

12-05-22 Thurston PTO Newsletter

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Thurston Elementary PTO

Heron Happenings

December 5, 2022



Upcoming Events

December 7: Science Olympiad Parent Information Meeting, 7:00 - 8:00p.m. in the Thurston Library (details below) ([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([iCal file](#))

December 8: Math Club Meeting, 5:45 - 6:45p.m. in the Thurston Library (details below) ([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([iCal file](#))

December 13: PTO Meeting, 6:00 - 7:00p.m. ([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([iCal file](#))

December 23-January 6: No School (Winter Break)

Science Olympiad 2023 - Join Team Thurston!

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.

Open to 2nd – 5th Grade Thurston Students



JOIN US!

**Parent Information Meeting
WED DEC 7th from 7 – 8 PM
Thurston Library**

([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([iCal file](#))

This year's WESO Science Olympiad will be in person (with Covid precautions) on May 13, 2023
Team Thurston website: <https://sites.google.com/view/weso-thurstonelementary>

Washtenaw Elementary Science Olympiad website: www.wescience.org

Introducing the brand new Thurston Math Club!

The Thurston Math Club will be a club for interested students in grades 1-5. We aim to inspire all participants to enjoy logic puzzles, to explore open-ended STEM questions, and to experience collaborative math problem solving.

The club will meet in the Thurston Library on Thursday evenings, 5:45-6:45 pm. ([Add to Google Calendar](#)) ([iCal file](#))

We will meet from December 8th through the Math Kangaroo competition date of March 16th.

Students will have the opportunity, by attending Math Club, to be prepared for the annual Math Kangaroo competition if they wish to participate.

For more on the Math Kangaroo program, visit <https://mathkangaroo.org> for general information and find [sample problems here](#). Competition registration is open during the month of December.

While there is no fee to participate in the Math Club itself, the competition registration is \$21 if completed by Dec. 15th and \$35 if completed by the final deadline of Dec. 31st. The Thurston PTO has generously offered to offset this cost by half for Thurston families who submit their receipts to Thurstonmathclub@gmail.com.

Our club sessions are led by parent coaches and assistants, with a mix of individual and small group activities. We need parent assistants for all grades and coaches for grades 1, 3, 4 and 5, and are happy to guide and train parents who are interested. Please note that AAPS guidelines ask for all adults in school buildings to pass a background check. We will provide the form that will then be processed by Thurston.

The Thurston Math Club founding parents are Corinna Burghardt, Tasho Kaletha, Kenn Oldham and Jennifer Oldham. **Please let Jennifer know if your student plans to join us and if you can help coach or assist by emailing Thurstonmathclub@gmail.com.**

Toiletry Drive Week 3: Children's Personal Hygiene Products



Thanks to all who have been participating in the Thurston Toiletry Drive! Your generous donations help so many Thurston families that need a little assistance this holiday season. This week, we are collecting new and unopened children's personal hygiene items like **child-sized toothbrushes, children's toothpaste and mouthwash, tear-free hair products, tear-free bubble bath/body wash, etc..** Place items you wish to donate in the large plastic tote bin marked "Thurston Toiletry Drive Donations" in front of the school's main doors **by 3pm Friday December 9**. You may also send items in with your child(ren), and they can place the donations in similarly marked bins inside the school building. Donations will be distributed by the Thurston Social Work Team during the month of December. Thank You!

Thurston Holiday Giving Wish Lists



Every year our community looks to support our immediate family during the holidays. We recognize that this year has brought many new and unpredicted hardships. In hopes of reaching those who may be hurting the most, we hope to bring a little joy to our herons during this holiday season. We know that everyone has been impacted in many different ways and do not want to create any undue pressure or anxiety for anyone. With that said, we are organizing our annual holiday giving drive and would ask that if you are in a position to support you **check out the Thurston Holiday Wish Lists [HERE](#)** for our kiddos.

To respect the privacy of our families, this will all be done anonymously. Each family has been assigned a letter of the alphabet to respect their privacy and to keep our process anonymous. You won't know which children/families you are shopping for only that you are helping to ensure a very happy holiday for a Thurston family. We recognize that Amazon can be tricky to navigate sometimes, so if you are interested in purchasing a gift card to one of our local stores (Meijer, Walmart, Target, Kroger, etc), it is also appreciated. Any gift cards purchased should simply be placed in student backpacks and sent to the front office. We will be sure all of our families are impacted by your thoughtfulness no matter what the contribution.

If you are not in a position to support at this time, we truly understand and urge you to continue keeping your family and loved ones safe and healthy. As always, thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Our Holiday Drive will conclude on December 12th for amazon purchases and December 19th for all other items. Thank you so much for your continued kindness and very generous support.

Thurston Student Directory



Need to contact a Thurston parent or student? The 2022-2023 Thurston student directory is now available [here](#). 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](#).

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