
01-08-24 Thurston PTO Newsletter

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**Thurston
Elementary
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Happenings**

January 8, 2024

Happy New Year & Welcome Back!

Upcoming Events

January 8: School resumes

January 15: No school (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

January 16: Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meeting, 6:00 - 7:00p.m. on Zoom ([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([iCal file](#))

January 19: PTO Family Movie Night, 5:30 - 7:30p.m.

January 19: Spirit Day! (Hat Day)

January 31: Early Release Day - preschool dismissal at 12:35p.m., Y5-5th grade dismissal at 12:52p.m.

PTO Meeting next Tuesday



Our first Parent Teacher Organization meeting of 2024 will be on [Zoom](#) Tuesday January 16th at 6:00pm. Join us to learn about how the PTO is working to support our school! The PTO is a group of parent volunteers who work with Thurston teachers and staff to organize school events and to fundraise for vital programs and materials that enrich our Thurston school community. All Thurston parents are automatically members and are encouraged to join the meetings, share their ideas, expertise and time. Haven't had a chance to come to a meeting yet? It's not too late. You can [join the discussion](#) next Tuesday.

Be sure to add upcoming PTO meetings to your calendar:

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](#))

PTO Movie Night at Thurston



Mark your calendar for Family Movie Night on Friday January 19th at Thurston! We will be showing *My Neighbor Totoro* (1988) - a classic Japanese animated film by director Hayao Miyazaki. Doors open at 5:30p.m. and the movie starts at 6. Bring your own blankets and pillows to sit on and a refillable water bottle or other drink. The PTO will provide the popcorn! Please keep in mind this is a family event (not a drop off event). Parents must stay at the school the whole time and are responsible for their children. Childcare is not provided.

Support Thurston while you shop for groceries!

The start of a new year is a great time to make sure you're signed up for store fundraising so that you can effortlessly earn money for Thurston while doing your regular shopping! A few minutes of your time can earn hundreds of dollars at no cost to you. **Sign up for (or renew) your store fundraising accounts now!**

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!

Lunch Recess Volunteers



Thanks to those who have already signed up to help at lunch recess! **We still have some openings on Tuesdays. Check out our [Winter 2023-2024 sign up sheet](#).** Use the top of the sheet to [sign up](#) for a recurring shift or scroll down to sign up for just one or two days. Please include your shift choice next to your name on the form.

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

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!

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

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](#).

Please sign up with our local grocery stores to [raise money for Thurston while you shop](#)!

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

Contacts:

[Maureen McCoy](#) (PTO President)

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