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Important Dates

Mon., May 25

No School – Memorial Day

Tues., Jun. 2

Parking Lot Discussion
7:00pm

Fri., Jun. 5

Ice Cream Social 5:00-8:00pm

Thur., Jun. 11

5th Grade Farewell Ceremony
9:30am

Fri., Jun. 12

Last Day of School, Dismissal
is at 11:51am

Have a Nice
Summer!

Tues., Sept. 8

First Day of School

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FRIDAY, JUNE 5 – ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT THURSTON

5:00 to 8:00 (rain or shine)

Picnic - Pirates - Pizza

Come join us for a fun family event sponsored by the Thurston PTO
as a Thank You for all your hard work over the year!!

FEATURED EVENTS

Inflatable rides

Captain Jack Sparrow Pirate Impersonator

Live music by the Rubber Band

Pizza & Ice Cream For Sale

1967 Film "We're On Our Way" the Ground Breaking of the Thurston
Nature Center (OHMHA)

Other fun: Face Painting, sidewalk chalk, bubble bonanza, soccer
shootout, football, jump ropes, paper airplane station, corn toss

Larger water containers will be provided - bring your own blankets!!!

More Volunteers Needed for Art Portfolio Day by Amanda Wyse

Sorting and bagging the art so that it makes it home safely is a big
event! Come join the fun! Please sign up by the art room door or e-mail
me at wysea@aaps.k12.mi.us Thank you! I still need volunteers for:

Tuesday June 2, 1:20-3:40

Wednesday June 3, 1:20-3:40 and

Friday June 5, 12:45-2:45

Please continue to send in brown paper grocery bags with handles so
that the large projects can survive the bus ride home!

Hérons in the Spotlight

by Margaret Baker & Michael Johnson



Please allow us to thank all of our wonderful coaches, dedicated parents and knowledgeable students for a job well done. All of the students did a phenomenal job and we had fun showcasing why Thurston is the school we all adore.

Again, this was a total team effort and it was a pleasure working with each of you. Su Pandian, a Thurston Mom, organized the Science Olympiad for Thurston (held last Sat. May 16 at Skyline).

She was truly heroic in her commitment of time, enthusiasm, energy and incredible organizational skills! There were 1600 students participating all together, and she was a wonderful leader for our Thurston contingent. On top of all her leadership, the team that she coached ("A for Anatomy" for the 4th grade) took a gold medal! Wow!

In the coming days a complete list of the results from Saturday's awesome adventure will be posted.

AAPS Thurston Elementary Parking Lot Discussion

by Bret Springgay

A Public Meeting will be held Tuesday, June 2 at 7:00pm regarding the Thurston Parking Lot construction. the purpose of the parking lot meeting is to raise awareness further in the Thurston Community and adjoining neighborhoods about the parking lot/traffic safety concerns and possible solutions. This first meeting with the district's engineer will also allow for listening, discussion, and dialogue with the engineer as the planning is developing further. We would like to hear all comments, concerns, and questions.

Getting to Know You...Mrs. Riley

by Amy Poling, Student Reporter

Good evening, Thurston students! I interviewed a most important and hard working Thurston Office Professional, Mrs. Riley. I got to know some really cool things about her!

First off, let's talk about her elementary school interests. I asked her, "What was your favorite thing to do at recess?" "Hmm... I guess Kickball!" She answered.

"What was your favorite thing to do in your free time?"

"Playing School was so much fun!" Mrs. Riley told me.

Another thing she would do in her free time was just play around with her friends.

"What was your favorite specials class in elementary?"

She thought about that for a little bit. "Music Class." was her reply.

I asked her, "What is one thing you like that we have at Thurston that you didn't have at your school?"

"Hmm.... well, we didn't go and eat in the lunchroom, we had to go home and do that." She explained.

"What was your favorite grade in elementary school?" I asked.

"First grade!" Came her reply.

Next, I asked her if she had a favorite teacher. She smiled, and said her first grade teacher, Mrs. Brodie, was great.

The next topic was interesting facts.

"What was the name of your school?"

She replied, "Harrison Elementary School."

I asked her if she had any pets back then. She told me she had a little Chihuahua named Snoopy!

"What is one surprising thing about you?" I questioned.

"I like antiques. I go antique-ing."