

THE HERON HERALD



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Important Dates

Mon., Mar. 16

Student report letters go home

Thurs., Mar. 19

SIT Meeting 4:00pm

Thurs. – Sat., Mar. 26 – 28

The Bride of Thurstonstein performed at Clague

Tues., Apr. 7

PTO Meeting 7:00pm

Fri., Apr. 10

No School – Spring Break

Mon., Apr. 20

Return to School

Thurs., Apr. 23

International Night 5:30-8:00pm

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Dear Thurston Families,

Can you believe it is already March? Spring is finally coming and everyone is ready for it.

March Report Letters will be sent home on Monday, March 16. If you have any questions about them, please contact the teacher immediately. If our MEAP results arrive by then, we will also send them with the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade reports. This report period will also include Art and Music progress reports for 4th and 5th graders.

Kindergarten Round-up was very successful. We had 60 families attend. The best part was the decision by the office staff, teachers and myself to wear round-up (cowboy) attire. We are very excited that so many new families are choosing to attend Thurston. There is a Kindergarten student visit scheduled for Thursday, March 19 at 4:00 pm.

Thurston School Improvement Team (SIT) has approved a second round of Math Fast Facts, which began on March 10, and will also sponsor special tutors for students who are below grade level in Reading and Math on their March Report Letters.

Parking Lot Notice - beginning March 16, we will implement a new parking lot procedure. The first parking lot (nearest the school) will continue to be for Staff Only. Each staff member's car will have a window decal that permits him or her to park in the first lot. Parents and visitors are asked to park in the second lot, side lot, or on the street. In addition, each morning a friendly staff member will be present in the parking lot to serve as a reminder. As always, we thank you for your cooperation and look forward to everyone working together.

A special thank you, better late than never, to Mrs. Toria Martin for assisting me in setting up and working with the Huron High School Health Occupations Class to have a mini-health fair on Science Day. Both the Thurston and Huron students enjoyed the opportunity.

Patricia Manley, Principal

Art to Remember Fundraiser

If you missed the deadline to send in your Art to Remember order form, you can send it in to school on Monday, March 16. Please remember that the magnets are NOT free! If you don't want to purchase it, please send it back.

Thurston Hoodies!

There are some hoodies left! Youth hoodies are \$15. There is 1 medium left in gray, 5 large in gray and 4 large in blue. Adult hoodies are \$18. There is 1 medium gray, 3 large dark heather, 4 XL in dark heather and 1 XL in light gray. If you would like to purchase one, please contact Caroline Engelbert at engelbert1996@sbcglobal.net or 996-9183.

Campbells Soup Labels

Don't forget to collect your labels for education! The classroom that sends in the most by April 1 wins the first reward!

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Looking to recycle those #5 plastic yogurt containers? Whole Foods now recycles clean, dry #5 yogurt containers. So next time you take in some returnables remember to grab those yogurt cups! Thanks to Margaret Weiss for the great tip!

From the Music Room (a.k.a. the Thurston Music Dojo)

It's been busy in the music room lately as we prepare for some upcoming performances. You are all invited to attend the following in the Multipurpose Room:

4th grade performance--Tuesday, March 31 at 6:30pm

3rd grade performance--Monday, April 6 at 6:30pm

2nd grade performance--Thursday, April 30 at 6:30pm

5th grade performances--Monday, May 11 Time TBD

1st grade performances--May TBD

KDG performances--May/June TBD

Hope to see you there!

Ms. Rothfeld

Running Group

Who we are: We are two runners (so far) who find it much easier to run together at a set day & time than to do it by ourselves and find the perfect time when nobody else has any demands on us (which would be - never!).

We managed to train for several fun races in 2008 that way and finished!!!!

What we are offering: Are you able to run about three miles right now? Join us and share in the company of running together - rain or shine.

When: Thursday mornings at 6:00am.

Where: 2511 Antietam Drive (eventually we could take turns of meeting at someone else's house)

Interested? Contact Yvonne Stevens at (734) 995 - 0313, yvonnestevens@comcast.net or just meet us Thursdays at 6:00am at 2511 Antietam Drive.

THE THURSTON COMMUNITY PLAYERS PRESENT

The Bride of Thurstonstein

THURSDAY, MARCH 26 AT 7:30PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 27 AT 7:30PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 AT 7:00PM

AT CLAGUE MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

This is the Thurston Community Players 35th annual original play. Please join a cast of 200 students, parents, teachers, and community members as they perform a musical about 3 possible princesses born in the Kingdom of Thurstonstein. The kingdom must hold a trial to discover the true heiress to the throne, as the coming-of-age princess contemplates which prince to marry from the neighboring kingdoms of Loganstein, Burnsparkstein, and Dickenstein. Directed by Phil Zaret, with set design by Dick Vail and Kami Meader.

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR, ADULTS \$8, CHILDREN \$6