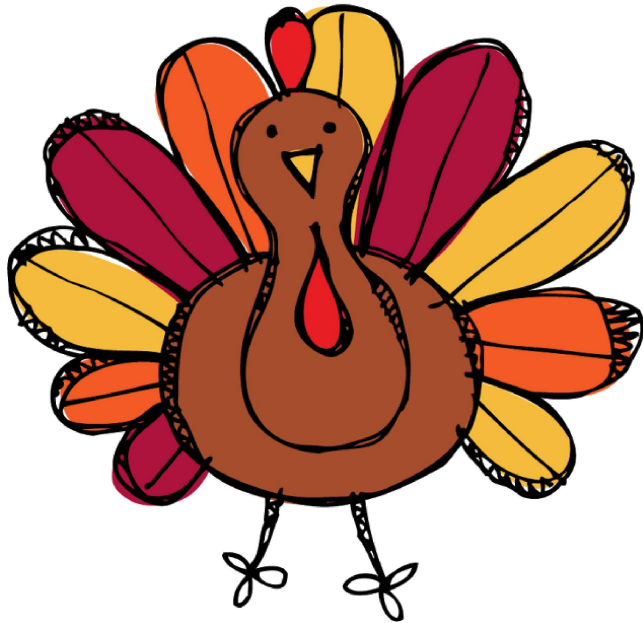
- Returning Team Families – WED NOV 8th – 7-8 PM - [Zoom Session](#) - Meeting ID: 428 173 1571
- New Team Families – WED NOV 15th – 7-8 PM - In Person - Thurston Library

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

Turkey Trot Fundraiser



The [Thurston 2023 Turkey Trot fundraiser](#) is starting today! Over the next few weeks, we will be raising money toward **our goal of \$20,000**. Then, we will celebrate our fundraising success with a fun and healthy **Turkey Trot event on November 21st!**

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and all money raised will directly support Thurston students and teachers. These funds supply the annual PTO budget, which pays for things like classroom supplies, extracurricular activities, field trips, events, teacher appreciation activities, and much more! We have teamed up with Get Movin' Fund Hub to make this event fun and profitable with online mobile friendly technology!

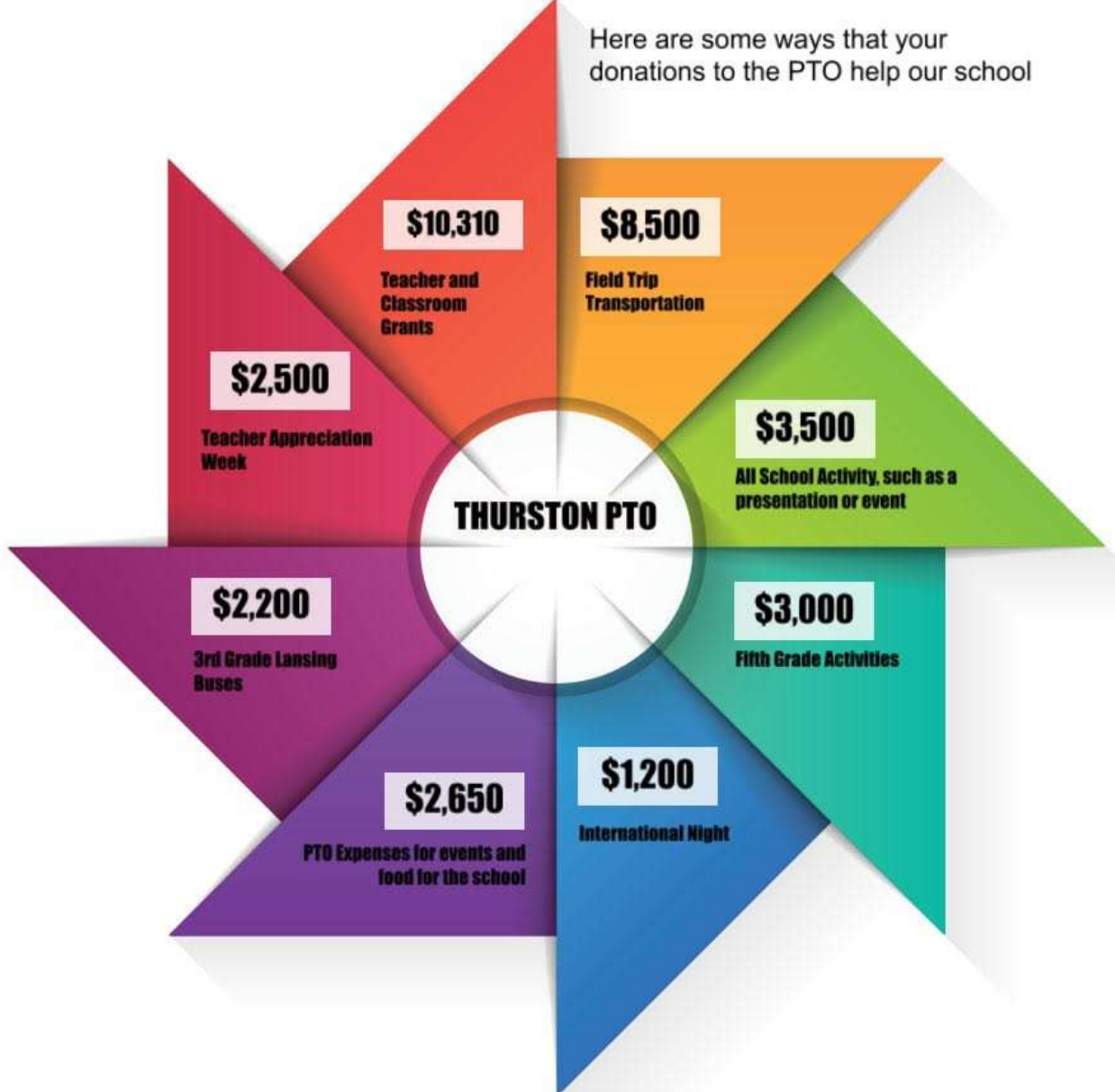
Student Goals: Our goal is to have 100% of all students registered online! It's easy, FREE, and takes just a few quick minutes! Each student is encouraged to raise \$75.00 toward our total school goal of \$20,000.00. Every student gets to participate in the Turkey Trot on November 21st!

