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IMPORTANT DATES

**Have a Fun and Safe Break!
See you in 2009!!**

Mon., Jan. 5

School Resumes

Tues., Jan. 6

PTO Meeting 7:00pm

Fri., Jan. 9

Talent Show Entry Forms Due

Sat., Jan. 24

Thurston Chess Tournament

Thurs., Jan. 29

Talent Show

Fri., Feb. 6

Used Book Sale

Thurs., Feb. 12

Science Fair

Fri., Feb. 6

Used Book Sale

Goodbyes Are Such Sweet Sorrow...

We bid a fond farewell to our dear Mrs. Hannaford. Mrs. H has been here at Thurston helping students, staff and parents for 8 ½ years. She will now be moving on to Clague Middle school to be their full-time secretary. Clague is very fortunate to have you! We can't thank you enough for all you have done. You have always been there with a smile, a cheerful laugh, and a wonderfully positive attitude. You comfort our children and help answer parents' questions and concerns. You will be greatly missed, good thing you will only a couple of blocks away! Congratulations and Go Cougars!!

Thurston PTO, Parents, Students and Staff

Free Family Event

The University Musical Society is offering a free family workshop in conjunction with the Ann Arbor debut of hip-hop dance company RUBBERBANDANCE GROUP: drawing on elements of hip hop, ballet, martial arts and yoga, the contemporary dance company Rubberbandance Group takes a truly multidisciplinary approach to their work. This participatory family event will give children an introduction to the many art forms used by the company in their explosive and inventive dances. Come ready to get up and move! (Workshop is followed by a RUBBERBANDANCE GROUP family performance. Tickets for the performance are available at www.ums.org or (734) 764-2538)

Saturday, January 10, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

U-M Alumni Center (200 Fletcher Street, Ann Arbor)

Workshop is free and open to the public (no ticket required)

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Ann Arbor Public Schools Educational Foundation

The Karen Thomas Memorial Fund of the Ann Arbor Public Schools Educational Foundation was established by her husband, Andy, earlier in 2008. The Fund honors Karen's profound love of reading, and her belief that literacy is essential to a successful and fulfilling life. The Fund will sponsor literacy and academic retention programs for children at the elementary level with an emphasis on academically at-risk students. Karen loved to read, and especially loved reading aloud to children. On just about any school morning, you could find her sitting on the bench outside the office at Burns Park Elementary, reading to her son Jonathan. She never missed an opportunity to volunteer as a reader during "March is Reading Month" -- even while undergoing chemotherapy.

Through December 31, 2008, contributions to the Karen Thomas Memorial Fund will be matched up to a total of \$25,000.

Visit aapsef.org for more information.