

THE HERON HERALD



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February 1, 2008

Important Dates

Thurs., Feb. 7

Thurston Science Fair
6:00-7:50pm

Mon., Feb. 18

No School

Thurs., Feb. 21

Thurston Preschool Open
House 6:30-7:30pm

Mon.-Fri., Feb. 25 –

Mar. 1

No school
Mid-winter Break

Thurs., Mar. 6

Thurston Kindergarten
Round-up 6:00 pm

Thurs., Mar. 6

Allen Preschool Open
House 5:30-6:30 pm

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NEXT NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE:

Tuesday, February 5th

"Ocean Treasures" comes to Thurston for Science Day, Thursday, February 7

On Thursday, February 7, Thurston is proud to host "Ocean Treasures" for Science Day. The Thurston PTO is excited to bring in Dr. Gregg Mann, Ph.D. in Oceanic and Marine Biology, who has appeared on Nova, Animal Planet, the Discovery Channel, and National Geographic. He will be making 4 separate presentations throughout the school day to the various grade levels, preschool through grade 5. He will be presenting video and his personal color slides, as well as many "hands-on" items available for the students. Over 70 oceanic marine species will be displayed in a colorful array of worldwide habitats, including killer whales, sea otters, seals, penguins, dolphins, sharks, sea horses, crabs, stingrays, sea stars, and more! Each session encompasses his personal research career in the oceanic marine biological sciences, including his trip as a support dive team member with the "Cousteau Discovering the Amazon" project. If you're interested in learning more about the science day presentation in which your child will be participating, please visit the "Ocean Treasures" website at http://www.oceantreasures.biz/Ocean_Treasures.html.

By Mara Kent

Thurston Preschool Open House

Thurston Preschool is holding an open house Thursday, February 21 from 6:30-7:30pm. There will also be a preschool open house at Allen Elementary School Thursday, March 6 from 5:30-6:30pm.

The preschool is for children in the Ann Arbor District who will be age 4 by December 1, 2008. We invite all families to come and visit our classrooms. The open house is an informal opportunity to meet the staff, explore the space and hear about the philosophy and program. While the presentation is for adults, children are welcome to attend with their parents.

By Janice Stewart

Kindergarten Round-Up

Thurston will hold its Kindergarten Round-up on Thursday, March 6 at 6:00 pm. Parents will meet in the multi-purpose room and be introduced to the kindergarten teachers, ESL teacher, support staff and the principal. There will also be information available on our Extended Day Option (EDO), half day kindergarten, transportation, and child care. Parents will also have an opportunity to sign up for a student classroom visit.

Parents will be able to register their student this evening or may call the office and have a packet mailed home. If you plan to register this evening, please bring the following items, if your child is five on or before December 1, 2008:

- ✓ A certified birth certificate for the child - not a photo copy
- ✓ Three proofs of residency in the Ann Arbor/Thurston attendance area
- ✓ Child's immunization record and health form

Childcare will be provided. Please call 994-1970 to register.

Source: http://www.aaps.k12.mi.us/aaps.forparents/kindergarten_roundup

Thurston PTO Website: thurstonpto.awardspace.com

Motor Moms and Dads

We are looking for volunteers to participate in our Motor Moms and Dads Program starting Mid February. There will be a training session for interested parents Tuesday, February 5 from 6:30-7:30 pm. Please feel free to bring your kids, they can demonstrate how the program works! We are specifically looking for help with the kindergarten and Preschool class. If you have older kids and you miss helping out in the younger classrooms here is your chance. It is fun and will take about 45 minutes to an hour of your time every time you volunteer, and the kids enjoy it too! We are looking for help any morning starting at 9:20-10:10 am or Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday afternoon from 1:30-2:30 pm. Please e-mail Nikki Bonevich at nikki@bonevich.com or call 327-9790.

If you cannot attend the training but still want to help please contact Nikki for details.

By Nikki Bonevich

Spot Light on Thurston Twins at the Palace!

After hearing the twins, Ariel and Zoey Engelbert, sing on Dick Purtain's radio show on WOMC, the management of the Detroit Pistons contacted their parents, Matt and Caroline Engelbert, and invited the girls to sing the Star Spangled Banner at the opening of the 6 o'clock Detroit Piston basketball game on Sunday, February 10, which is also "Kids' Night at the Palace." The game will be broadcast on the Fox Sports Network.

By Terry Madden

Newsletter Farewell and Thanks

It has been a privilege to edit the "Heron Herald" for the past two-and-a-half years, but I'm thrilled that Nikki Bonevich has volunteered to take over starting this week. You may not realize how many people work together to keep the "printing press" humming every week. I have really appreciated the efforts of Xiaoxin Yang, who has printed the newsletter all year, and last year too; Debbie Riley & Laura Hannaford, who carefully proofread every issue and Chris Barry, Anne Darnell, Mrs. Manley, the "specials" teachers and numerous other parents & staff who have contributed articles. Thank you all for making my job easier and for making the extra effort to keep our families informed and connected to Thurston.

By Cathy Behrendt

And Thank You Cathy Behrendt!!

Cathy, we would all like to say thanks to you for all your hard work and dedication to the Newsletter and the Thurston PTO Website. We can't thank you enough for all you've done and continue to do!

Nikki Bonevich will be the new Editor for The Heron Herald. Please e-mail or call Nikki at nikki@bonevich.com or call 327-9790 with your articles and important dates to be included in our weekly publication. Anne Karabakal will be out new Web Content Editor for the Thurston PTO Website. Please contact Anne at annekarabakal@comcast.net or 669-2084. Cathy Behrendt will continue to handle our website maintenance.

By The Thurston PTO



THURSTON SCIENCE FAIR
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7
6:00-7:50 PM



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