



The Heron Herald

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Important Dates

Sat., Dec. 1

Scrap 'n Chat
Scrapbooking Event
9:00am-6:00pm
contact Katie Richter
at 332-0520 or
katierichter@sbcglobal.net
for more info

Tues., Dec. 11

PTO meeting
7:00pm, Library
Refreshments & childcare
provided

Mon., Dec 24 –

Fri., Jan. 4
No School
Winter Break
Happy Holidays!

Sat., Jan. 12

Thurston Chess
Tournament
(see article on back)

Missing mittens or a
sweatshirt? Check
the Lost & Found!!!

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NEXT NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE:
Tuesday, Dec. 4th

Bello Vino – Sponsor of Turkey Trot

Thanks to Bello Vino for donating all those tasty apples for the Turkey Trot!! We appreciate their support for our students and thank them for helping us demonstrate that healthy choices can be a lot of fun!



Art Room News

Art Bags--Sharing what you've learned and made is an important part of the creative process. Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade art portfolios will be coming home soon so that those students can share what they have learned so far this year. (3rd, 4th and 5th grade art portfolios will be sent home later).

Helpers Needed--Art Bags take a lot of organization! I need one helper for each of the following times:

- ❖ Monday December. 17, 8:50- 10:55; 1:20-3:40
- ❖ Tuesday December. 18, 1:30-2:30
- ❖ Wednesday December. 19, 9:00-11:00; 1:20-3:30

Please e-mail me at [wysea@aaps.k12.mi.us](mailto:wyse@aaps.k12.mi.us) if you are available.

Brown Paper Bags Needed--Please keep sending in brown paper grocery bags with handles.

Check this out!!! The Thurston Art Room has a web site! You can see sample projects from each grade level and see what your child is learning! Go to <http://www.aaps.k12.mi.us/thurston.art> or follow the link on PTO's "Useful Links" page.

Mrs. Wyse
Art Teacher

Miss Cox
Student Teacher

Spanish Enrichment Program

This year the Thurston SIT would like to offer an enrichment program in Spanish to students in grades 3-5. The program would run for eight weeks beginning January 15th and would be held on Tuesdays from 3:45-4:45 p.m. The program would include reading, speaking & writing in Spanish as well as projects, activities and music. In order to continue the planning, we need to know if there is an interest in this opportunity. If your child would be attending, please contact Ms. Muglia: muglia@aaps.k12.mi.us or 994-1970.

A Time for Giving and Receiving

2007 has been a year of economic challenges for many of us. The Thurston PTO would like to extend an invitation to individuals or families, from our Thurston community, who may need assistance during this time of year, and in 2008. Share your needs with our school Social Worker, Julieanne Muir at Thurston (994-1970), cell (734) 476-2404 or via email: muir@aaps.k12.mi.us. Ms. Muir can also be reached in person. She works in our building Monday mornings and all day Friday. All requests will be kept confidential.

More news on the back.....



Science Olympiad

Registration forms for the Science Olympiad team were distributed this week through backpack mail and are also available on the PTO website

(<http://thurstonpto.awardspace.com>). Forms and checks for t-shirt orders are due to the main office by Friday, December 7th. For more information and/or to get added to the email group, contact Susan Montgomery (home 741-1284, smontgom@umich.edu) or Su Pandian (supandian@gmail.com).

Thurston Chess Tournament

All chess players at Thurston Elementary and their siblings in middle school are invited to play in the annual Thurston Chess Tournament on Saturday, January 12th. This is a great warm-up for the upcoming state tournament season, but is fun for more casual players as well. It is an excellent “first” tournament for parents, as you don’t have to drive far and the entry fees are very affordable. There will be four sections to accommodate different skill levels. Chess supplies (and food and drinks) will be available for purchase at the tournament. There is an early registration discount for signups returned to the school's office by December 21st, or mailed by December 31st. For more information and the registration form, please visit www.ThurstonChess.com.



3rd Annual Huron High Artists Market & Craft Show -- Saturday, December 1, 2007

The show will be open from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission is \$2, children free. Stop by! There will be approximately 70 exhibitors showcasing many unique items. This event is sponsored by the Huron High School Booster Club and benefits many student groups at Huron High School.



Please Thank Our Golf Outing Sponsors

The Thurston PTO would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous support and contributions to the Thurston Golf Outing: Bruce Crankshaw of Liberty Mutual; The M Den; Speedway at Plymouth Road; Colonial Amoco; Origins; The Eastern Michigan University Football Program; The Washtenaw Community College Health and Fitness Center; Orchard Hills Athletic Club (OHAC); Hickory Creek Golf Course; Leslie Park Golf Course; Mediterraneo Restaurant; Zoup!; Avanti Hair Designs; Miles of Golf; Great Harvest Bread Company; Claudia Springgay, Realtor; Mark's Midtown Coney Island; No Thai; Domino's Pizza; Cake Nouveau; Princess Designs; Mudpuddles; Baskets and More; Katie Richter and Creative Memories; The Bunker Family; The Genyk Family; The Stanczak Family; The Kent Family; The Springgay Family; Sandy Kent.

AAPS Proactive on MRSA Bacteria

There are no reported cases of MRSA (Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus) in our district. AAPS Custodial Services has been very proactive about this health issue. Every school has a disinfectant spray that kills the MRSA staph bacteria. This spray is being used by the custodians to clean gyms, (with special attention to gym and wrestling mats, including those hanging from gym walls), locker rooms and restrooms. Cafeterias are also being cleaned with this product, but only after all lunch hours are complete. Regular sanitizing continues between each lunch period.

The high school FieldTurf fields have been sprayed all season with a disinfectant that kills the MRSA bacteria. Angell's FieldTurf will also be sprayed with this product. The district is working very closely with local health officials and directly with each school to implement protocol for stopping this bacteria from entering our schools.

(This article adapted from one on the District Web Site)