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Art Room News

By Amanda Wyse, Art Teacher

The students are busy creating art, learning about artists and exploring art history! One of the things we are working on is a piece of art that will be sent away to a company that reproduces the art onto things like magnets and T-shirts. Each family will get to keep the original work of art and can buy the T-shirts and magnets as a school fundraiser. More information will be coming home about this when the art is complete.

Portfolio Bags: Please keep sending in bags with handles. I am collecting them so the students can have a safe way to transport their art home. Since k-5 students only have art once a week this year, I will be waiting to send home art bags for many classes until January or February.

Volunteers needed: My student teachers are finished for the semester so if you are interested in helping in the art room, volunteers are truly needed! There are sign up sheets in the hall or you can e-mail me at wysea@aaps.k12.mi.us



Please visit www.aaps.k12.mi.us/thurston.art to learn more about the art program at Thurston.

Thurston Hoodies!

By Caroline Engelbert

Over 130 Thurston hoodies were sold! A very limited quantity of extra hoodies were ordered and are available for purchase on a first-come, first-serve basis. In youth sizes (\$15), I have medium and large in light gray and light blue, and x-large in light blue only. In adult sizes (\$18), I have small, medium, large and x-large in light gray only. If interested, please contact me at 996-9183 or engelbert1996@sbcglobal.net ASAP.

Don't forget, you may want to put your name in your hoodie since there are 130 of them floating around the building. There is bound to be more than one hoodie in the lost and found at a time.

Important Dates:

Thurs., Dec. 11

Kwanzaa Celebration 6:00-7:30pm

Thurs., Dec. 18

SIT Meeting 4:00pm

Fri., Dec. 19

Winter Break Begins at 3:42pm

Mon., Jan. 5

School Resumes

Sat., Jan. 24

Thurston Chess Tournament

Fri., Feb. 6

Used Book Sale

Parent Volunteers Needed to Serve Hot Chocolate to Safeties

As soon as volunteers are available after the Winter Break, we hope to start up our yearly tradition of serving hot chocolate to our safeties as they come in from their morning posts. In order to do this we are seeking parent volunteers who would be available in the mornings between about 8:45 and 9:10. We would offer hot chocolate on as many mornings as we have volunteers available to prepare and serve it. We normally continue serving hot chocolate until about mid-March. If this is something you feel you are willing and able to do, please send in a note or leave a message with the receptionist letting us know which day(s) you would be available.

Thank you,
John Leidy on behalf of Thurston's Safeties



Gift Card Order Time Extended

By Sondra Bobroff

The first order will go out on Monday Dec. 8 at 9:00 AM, for pickup on Friday Dec. 12. The instruction sheet is in backpack mail. Questions? Contact Sondra Bobroff at 734-761-9124 or s_bobroff@hotmail.com.

A BIG Turkey Trot Thank You

By Sandy Daida

We had a safe and fun time at this year's Turkey Trot. Thanks to the incredible volunteers! All of these fabulous volunteers braved the cold weather:

Cheerleaders: Amy Abrams Blakemore, Jennifer Barber, Beth Barrett Huff, Kinga Benkes, Jeff Bonevich, Anne Darnell, Gene Darnell, Kelly Delp, Dolcy Garfield, Lisa Genyk, Lisa Hadrill, Jiyeon Han, Tim Harrison, Dana Higa, Jubei Hughes, Heidi Koester, Nina Misek, Karin Monnett, Claire Schulte, Lyn Sebestyen, Elaina Sims, Diane Spillane, Bret Springgay, Sheau-Wei Cheng, Lisl Weiss, Thurston parent alum Jodi Linn, Thurston alum Jamie Linn who also brought fellow EMU friends Andre Chattawny, Desmond James, Cory Mellon, and Charlie Schneider. **Tortoises:** Amy Abrams Blakemore, Pascale Denys, Laura Easthope, Patrick Easthope, and Nina Misek. **Turkey Tamer:** Steve Huff. **Turkey Stuffers:** Elizabeth Den Houter and Robin Moran who served all the students gobbles of goodies.

Speaking of goodies, many thanks to our local **Bello of Vino** for their generous contribution of beautiful apples!

Thanks also go to Caroline Engelbert who is in training to take over as Head Turkey in 2010! Thank you to the greater Thurston community for making this year's Turkey Trot a safe, fun, and yummy time!

Thurston Elementary Parent Handbook

By Anne Darnell

Ever wonder who our school is named after? Ever wonder what the rules are for snowballs in the winter or if there is a rule about chewing gum in school? Ever wonder how to get homework from teachers when your student is sick? To find the answers, check out the ***NEW* THURSTON ELEMENTARY PARENT HANDBOOK** (of course it is for students too!). In the handbook you will find lots of information about Thurston Elementary and you may discover things you didn't know. Each teacher will receive a hard copy version of the handbook for their classroom and all families and staff can access the handbook on the Thurston PTO Website at: [Thurston PTO.Awardspace.com](http://Thurston.PTO.Awardspace.com). If you would like a hard copy, please feel free to print a copy from the website. Thanks to those who helped revise and renew this valuable resource.

Homework Help From the AADL Online

www.aadl.org/homework

The Ann Arbor District Library now has available live online homework help for students grades 3 and up. It is available 7 days a week from 2pm-11pm at any library location (during open hours) or from home with your library card. Chat online with live tutors who will help students: understand homework problems, build skills and critique your writing. Help is available in Spanish and English. Homework Help is powered by Brainfuse and is available with tutoring in these elementary, middle school and high school subjects, including Advanced Placement:

- English/language arts
- Writing lab (submit your paper or resume for critique)
- Math (including Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Trigonometry and Calculus)
- Science (including Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Earth Science)
- Social Studies



The Downtown Library is also hosting onsite tutoring by the University of Michigan's Circle K on Wednesdays from 4-8pm for school aged children in the story center. For more information contact the youth desk at 327-8301

Thurston Drop and Shop

By Michael Johnson

Drop your Thurston student off on Saturday, December 13th from 9:00am-2:00pm in the Thurston MPR for only \$5.00 Per Hour. Please fill out the registration form in the office and return it to Mr. Johnson by Friday, Dec. 10th. Contact Mr. Johnson for details at johnsomi@aaps.k12.mi.us for more details. **There will be NO Drop-in care available.**

Next Article Deadline

Tuesday Night, Dec. 9
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