

THE HERON HERALD



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Important Dates

Tues., Mar. 31

4th Grade Performance 6:30pm
in the MPR

Fri., Apr. 3

Movie Night 5:30-8:00pm in
the MPR

Mon., Apr. 6

3rd Grade Performance 6:30pm
in the MPR

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 6:00-
8:00pm

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Principal's Notes

Dear Thurston Families,

Spring is finally here! Yeah! However, the weather seems to change drastically from day to day. Thanks for making sure your child dresses for the actual weather and not the season.

Summer Learning Institute (summer school) – Information about SLI will be given to teachers this week and they will let you know if your child qualifies and will follow-up with the appropriate paperwork.

With this newsletter is attached the 2009-10 Students Placement Parent Survey – This survey allows us to gain additional insights into your child's learning style and is helpful as we will begin to make placement decisions after spring break. The Survey should be returned by April 9.

Congratulations to all the students, parents and community volunteers who helped to make this year's Thurston Play, "The Bride of Thurstonstein" one of the very best. Your hard work and dedication was evident throughout the production.

Patricia A. Manley

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: TUESDAY, MARCH 31

Staff Lunch - March 30

By Caroline Engelbert



The annual staff soup lunch is coming up! If you wish to help out we still need salads and beverages, please contact Caroline Engelbert at engelbert1996@sbcglobal.net or at 996-9183. Also, if you love washing dishes, I could really use a hand with clean-up at 1:15!

Clague's Pancake Supper

By Jennifer Barber



No Fooling....Clague's Pancake Supper is on Wed April 1st from 6:00-8:00 (come anytime for dinner). Purchase your tickets at the door, join us for this community event and turn off those ovens for the night. Don't be foolish, come and join us for the fun!!! Questions, contact Jennifer Barber at jenbarber@rwpkinsale.com.

City to Consider Shopping Bag Policy

By Yvonne Stevens

City of Ann Arbor officials are considering policies that reduce the litter and waste from disposable shopping bags and encourage consumers to choose reusable shopping bags. The public is invited to provide input on a range of possible local shopping bag policies through online surveys and business focus group sessions. The comments received by early May will help shape future City Council actions.

Surveys are posted at www.a2gov.org/bags through April 30, 2009. Two variations of the survey are provided: one for general consumers; and a second designed for business owners, managers, and employees.

Please take the survey and help our environment!

Spirit Gear!

By Caroline Engelbert

There are still some hoodies left! Youth hoodies are \$15. (\$13 for teachers) There is 1 left in medium (gray), and there are larges left in blue and gray. Adult hoodies are \$18. (\$15 for teachers) There is 1 large left in dark heather, and 3 XL in dark heather. I also have some Thurston Rocks t-shirts left, selling dirt cheap at \$5 each! There are 3 medium long sleeve (royal blue), 3 large short-sleeve (white), and 2 large long-sleeve (royal blue). Interested? Contact Caroline Engelbert at 996-9183, engelbert1996@sbcglobal.net.

Quote of the Daywww.quotationspage.com

"I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book." - Groucho Marx, US comedian with Marx Brothers (1890 - 1977)

Thurston Movie Night

Friday, April 3 from 5:30-8:00pm in the MPR

Join us for a Double Feature with Food, Fun and Family

A donation of \$3.00 per family is appreciated

This Day in History

www.history.com

“The University of Oregon defeats The Ohio State University 46–33 on this day in 1939 to win the first-ever NCAA men’s basketball tournament. The Final Four, as the tournament became known, has grown exponentially in size and popularity since 1939. For the first 12 years of the men’s tournament, only eight teams were invited to participate. That number grew steadily until a 65-team tournament format was unveiled in 2001.”

THURSTON NATURE CENTER SPRING WORK DAYS

SATURDAY, April 4th, 2009 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM

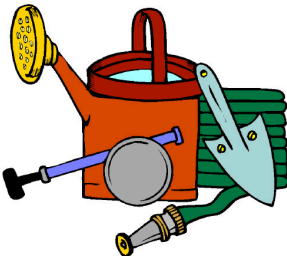
Meet at the East Woodchip Pile on Yorktown.

SUNDAY, April 5th from 2:00 to 5:00 PM

Meet at the West Woodchip Pile on Prairie.

Note: If you would like to help, but have a conflict, you can work at another time convenient for you.

Dress for the Job and bring appropriate tools if you have them, (shovel, rake, clippers, saw, wheelbarrow, etc.)



WORK TASKS TO CHOOSE FROM:

- Distribute woodchips on trails
- Care for your Adopted Trees
- Adopt-A-Tree, or Flower area and work on it
- Gather Brush that was cut this winter, stack in unused areas
- Mulch small trees with woodchips

You pick it. If you have noticed something else that needs doing, please feel free to suggest it, and help do it.

QUESTIONS: Call Mike Conboy, 665-4027, (Email: mfgc@umich.edu) or ask any Nature Center Committee Member.

National Library Week Events at Traverwood

Monday, April 13, 2009 Cup Stack Attack 2:00-3:00pm

Wednesday, April 15, 2009 :Creative Crafts 2:00-3:00pm, Duct Tape Re-Dux 7:00 -8:30 pm

Visit <http://www.aadl.org/events/list/traverwood> for more details.