

11-06-23 Thurston PTO Newsletter

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Thurston Elementary PTO

Heron Happenings

November 6, 2023



Upcoming Events

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

November 21: Turkey Trot around the Thurston neighborhood, during the school day

November 22 - 24: No School (Thanksgiving Break)

Turkey Trot Fundraiser Update

Our biggest [school fundraiser](#) of the year is in full swing, and we've raised \$2,605 toward our \$20,000 goal! **That's 13 percent so far, but we have 16 days left to get there! Have you registered your student(s) yet?** It is easy and free to [register online](#) and share the fundraising site with friends and family.

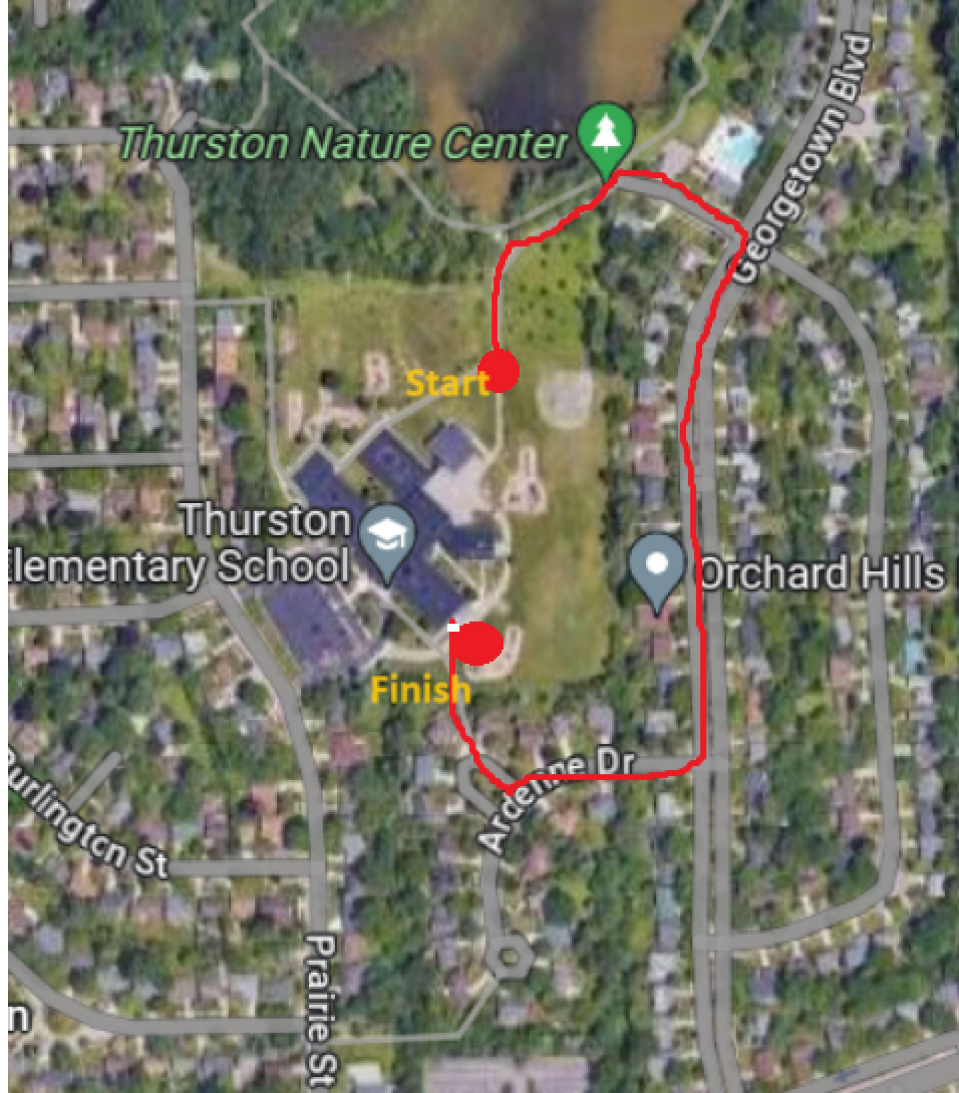


The classrooms with the most money raised will earn rewards such as a "Cookies with Cucu" event, a fidget toy, or a popcorn or pizza party! Check out our [Classroom Donations Leaderboard](#). Team Domangue, Team Walters, and Team Demps are currently leading the way!

Classroom Donations Leaderboard		
1	Team Domangue	54.05% of goal raised
2	Team Walters	49.69% of goal raised
3	Team Demps	33.68% of goal raised

To celebrate our fundraising success, **all students get to participate in the Turkey Trot on Nov 21 during the school day!** Below is the route the students will run or walk, and we encourage parents and families to come cheer on their students (detailed schedule coming soon). Each grade is assigned a color to wear at the Turkey Trot.

- Preschool & Y5s **Red**
- Kindergarten **Yellow**
- 1st Grade **Green**
- 2nd Grade **Purple**
- 3rd Grade **Orange**
- 4th Grade **Light Blue**
- 5th Grade **Dark Blue**



Follow These Three Simple Steps to Get to the Fundraising 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 social media.

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

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

Auditions for the play are this week!



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](#).

Science Olympiad Parent Information Meetings are this week and next!



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!

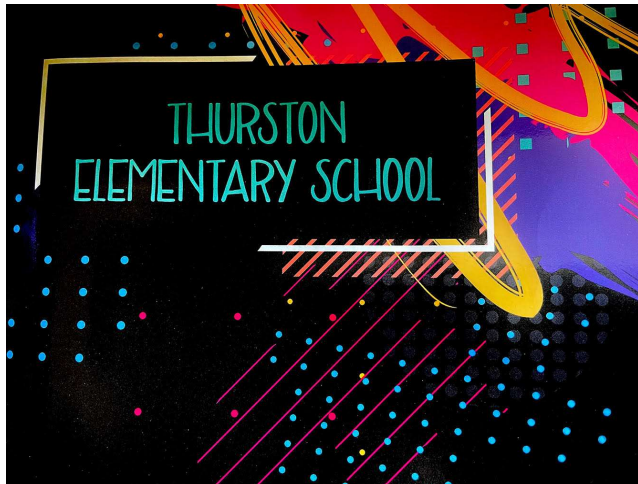
- Returning Team Families – WED NOV 8th – 7-8 PM - [Zoom Session](#) - Meeting ID: 428 173 1571
- New Team Families – WED NOV 15th – 7-8 PM - In Person - Thurston Library

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

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:

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