

THE HERON HERALD



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IMPORTANT DATES

Sat., Jan. 24

Thurston Chess Tournament
www.thurstonchess.com

Thurs., Jan. 29

Talent Show 6:30pm MPR

Mon., Feb 2

Instrumental Music Informance
9:45am MPR

Tues., Feb. 3

PTO Meeting 7:00pm

Fri., Feb. 6

Used Book Sale & Pizza Sale

Thurs., Feb. 12

Science Fair

Thurs., Mar. 5

Kindergarten Round-Up
6:30pm

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Principal's Notes

New Teacher Clerk – Please welcome *Mrs. Rita Benham* who comes to Thurston highly recommended and with school office experience. She is the parent of two students currently at Huron High School, and she looks forward to meeting and working with our Thurston Community.

New School Psychologist – Please welcome *Ms. Patricia Goucher* who will be splitting her time between Thurston and Abbott.

Parking Lot Traffic – Once again, I have had to direct traffic because someone has left a car unattended during our busy morning hour. Please do not leave your car. If you need to come into the building, then you must find an open parking spot in the lot or park in the street. Traffic should have a continuous movement.

Thurston's Kindergarten Round-up is scheduled for Thursday, March 5, 2009. Any child who will be 5 on or before December 1, 2009 may enroll. More information will be given as the date draws closer. Please spread the word to new families to the area.

Patricia A. Manley, Principal

Book Sale book drop-off days are coming soon

By Yvonne Stevens

February 2-5

If you haven't signed up for a shift to sort books or work at the sale, it's not too late. We need your help – please sign up! You can send your blue form to school with your child, sign-up in person on the shift schedule posted outside the office or call Margaret Baker, keeper of the master schedule, at 996-2337. Thank you.



Box Lids

For the book sale we are looking for copy paper box tops to store the books in during the sale. We are in search of about 100 – please bring in any one you have or you can find – each one will help us a lot. Leave them with me before or after school or drop them off on my front porch - 2511 Antietam Drive.

Thank you.

Please Recycle

Coordinator needed for "Girls on the Run" at Thurston

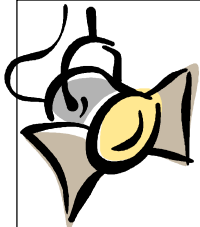
By Sondra Bobroff

Girls on the Run® (GOTR) www.girlsontherunsemi.org is a non-profit prevention program that uses the power of running to help preteen girls (ages 8-12) develop self-respect and value a healthy lifestyle. Our curricula address the development of the 'whole' girl – her physical, emotional, mental, social and spiritual well-being. This international program offers a life changing, experiential learning curriculum for third through fifth-grade girls. The program culminates in a non-competitive 5K race event which gives the girls a chance to shine and an overwhelming sense of accomplishment.

For more info, contact: Sondra Bobroff 734-761-9124 or



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Hérons in the Spotlight

By Beth Barrett Huff

Daisy Troop 509, made up of kindergarten and first graders donated canned dog and cat food and other needed supplies to The Humane Society in December. They also donated board books to Mott Children's Hospital at The University of Michigan. All donations were greatly appreciated. By, Beth Barrett Huff

Quote of the Day

"Hatred paralyzes life; love releases it. Hatred confuses life; love harmonizes it. Hatred darkens life; love illuminates it." - Martin Luther King Jr., *US black civil rights leader & clergyman (1929 - 1968)*

This Day in History

"On this day in 1957, machines at the Wham-O toy company rolled out the first batch of their aerodynamic plastic discs--now known to millions of fans all over the world as Frisbees." – www.historychannel.com

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD PARENT INFORMATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009
4:00PM (SHARP) -5:00PM
ROOM 27

Switching to E-Newsletters

By Nikki Bonevich

Many of you already receive the Heron Herald Newsletter via e-mail as well as a hard copy in your child's backpack. We will slowly begin phasing out the hard copy of our newsletter grade by grade to those families who can receive the Heron Herald via e-mail. If you cannot receive the newsletter via e-mail you will continue to receive hard copies.

Parents will be receiving notice of this change as we get to your grade. Thank you Kindergarten parents for helping us to start saving trees, using fewer chemicals, and saving PTO funds for other projects by participating in the E-Newsletter program.

Thank you all for your support.

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