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Important Dates

Mon., Apr. 6

3rd Grade Performance 6:30pm
in the MPR

Tues., Apr. 7

PTO Meeting 7:00pm
Newsletter Article Deadline

Fri., Apr. 10

No School – Spring Break

Mon., Apr. 20

Return to School

Thurs., Apr. 23

International Night 6:00-
8:00pm
Performances 6:00-6:30pm

Thurs., Apr. 30

2nd Grade Performance 6:30pm
in the MPR

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Principal's Note

The Elementary Summer Learning Institute - formerly know as Summer School – will run from Monday, July 6 through Friday, July 31. The Kindergarten, 2nd and 3rd grade program will be conducted at Ann Arbor Open at Mack Elementary School (930 Miller) and the 5th grade program will be at Forsythe Middle School (1655 Newport). Bussing will be available for all four programs.

Students who have not yet reached grade level reading targets or have not yet reached a secure target on selected math outcomes will be eligible. Their classroom teacher must refer all eligible students. If your child has been referred you will receive important, time sensitive information on April 29. Teachers may contact you before then to discuss your child's eligibility.

Should you have further questions, please contact your child's teacher. You may also feel free to contact the Summer Learning Institute Principal, Che Carter, at carterc@aaps.k12.mi.us

Patricia A. Manley, Principal

PTO Board and Committee Positions Available

Consider taking a lead role in the Thurston PTO and volunteering for a board position or committee chair positions. Positions currently available include:

PTO Treasurers (accounting and check writing), 2 members at large, Vice President, Spring Fundraising, Newsletter Editor, Wellness Committee Chair. Please contact Anne Darnell or Nikki Bonevich to find out more about time commitments and responsibilities.

Thank you,
Anne Darnell (PTO President)

Staff Lunch - Thank You

By Caroline Engelbert

A HUGE Thank You to all the volunteers who helped with this year's staff appreciation lunch! There were so many contributors this year - Nikki Bonevich, Kinga Benkes, Julie Brabbs, Sondra Bobroff, Cheryl Esfahan, Debby Tsai, Patty Ojeda, Tracy Briggs, Margaret Baker, Haewon Cho, Anne Darnell, Lisa Genyk, Laura Giles, Lisa Haddrill, Robin Moran, Julie Helmreich, Mita Gibson, Andrea Lindstrom, Kavita Goel, Toria Martin, Evon Schmitzerle, Ravina Yousuf, Yi Keep, Martha Farmer, Shannon McCarren & Caroline Engelbert.

Thank you also to those wonderful volunteers who helped set up and clean up - Margaret and Graham Baker, Jennifer Barber, Lisa Genyk, Yi Keep, Evon Schmitzerle and Caroline Engelbert.

Spring Break Begins Friday, April 10 (No School that day) School Resumes Monday, April 20

Recycle Your Drink Pouches!!

By Caroline Engelbert

Thurston has signed up to be part of the recycling program for drink pouches with Terracycle. Thurston earns 2 cents for every pouch we collect. Please start saving your pouches! A collection box will be placed in the office after the break. There will also be one in the Multipurpose Room (MPR). CLEAN, EMPTY pouches only, please! Please discard the straw. If there is any one who wants to be in charge of this program, please contact Caroline Engelbert at 996-9183 or engelbert1996@sbcglobal.net.

Parent Teacher Organization Meeting Tuesday April 7 from 7-8pm in the Library

Come learn about. . .

- Mr. Madden's new reading program for boys
- How you can get involved with Thurston's Rain Garden and Oak Savannah
- PTO board & committee positions available for '09-10

We encourage you to attend and share ideas, ask questions or simply listen. Bring a friend and find out what's happening at Thurston!

FREE CHILDCARE AVAILABLE

International Night

We currently do NOT have a United States of America Room for International Night. We need volunteers to make this room happen. Please contact Margaret Baker at 996-2337 to help. We are also looking for help with set-up, passport table and clean-up on this night. Please contact Nikki Bonevich at 327-9790 or e-mail nikki@bonevich.com.