
9-13-21 Thurston PTO Newsletter

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Thurston Elementary PTO

Heron Happenings September 13, 2021

We hope you all had a wonderful first week back!

Stay in touch with PTO [Email us](#) or [Visit our Site](#) or [Facebook Page](#)

Newsletter submissions are due by Saturday, 5pm to: newsletter.thurstonpto@gmail.com

Upcoming Events and Reminders

September 14: Curriculum Night

September 16: Picture Day

September 17: Deadline for submitting name for PTO Board Candidacy

October 4: Virtual PTO Board Election

Curriculum Night is September 14, 2021

5:35-6:00 p.m.	Preschool & 2nd grade Teacher Presentations
6:00-6:05 p.m.	Building/PTO Based Presentation(5min)
6:05-6:30 p.m.	Classroom Teacher Presentations 3rd-5th grades
6:30-6:50 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EL, BLE • SISS • Special Area (Music, Art, Library, PE, PLTW) (Each group will have their own Zoom link with a presentation)
6:50-7:15 p.m.	Classroom Teacher Presentations Y5 - 1st grades

PTO Updates

PTO Board Meeting: Thank you to everyone who was attended our first PTO meeting of the year last week. If you missed it, meeting minutes will be posted soon [here](#).

Mark your calendars for our future PTO Meetings:

Tuesdays 6:00-7:00 pm October 19 - November 16 - December 14 - January 18 - February 15 - March 15 - April 19 - May 17 - June 14

Upcoming PTO Board Election: If you've been considering a role on the PTO Board, there is still time to submit your name.

Read more about open positions [here](#).

Important Dates:

- **PTO Board Candidacy Entries Deadline: Friday, September 17th Midnight. Email: pto.thurstonelementary@gmail.com**
- **PTO Board Candidate Announcement: Monday, September 20th in PTO Newsletter**
- **Virtual PTO Board Elections: Monday, October 4th 8:00 am via GoogleForm linked in PTO Newsletter**

Thurston Nature Center Nature Notes

Welcome Back!

For those old and new to Thurston Elementary, it is great to see your smiling faces and hear the excited chatter as we begin another school year. The Thurston Nature Committee welcomes you to explore the backyard of the school grounds. We have been busy working over the past year and a half so come and see what we have been doing!

We are all stewards of this lovely gem, so when you come visit please remember to be respectful of the wildlife who call this space home, take care not to pick any flowers as many are protected species, and leave no trace of your things. Right now we are beginning to see nature getting ready for fall. Migrating birds can be watched, turtles catching the last rays of warm sun, and squirrels putting away nuts.


We hope you are all able to come out and enjoy a walk in the woods.

Cordially, Elizabeth Morehead, Chair

Upcoming Events

- We are busy planning some fun, family events that can be done in small groups or on your own. Please stay tuned for updates.

AAPAC Info



...a helping hand for parents of students with IEP or 504 Plans

The Ann Arbor Parent Advisory Committee For Special Education (AAPAC) is a group of parents whose focus is on supporting children in AAPS who have IEPs or 504 plans

<https://a2pac.wordpress.com>

AAPAC District-Wide Meetings
First Monday of the month (October through June)
via Zoom
(zoom links and reminders will be sent through district email)

6:15-6:50pm with SISS team and 504 Liaison
7-9pm general meeting

Need support? Don't know who to contact? General Questions? Your Building Liaison can help!
Building Liaison: Michelle Malewitz / maxfield.michelle@gmail.com

I am here to help! My name is Michelle Malewitz and I am the mom to a 2nd grader with an IEP. I can be reached at maxfield.michelle@gmail.com Please let me know if you want a parent perspective on your child(ren) possibly needing or being evaluated for special education services, the district's IEP and/or 504 plan processes, or the delivery of services that your child(ren) already receive(s). AAPAC and I can be another resource for you or refer you to other sources for help. All communication will remain confidential. I am open to suggestions for how parents in our own building can support each other at the local level, too. The AAPAC [website](#) lists this year's parent meeting dates and archives, how to contact our executive board, how to join our closed Facebook Group and more.

Click Here for More [Information on AAPAC](#)

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