

# THE HERON HERALD



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## IMPORTANT DATES

### Fri., Nov. 21

Turkey Trot afternoon  
Movie Night in the MPR  
Spirit Day – Pajama Day

### Tues., Nov. 25

Report letters go home

### Wed., Nov. 26 - Fri., Nov. 28

No School – Thanksgiving Break

### Fri., Dec. 19

Winter Vacation begins at 3:42pm

### Mon., Jan. 5

School Resumes

## Principal's Notes

A sincere thank you to everyone who worked on the Fall Social/New Book Sale and all those who were instrumental in getting and planting our new trees. The dedication of our parent community is most impressive and one I love to brag about.

Winter Wind Chill and Outdoor Recess – It looks and feels like winter is finally here to stay. Remember to have your child dress warm and in layers. The district practice is that if the wind chill factor is 0 degrees F or below, children are not sent outside, otherwise, they will continue to have daily recess. We strongly suggest that your child have a second pair of shoes to change into before going into the classrooms with wet shoes or boots. If students do not have boots, they are asked to stay on the blacktop and not go out into the snow.

Lost and Found – Please periodically check the lost and found for missing items.

*Patricia A. Manley, Principal*

## Science Olympiad

By Su Pandian

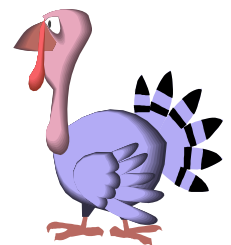


Mr. Johnson and Su Pandian will co-chair this year's science Olympiad. Please contact Su Pandian by e-mail [supandian@gmail.com](mailto:supandian@gmail.com) or Mr. Johnson at [johnsomi@aaps.k12.mi.us](mailto:johnsomi@aaps.k12.mi.us) if you are interested in participating. Dates and times to be announced.

## Turkey Trot – Friday, November 21!

By Sandy Daida

We are still in need of 16 more parents to line and secure the route. We need to have a confirmed number of parents or the event will be canceled. Don't let our kids down, they're counting on you! If you are able to cheerlead from 1 to 3:10 on Friday, November 21, please contact Sandy Daida 761-8941 or e-mail [sandy.daida@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sandy.daida@sbcglobal.net).



## Drive-In Movie Night

Friday, November 21 at 6:00-8:30pm there will be movies in the MPR. Wear your pajamas, enjoy concessions and watch the show!



A \$3.00 donation is suggested.

## Yearbook Pictures Needed!

By Caroline Engelbert



Photos are being collected for the Thurston Yearbook! I need 2 group photos for each class (except Mrs. Sipp's because I've already done it), candid shots of music, gym, art, library and instrumental music and candid photos of large groups of non-fifth grade Thurston kids. Photos need to be sent in on a disk, labeled with what is on them. Please send disks in to the office to the attention of Caroline Engelbert, parent yearbook coordinator.

## Quote of the Day

"I have learnt silence from the talkative, toleration from the intolerant, and kindness from the unkind; yet strange, I am ungrateful to these teachers."

Kahlil Gibran (1883 - 1931)  
Lebanese artist & poet in US

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## Thurston Perks

Join us for coffee and bagels Friday mornings from 8:15-8:45am. If you are interested in volunteering please see the sign-up sheet on the PTO bulletin board or e-mail Nikki Bonevich at [nikki@bonevich.com](mailto:nikki@bonevich.com).

We now have bottled water for \$1. We also sell Thurston travel mugs and bagged coffee for \$10 each.

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## "Thurston Rocks!" T-shirts!

By Caroline Engelbert

There are still some youth size Thurston Rock's tees left! They're on sale for only \$5 for short or long sleeved. I have 7 medium long sleeved, 3 large short sleeve and 2 large long sleeve left. Please contact Caroline Engelbert at [engelbert1996@sbcglobal.net](mailto:engelbert1996@sbcglobal.net) or 996-9183 if you are interested.

## Thank you to Tree Planting Volunteers!

By Katie Richter



Thank you so much to the many families and individuals who responded to our urgent call for tree planting volunteers: Rebecca and Anne Darnell; Susan, Ian and Nicky Montgomery; Nisha and Sameer Gudal; Sam Nola; Sue, Aaron and Aaron's older brother Keller; Adam, Lorna, Phil and Eleanor King; Sri Kodali, Lawrence Briggs, Neal Foster, Sandra Bobroff, Heidi Koester, our very own Mrs. Manley and the many offers of help had our planting extended longer into the afternoon.

On Saturday, Nov. 1st we got a lesson in tree planting from Global Releaf and then planted 8 large trees at Thurston in record time! Thanks to our Global Releaf grant our PTO only paid half the wholesale cost of the trees. We would also like to thank Bill and Catherine of Lawrence Arbor Care, a tree care company that donated their time and expertise to help purchase and plant the trees. We will be asking for volunteers again to plant in the spring and also watering volunteers to keep our trees hydrated over the summer.

## This Day in History 1969

"Apollo 12, the second manned mission to the surface of the moon, is launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida, with astronauts Charles Conrad, Jr.; Richard F. Gordon, Jr.; and Alan L. Bean aboard. President Richard Nixon viewed the liftoff from Pad A at Cape Canaveral. He was the first president to attend the liftoff of a manned space flight.

"Thirty-six seconds after takeoff, lightning struck the ascending Saturn 5 launch rocket, which tripped the circuit breakers in the command module and caused a power failure. Fortunately, the launching rocket continued up normally, and within a few minutes power was restored in the spacecraft."

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