

THE HERON HERALD



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Important Dates

Wed. May 20

5th Grade Instrumental Music
Concert in the MPR 7:00pm

Fri., May 22

Field Day 12:30pm-3:48pm

Mon., May 25

No School – Memorial Day

Fri., Jun. 5

Ice Cream Social 6:00-8:00pm

Thur., Jun. 11

5th Grade Farewell Ceremony

Fri., Jun.12

Last Day of School, Half Day

**One More Month
Until School is out
for the Summer!**

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MR. TEST'S FIELD DAY – WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Field Day will be held Friday, May 22, only if we have enough volunteers to help. Mr. Test NEEDS volunteers by 12:30 to the end of the school day. To date, we have 16 parents signed up and WE NEED A TOTAL OF 40 volunteers who will help direct each class for one of the games! If you know of responsible college students home for the summer, let us know!

We still need to borrow 8 more 5-gallon drink jugs, 2 more large clean buckets and 80 filled water balloons.

Please contact Sandy Daida – sandy.daida@sbcglobal.net or 761-8941 – and let her know how you can serve our kids. Thank you Thurston parents for your support.

Correspondence Summer Program Available for Students

GRASP (Grand Rapids Academic Summer Program) is a 9-week correspondence summer program in math and reading. It is designed for children who have completed K-8th grade. Children receive a packet of material containing 9 lessons for the summer. The lessons are scored, results recorded and returned to the children. Enrollment forms are available in the school office for interested families. The cost is, \$37 for one subject and \$61 for both subjects per child. If you chose to participate, you must mail the enrollment form and fees before June 15th. If you are unable to pick up the form in the office, ask your child's teacher to send one home with your child.

This Day in History

After Congress adjourned its last meeting in Philadelphia on May 15, 1800 President John Adams told his cabinet to make sure Congress and all federal offices were up and running smoothly in their new headquarters by June 15, 1800. Philadelphia officially ceased to serve as the nation's capital as of June 11, 1800. At the time, there were only about 125 federal employees.

Hérons in the Spotlights



Three Cheers for Ms. Rothfeld!

We are so lucky to have a teacher as loving, inspirational and hard-working as Ms. Rothfeld! She's the music teacher we all wish we had when we were growing up. Ms. Rothfeld has worked so hard to put together all those wonderful performances. Next time you're in the building, make a little trip to the music room to thank Ms. Rothfeld for all the amazing things she does every day with our kids.

Thurston Daisies and Brownies Sing!

On Saturday, May 9 Daisy Troop 509, Brownie Troops 40860 and 40205 sang to the residents of the Sunrise Assisted Living Home on Plymouth Rd. Mrs. Margaret Baker led our troops in song. The residents really enjoyed having us and even sang along with us! The girls then shared boxes of Girl Scout Cookies with the residents. It was a very special afternoon!

Music News and Notes

Dear Thurston Families,

Our 1st graders continue to work hard on their upcoming musicals. If you would like to come and see their hard work, their performances are as follows:

Mrs. Dey's class--Monday, May 18 at 2:30pm

Mrs. Hetrick's class--Thursday, May 21 at 10:30am

Ms. Combi's class--Friday, May 22 at 9:40am

All of these performances will be in the Multipurpose Room.

Hope to see you there!

-Ms. Rothfeld

Orchard Hills Athletic Club

Hang out with your friends and get some exercise this summer on the OHAC Swim and Dive Team! Orchard Hills Athletic Club is your neighborhood swim/dive team right in Thurston's backyard. OHAC has a history of providing great coaching in a fun atmosphere for swimmers/divers of all skill levels -- even beginners! Practices (you choose how many) run weekdays for 7 weeks with meets on weekends, culminating in exciting county-wide championships. All this for \$80 (for OHAC or Chapel Hill members) or \$130 (for non-members) per child. Want to know more? Check out our website at www.ohacpool.org or contact Margaret Baker at 996-2337 or Marcy Hires at hiresfamily@sbcglobal.net or 994-0942.

Wild Swan Theater Presents...

Hawk, I'm Your Brother

Sunday, May 17 at 2:00pm

At Skyline High School

Purchase a family pass for \$25 to see this amazing new work of Wild Swan Theater. Perfect for patrons K-5. Also, Leslie Science Center live raptor demonstration. Purchase tickets at aapsef.org