

# THE HERON HERALD



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## IMPORTANT DATES

### Mon., Nov. 10

Bake Sale during lunch

### Tues., Nov 11

PTO Meeting 7:00pm

### Wed., Nov. 12

School Store during lunch

### Fri., Nov. 21

Turkey Trot afternoon  
Movie Night in the MPR

### Fri., Dec. 19

Winter Vacation begins at 3:42pm

### Mon., Jan. 5

School Resumes

### Quote of the Day

“Never criticize a man until you've walked a mile in his moccasins.”

Native American Proverb

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### Sally Foster By Caroline Engelbert

Sally Foster arrived on Wednesday... if you have not picked it up yet, please check the Activity Room by the office. PTO is not responsible for items not picked up. Thank you for supporting PTO and our students.

## PTO Meeting November 11 at 7:00pm

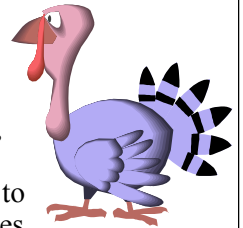
Come hear the 5th Grade Choir sing for us and learn about the up-coming annual Thurston Turkey Trot. Committees will report out and there will be a Question and Answer Session with the principal, PTO Board and Teacher Representative present to answer questions.

**FREE CHILDCARE AVAILABLE**

## Let's talk turkey - Turkey Trot that is!

By Sandy Daida

Safety and encouragement – that's what we need for this year's Annual Turkey Trot, which will be held on the afternoon of Friday, November 21. In the name of fun, safety, and exercise, our 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders will run, jog, walk, or skip a one-mile course through our neighborhood. Our biggest need is **19 more parents** (Cheerleaders, yeah!) to line and secure the route. We need **2 more parents** (Tortoises, ha!) to walk with the kids to keep them safe. Finally, we need **3 more parents** (Stuffers, yum!) to serve refreshments. So lend a hand! Without you, there's no way to keep the event safe for our kids. **Without enough volunteers, we'll have to cancel.** (Which won't happen, right?) Sign up to be a parent volunteer! Please contact Sandy Daida 761-8941 or e-mail [sandy.daida@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sandy.daida@sbcglobal.net). This event is not safe for younger siblings or pets.



Coupled with Turkey Trot, our Student Council will once again be working with the Food Gatherers. The biggest need this year is for box potatoes and stuffing, canned fruit, gravy, and soup, as well as pasta. Donations can be placed in the barrels located throughout the building. Monetary donations toward turkeys can be made out to "Food Gatherers." For every \$13.44, we will hang a turkey cutout in the gym. Let's see if we can top our 2004 record of 84 turkeys!

## Music Notes

By Yael Rothfeld

Tuesday, November 11 the 5<sup>th</sup> grade choir will perform for the PTO Meeting to begin at 7:00pm. Please come listen to these talented performers and feel free to stay for our PTO meeting and get the latest PTO information.

Monday, November 24 is the Thanksgiving Program in the MPR. K-2nd grade 1:45pm, 3rd-5th grade 2:30pm. Come watch all the kids in what is sure to be a memorable performance.



## Hérons in the Spotlight

By Katie Richter

Girl Scout Brownie Troop 205 has donated a tree to Thurston Elementary. The tree is a 'Frontier' hybrid Elm, *ulmus parvifolia*, which is a disease-resistant tree that combines small glossy leaves with lovely red-purple autumn coloration unlike most other elms. Troop 205 has raised money through cookie sales over the last couple years and decided to use some of these funds in a method consistent with the girl scout principles of giving to our community and taking care of our earth - and something they will be able to come back and see as adults. Members of Troop 205 are: Anna Barber, Ashley Davis, Elaina Baker, Emma Anderson, Hannah Lee, Kelsey Charnetski, Lana Stanczak, Lucy Brabbs, Madeline Stone-Wheatley, Makala Borg, Sarah Gould, and Terah Blakemore. Thanks to Troop 205 for their wonderful gift!

## Are you considering a non-public school?

Clague Middle School is holding a special orientation session for parents who are considering attending private schools next fall. Parents and students are cordially invited to come and see what Clague has to offer on November 13, 2008 from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Clague Media Center. Students will shadow a Clague student for part of the morning. Light refreshments will be available. Please join us for fun and education. We look forward to meeting you! Please call Terry Odell, office manager, at 994-1976 to make a reservation to attend this event. Please RSVP by November 10, to ensure your student has a Clague 6th grader to shadow.



## Thurston PTO Website

By Nikki Bonevich

As many of you probably know we have had some difficulty with our Thurston PTO website. There was a corruption in the database causing the problem, and after a great deal of hard work, Cathy and Jim Behrendt were able to fix the problem getting us up and running again. Many thanks to the Behrendts for keeping us on the net!

## Election Day Bake Sale

By Nikki Bonevich

We could not have asked for a better day for a Bake Sale! The sun was shining, kids were playing and people were happy to buy coffee and baked goods. We sold \$236 dollars and a nice portion of that money came from donations directly to the PTO. We had wonderful people from the community thrilled to help support our school. We live in an amazing community and I am proud to be part of that community!

## Bake Sale for Students and Staff

This Monday, November 10 from 11:30am to 1:30pm in the MPR there will be a bake sale for the students (and anyone else with a sweet tooth). Everything will be priced .25 to .50 cents. Dig that money out of the couch and come enjoy a treat.



## More Herons in the Spotlight

By Caroline Engelbert

Ariel and Zoey to perform with the Ann Arbor Symphony! 5th Graders Ariel and Zoey Engelbert will be performing their first original song (written for them by Broadway conductor/composer Gary Adler), "In Your Heart," with the Ann Arbor Symphony at the Michigan Theater. The concert (also premiering a new work by Gemini) is Sunday, November 9, at 4:00 pm. For ticket information, call A2SO at 994-4801.

## Huron Players Performance Dates Changed

By Allison Punch, Student President of Huron Players



Unfortunately, due to a cast member's injury (unrelated to the show), the performance dates for "Return to the Forbidden Planet" have been postponed. The new dates are November 13, 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m., and November 16 at 2:00 p.m. If you reserved tickets for the first weekend, our box office will be contacting you shortly. Ticket reservations are still available at 994-2095.



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