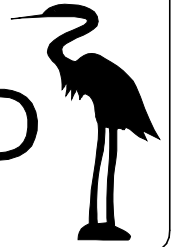


THE HERON HERALD



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Important Dates:

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Wed., Oct. 15

Student Council Store open during lunch time

Thurs., Oct. 16

SIT Meeting

Fri., Oct. 24

Fall Social and New Book Sale
6:00-8:00pm

Fri., Oct. 31

Halloween Costume Parade

Mon., Nov. 3

Picture Day Retakes

Tues., Nov. 4

No School for Students
Election Day
Election Day Bake Sale

Wed., Nov. 5

Pick up Sally Foster in activity room

Quote of the Week

“The ornament of a house is the friends who frequent it.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson US
essayist & poet (1803 - 1882)
www.quotationspage.com

Today in History 1901

Henry Ford drove in his first and last automobile race on October 10, 1901. Ford was terrified after the experience, reportedly saying “once is enough”.
www.historychannel.com

Thurston’s Fall Social

My name is Christine Brenner. I have a 2nd Grade daughter at Thurston. I'm in charge of the Fall Social taking place Friday, October 24 from 6-8pm. Fall Social is a great tradition at Thurston. What is it? Simple carnival-like games are stationed throughout the school, prizes and treats can be won. There is a new book sale, a cake walk, pizza to eat, and a raffle for pumpkins and tickets to events. We all get to meet and mingle with the Thurston community. Everyone has a great time. Tickets to events will be sold at the front near the office and Multipurpose room for \$0.25 per ticket (each event requires a different number of tickets).

Usually, this is coordinated by room parents and myself. Currently, we have three teachers that do not have room parents. I really do need a contact parent for these classrooms--Anderson, Krebsbach, and Hetrick. If you can't commit to being a room parent for the whole year, I could really use people for this one event. I have sign up sheets hanging in front of those three teachers' rooms. Parents man the games in 30 minute shifts (older siblings can, too). Room parents should have already started sign up sheets for all other rooms. Please sign up!!

I have also posted sign up sheets on the PTO bulletin board for ticket sales, the prize table and raffle sales. Prizes will be similar to last year in that we will offer some games with immediate rewards and the option of larger prizes that can be bought with coins earned through playing the games. If you have an item that you think might be a nice prize at home, we would appreciate any donations. Please contact me at 485-9519 or KBren203@aol.com. Mira Cooper is helping me with this. You may contact her as well at agracoopkids@yahoo.com or 997-0564.

By Christine Brenner

New Book Fair is coming!

If it's time for the Fall Social, it's time for the New Book Fair! Once again we're partnering with our hometown independent bookstore, Nicola's Books for our New Book Fair. The New Book Sale will be held in the Media Center and run from 3:30-5:00pm after school and 6:00-8:00pm during the Fall Social. We accept cash, checks and credit cards. This year at the Book Fair you can purchase Gift Certificates to be used any time at Nicola's Books. Yes, you may place special orders for books at the Book Fair. Please bring title, author, ISBN and price for the books you wish to order. Teachers' Wish Lists will be available at the book fair. You can support your child's teacher and class by purchasing books for their classroom. All classes will get a chance to preview the New Book Fair during the day Friday. This isn't a time purchase books, just to do a bit of window shopping. Nicola's Books generously gives 15% of total New Book Fair sales to Thurston.

By Katie Richter

Washtenaw Council for Children



The Washtenaw Area Council for Children is hosting an Internet Safety Community Forum “Keeping Kids Safe on Today’s Information Superhighway: A Community’s Response” on Thursday, October 23 from 8am-10am. This event is free and includes a continental breakfast but reservations are required. Contact Amber Moore, amber@washtenawchildren.org or 434-4215. A flier is available on www.washtenawchildren.org.

By Anne Darnell

Hérons in the Spotlight

Three Cheers for Brownie Troop 205! These hard working girls earned \$365 for Thurston by cutting box tops for the Box Tops for Education Program. You girls did a great job and we certainly appreciate all you do for Thurston.

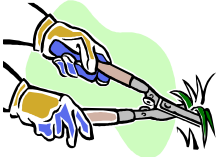
By Jennifer Barber

Help Wanted

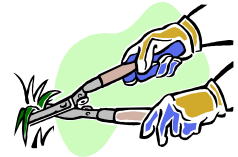
Our teachers are looking for a parent volunteer to help with laminating. This is a great way to help out at the school and all the classrooms benefit. If you have time to give please contact Michael Johnson at johnsomi@aaps.k12.mi.us for more details.

Reminder: The Student Council Store is open this Wednesday, October 15th during lunch time.

THURSTON NATURE CENTER FALL WORKDAYS



Saturday, October 18 Anytime
Sunday, October 19 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM



SUGGESTED WORK PROJECTS INCLUDE:

1. Remove Buckthorn around specimen trees
2. Cut down dead Ash trees
3. Clear brush from wild flower areas
4. Clear briars and vines from key spots
5. Groom and widen trails
6. Move Kiosk to New Location
7. Care by families who have adopted trees
8. Cut woody re-growth from the Prairie
9. Mulch around trees and on the paths
10. Repaint sign at Antietam steps

PICK A PROJECT: Dress for the Task. Bring equipment if you have it. We have lots of extra tools. Please Call Mike Conboy at 665-4027 and confirm that you can work, and indicate one or more of the TASKS that you prefer.

By Colin Brooks

Election Day Bake Sale Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to help supply baked goods and work the bake sale on Tuesday, November 4. Please contact Nikki Bonevich at 327-9790 or e-mail nikki@bonevich.com. There is no school that day so the kids can come and play on the playground while we sell outside the school building.

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