

10-17-23 Thurston PTO Newsletter

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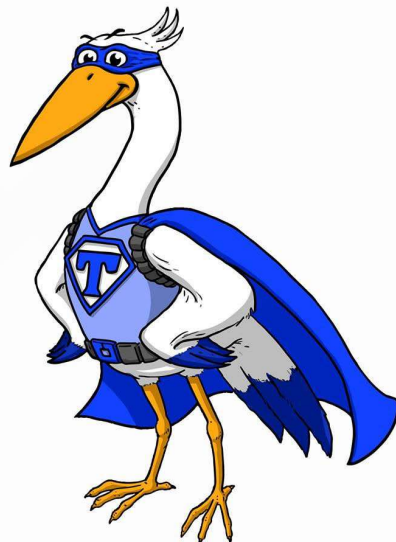
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Thurston Elementary PTO

Heron Happenings

October 17, 2023



Upcoming Events

October 17: PTO Meeting, 6:00 - 7:00p.m. in the Thurston library ([Agenda](#))

October 19 & 20: Scholastic Book Fair in the Thurston Multi-Purpose Room (details below)

October 20: Enchanted Nature Walk, 5:30 - 7:00p.m. at the Thurston Nature Center

October 21: Thurston's Show Your Support Saturday at The Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop (details below)

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

PTO Meeting Tonight



Please join us at the PTO Meeting tonight from 6-7pm in the school library. All are welcome and encouraged to attend! We will hear reports from Principal Cucu and our Teacher Representative Ms. Walters, and we will have updates from PTO officers and committee chairs. We'll also discuss upcoming events like the Book Fair, Enchanted Nature Walk, Sock Hop Dance and Turkey Trot. Childcare is provided for school-aged children during the PTO meeting, starting at 6pm.

Here is tonight's meeting [agenda](#).

If you missed the September PTO meeting, you can check out the meeting minutes [here](#).

Be sure to add upcoming PTO meetings to your calendar:

November 21 ([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([iCal file](#))
December 19 - Zoom meeting ([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([iCal file](#))
January 16 - Zoom meeting ([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([iCal file](#))
February 20 - Zoom meeting ([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([iCal file](#))
March 19 ([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([iCal file](#))
April 16 ([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([iCal file](#))
May 21 ([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([iCal file](#))
June 4 ([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([iCal file](#))

Enchanted Nature Walk is this Friday!

We could use a few more volunteers to host a table or pass out donated candy this Friday at the Enchanted Nature Walk. **If you're planning to go, please consider [volunteering](#).** Get the whole family involved! Kids often love to pass out candy.

We are still accepting donations of unopened bags of nut-free candy to be passed out at the walk! Please drop off your donation in the marked plastic bin in front of the school main doors by Friday at 3pm.



Book Fair is this week!



The [Scholastic Book Fair](#) is almost here! Tomorrow teachers will bring their classrooms down to the multi-purpose room for a sneak peek at the book fair. Your child might bring home a wish list. **The shop dates are this Thursday and Friday, October 19 and 20, during school hours and from 5:00-7:00p.m. on Friday night for families!**

- Find your child's shop time on the [Classroom Shop Schedule](#)

- If your child will be purchasing books, don't forget to [set up their eWallet](#)! We accept cash as well but strongly encourage families to create an "eWallet" account for a quick, easy way for students to pay.

You can also donate toward books for others:

- To contribute funds to your student's teacher's classroom library, go to [Teacher eWallets](#).
- Please consider donating to our [Heron Heroes eWallet](#). We hope to ensure that every child is able to leave the book fair with a book of their choice. Any amount is greatly appreciated! Any leftover funds will be used at future book fairs for the same purpose. Thank you for your generous support of all of our students, especially those in need.

Thank you so much for your continued support of the Thurston Library!

If you have questions, email our school librarian Ms. B. at burau@aaps.k12.mi.us

Visit the PTO Thrift Shop this Saturday to raise money for Thurston

SUPPORT THURSTON SCHOOL!

**Shop Saturday, October 21st, 2023
at**



- ☒ **SHOP**
- ☒ **DONATE**
- ☒ **SUPPORT**

2280 S. Industrial Hwy. ♦ a2ptothriftshop.org

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WILL BE EARNED BY OUR SCHOOL!

The more you shop, the more we earn!

~ NO TOKENS NEEDED ~ NO ADD TO BRING IN ~

~ NO REMEMBERING TO MENTION OUR SCHOOL ~

JUST SHOP!

WE WILL AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE 10% OF ALL SALES!

Thank you for supporting Thurston School!

Soccer Day Success



Thanks to all the families who supported our first Thurston Soccer Day on October 8th. We made \$400 toward the purchase of new soccer goals! We are grateful to Crush for bringing four trained referees who were wonderful with the kids and for providing event guidance, colored practice vests, corner flags, and balls. Crush also donated about a dozen soccer balls to Thurston, which will go to the lunch recess program and teachers. We are very grateful to AAPS for lining the two soccer fields for us, which the kids have been enjoying at every opportunity. Stay tuned for more details as we plan another Soccer Day in the spring!

Order your Thurston spirit wear now!

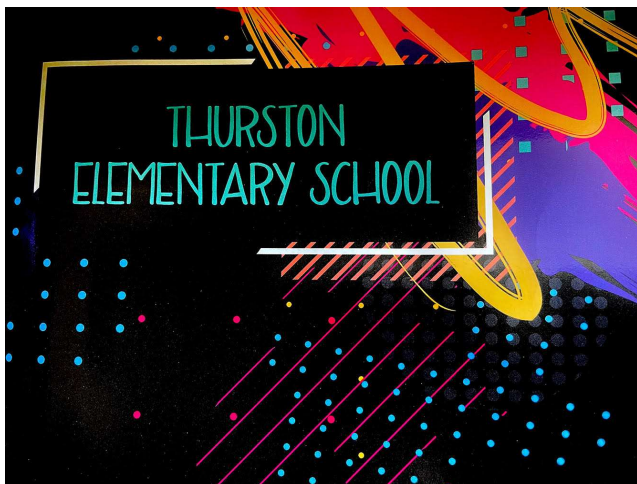


The Heron Spirit Wear Committee has organized a new THURSTON SPIRIT WEAR SALE! Check out our NEW ITEMS and **FUN COLORS!** **Orders are due by Friday, October 20th.** Download the [order form](#) and place your order via email to the address provided on the form. Credit card orders only.

Any questions? Email Mrs. McGee: mcgee@aaps.k12.mi.us

Thank you for ordering!

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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