Follow These Three Simple Steps to Get to the 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 Facebook or Twitter.

The final donation due date is 11/22/2023 by 11:59p.m. Donations in the form of cash & checks (in-school donations), should be turned in to the school. Please make checks payable to: Thurston Elementary School PTO

Here are some ways that your donations to the PTO help our school



Request from the Thurston Theater Teacher



Greetings!

I have had such a delight getting to know your students in Theatre class. I know many families have various items going unused at home. If you have any of the following taking up space, we are happy to make great use of them in the Theatre Classroom!

Some items that are useful for dramatic play centers:

- Dress Up Clothes
- Character Hats (hard hats, crowns, various job hats, etc)
- Cars (Hot Wheels type)
- Dinosaurs
- Building blocks

- Capes (velcro neck, not tie)
- Props (for every day or fantasy imagination: medical kits, wands, etc.)
- Food/Kitchen items
- Puppets and/or beanie babies
- A small, free standing puppet theater
- Bags/purses
- Play cash register or larger, table top calculator

Feel free to [contact me](#) with any questions. Thanks for considering!

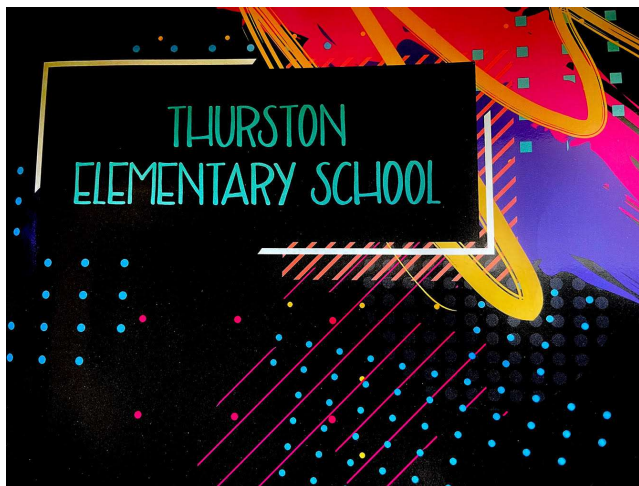
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Room Parents Needed



Some of our teachers at Thurston have expressed a need for room parents. If you are interested in volunteering to help your child's teacher with activity planning (think holiday parties!), along with possible room donations and Sign Up Genius lists, please email [Sarah Pusilo \(Room Parent Coordinator\)](#) with your name, the teacher you'd like to assist, and ways you would like to volunteer. Ms. Miller in kindergarten was especially excited to have some parents help in her room!

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](#).



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](#)

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

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