
Fall Fundraising Announcement

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Thurston Elementary PTO

Table Update and Fall Fundraising Announcement

Hello Thurston Family!

Table Update: We have 34 tables built with 6 more to come THIS Saturday. Our next step is to sand the tables so that the students can start using them! If you are able, please sign up to help us sand tables.

[Click Here to Sign up](#)

Saturday, October 9th from 12:00-2:00 pm

While the picnic table project's goal was specific to providing outdoor lunch options and new learning opportunities, there are many other needs at Thurston. Traditionally, Thurston hosts an online fundraiser, which culminates in a healthy movement-focused school day "Fun Run." This year, we are excited to announce a modified version and our only official PTO fundraiser for the year: **Harvest Fun Field Day: Full of Hope**

Online Fundraising launches on October 11th

We will be using the GetMovin' platform that we traditionally use for Fun Run.

Students, their families, and teachers will be encouraged to register and reach out to their communities, local businesses, and their families and share what rebuilding our community means to them, with the hopes that some will provide a donation.

Look out for an email early next week!

Harvest Fun Field Day on October 29th for ALL students

Teachers and staff will rotate their grades through activity stations run by parent volunteers and PTO. Stations will include sack races, pumpkin harvesting fun, apple pick-up games, paper lantern-making, hay bale obstacle courses, and so on. Look out for a volunteer sign-up AND a field day donations sign-up (pumpkins, apples, paper, glue sticks, etc. - we already have hay bales and corn stalks donated!).

This event will be followed by **Thurston’s traditional Costume Parade** before that day’s early dismissal (details TBD). All families will be welcome to attend the field day and watch the parade according to Covid-19 safety guidelines.

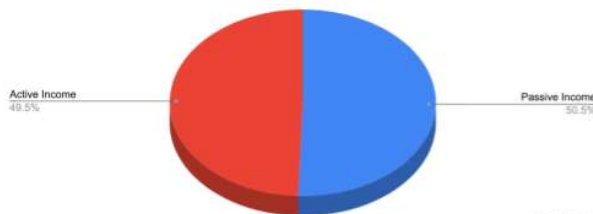
I know this fundraiser comes right on the heels of our picnic table project, but this fundraiser will be outwardly-oriented in the hopes that we can show our friends, families, and neighbors what Thurston means to us and what it means to their communities. We welcome all manners of participation, from gathering donations, sharing our fundraising event, donating supplies, spending time to help with the event, and showing up to cheer on the kiddos. Everyone constitutes an important part of our little world at 2300 Prairie Street and Thurston is made better every day by you all!

How PTO supports the Thurston Community

Our school is a community of approximately 440 children and the teachers who support them rely upon PTO-provided grants to support material needs, as well as special projects. With a hopeful look into the future, Thurston is also leaving open the door for field trips to enhance student educational experiences for which PTO funds bus rentals and admissions to support our culture of equity and inclusion. These are just some examples of how PTO directly impacts the school community.

Here is a breakdown of our annual expenses and income:

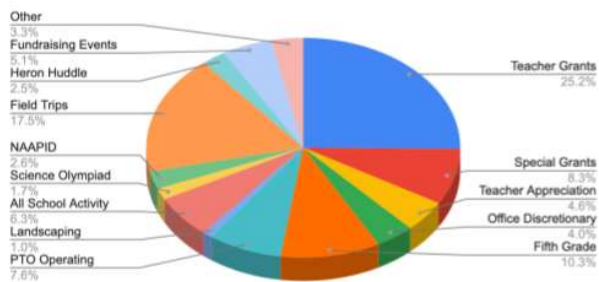
Active Fundraising to Passive Fundraising Ratio (\$30,000 Total Expected)



The 2021-2022 Budget is based on averages from FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21. These are under-estimated expenses and may change.

Without active fundraising (beyond what we passively receive from employee-matched donations, store proceeds from purchases), we will fall short of supporting more than half of this year’s anticipated needs.

2021-2022 PTO Budgeted Expenses (\$30,000 Total Expected)



While we hope to continue to collect passive funding from employee-matched donations and store purchase proceeds (Kroger, Busch’s, Amazon Smile, Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop), this only constitutes potentially half our income. With an anticipated \$30,000 expense budget and only \$15,000 in passive income, we need to find a way to actively raise \$15,000 additional funds to support our school.

Thank you for your kind attention. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at any time.

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