

09-11-23 Thurston PTO Newsletter

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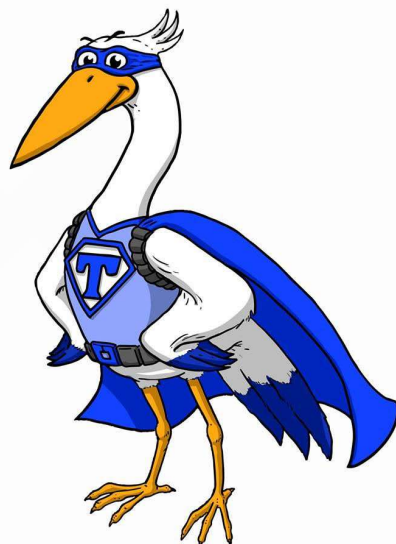
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Thurston Elementary PTO

Heron Happenings

September 11,
2023



Upcoming Events

September 12: PTO Meeting, 6:00 - 7:00p.m. at the Thurston Library ([Agenda](#))

September 14: Picture Day

September 19: Curriculum Night, 6:00 - 7:15p.m. at Thurston

September 27: Early Release Day - Preschool Dismissal begins at 12:35; Y5-5th Grade Dismissal begins at 12:52 PM

September 29: Fall Carnival, 5:00 - 7:00p.m. at Thurston

Updated times for lunch recess volunteering



Thank you to those who have already signed up and started volunteering during lunch recess! **Please note that there has been a change to the times for lunch recess. Recess now starts at 11:12 and goes until 12:48.** There are 3 shift options, and we request that parents include their shift choice next to their name on the sign up sheet.

Shift 0: the whole recess period

Shift 1: 11:00-12:30

Shift 2: 11:20-1:00

Check the updated [sign up sheet](#) to indicate your shift availability.

If you haven't had a chance yet but are considering it, we can still use more volunteers. Volunteers provide important support to Thurston's staff and teachers, and they sincerely appreciate your help ensuring that recess is orderly, safe and fun! If you have trouble with the form, please email pto.thurstonelementary@gmail.com. We greatly appreciate your support!

Fall Carnival Volunteering & Pizza Orders



The PTO will be hosting the [Fall Carnival](#) at Thurston on Friday September 29th from 5:00 - 7:00p.m.! There will be games, food and activities for the whole family.

Volunteering: We need parent and family volunteers to run this event. Thanks to those of you who have already signed up! If you haven't had a chance, check out this [sign-up form](#) and consider volunteering for a 30 minute slot during the carnival. Your child(ren) can help you when you volunteer or maybe you have an older child or high schooler that would be willing to volunteer!

There will be pizza sold by the slice at concessions, but you can **order ahead if you would like a whole pizza for your family using [this form](#).**

PTO Meeting Tomorrow



Our first PTO meeting of the year is tomorrow from 6-7pm in the school library. You can check out the agenda [here](#). All are welcome and encouraged to attend! Come and hear about our plans for the school year. Share your ideas, concerns, expertise and enthusiasm! Childcare is provided in a classroom for school-aged children during the PTO meeting, starting at 6pm.

Help us plan the Enchanted Nature Walk!

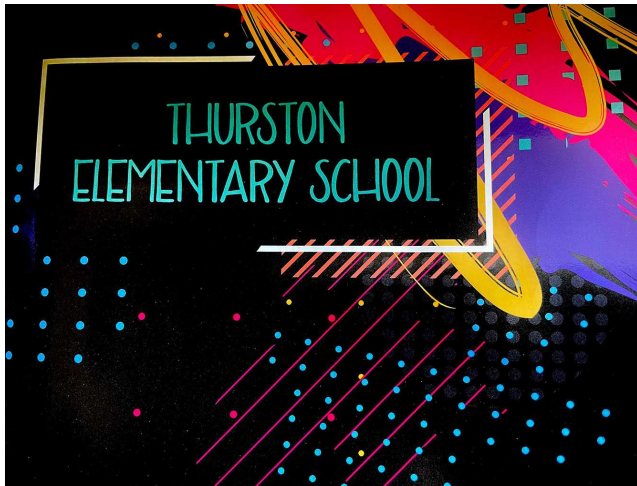


The PTO is excited to announce that we are organizing an **Enchanted Nature Walk for the evening of Friday October 20th!** Families can walk the path through the Thurston Nature Center and stop at decorated stations along the way to trick or treat. Costumes are not required but are encouraged!

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.

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 Handbook

Learn more about Thurston's policies and procedures in our [School Handbook!](#)

Thurston Elementary

Handbook



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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



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](https://www.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!

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