

# THE HERON HERALD



A PUBLICATION OF THURSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO

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## Important Dates:

### Sat., Oct 18 & Sun., Oct. 19

Thurston Nature Center Work Days

### Wed., Oct. 22

Thurston Players Mandatory Parent Meeting 6:30pm

### Fri., Oct. 24

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

### Tues., Oct 28

Thurston Play Auditions 7:15-9:30pm

### Wed., Oct 29

Thurston Play Auditions 6:15-9:00pm

### Fri., Oct. 31

Halloween Costume Parade 2:30pm

### 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 Rm.

### Fri., Nov. 21

Turkey Trot

## Today in History 1906

Wilhelm Voigt was a shoemaker with a criminal history. He dressed as an army captain and ordered a troop to march to Kopenik, Germany (20 miles away), arrest the mayor and take him to Berlin while he made off with 4,000 marks. Once Voigt was captured the Kaiser had his sentenced reduced because he found the story amusing.  
[www.historychannel.com](http://www.historychannel.com)

## President's Blog

The school year is in full swing and in six weeks we sure have accomplished a lot! We stood in the pouring rain at an EMU football game. We watched movies and ate popcorn and pizza in the MPR. We sold bulbs and ordered our Sally Foster gifts; walked, as a school, to school and just found out that we are the recipients of a tree grant that will greatly enhance our school's grounds. The next few weeks will continue to be busy as we get ready for: the Fall Social, the New Book Sale, planting the trees that we received the Halloween Parade and the annual Turkey Trot!

As a parent at Thurston, I always knew that it took the dedication of our parents and staff to pull off all of these events, but it wasn't until I became the PTO President that I fully realized just how many people give of their time and talent to make all of these special events happen. Some of you have found one or two events you volunteer at every year and we love having these returning parents lead the way, but we also appreciate all the new parents who get involved or those of you who try out a new event. Remember that there are always people available to help you if you are volunteering in a new area and we love getting new ideas.

Thank you for everything you have done so far and thank you in advance for the volunteering you will be doing leading up to winter break. You really make a difference!

Anne Darnell  
PTO President

## Desperately Seeking Volunteers

We desperately need volunteers to help run the games in each classroom. If we don't have this help we may have fewer games available to the kids. Please call your room parent or sign-up outside your child's classroom.

THURSTON NATURE CENTER FALL WORKDAYS: SAT., OCT. 18 ANYTIME & SUN., OCT. 19 2:00 PM TO 5:00 PM PLEASE CALL MIKE CONBOY AT 665-4027.

## Spanish Enrichment Program 2008

This year Thurston will again offer an enrichment program in Spanish to students in grades 3-5. The after-school program will run for ten weeks, beginning November 11, 2008 and will be conducted on Tuesdays from 3:45 - 5:00pm. The program will include reading, speaking, and writing in Spanish, as well as projects, activities, and music. A snack sign-up sheet will be provided on the first day of class.

If interested please contact Ms. Muglia at [muglia@aaps.k12.mi.us](mailto:muglia@aaps.k12.mi.us) or call the office at 994-1970.

## CASTING CALL For "The Bride of Thurstonstein":

This is a Thurston Community Player's original production, including parent and alumni-written script and lyrics, and parent and child actors. It is directed and produced by parents and alumni-parents. Our actors not only include Thurston students, but also Thurston alumni now attending Clague and Huron, Thurston alumni-parents, community members living near Thurston, and Thurston parents! If you have not participated in the Thurston Play before and would like to get involved then you will need to attend the **Mandatory parent meeting at 6:30pm on Wed., Oct 22, 2008 in the Thurston Library.**

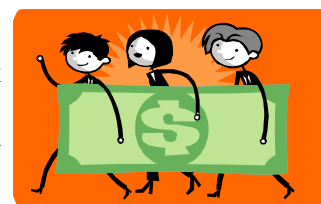


This meeting is for parents only – no childcare will be provided. If you are a returning play family and have turned in your parent sign-up form by Oct. 22 (which returning families should have received via email) you do not need to attend. The purpose of this meeting is to educate new families who have interest in joining the Thurston Players. All persons intending to participate in the Thurston Play **MUST** return the parent sign-up form by Fri., Oct. 24 in advance of auditions.

Mark your calendars for the Thurston Play Auditions on Tues., Oct. 28 and Wed., Oct. 29 at Clague. Performances will be held March 26, 27 and 28. Please refer to the backpack flier for more detailed information or contact Tracy Briggs at [teeleebee2@yahoo.com](mailto:teeleebee2@yahoo.com) or Katie Richter at [katierichter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:katierichter@sbcglobal.net).

## Fundraising Updates

**Sally Foster Sale Results!** The Sally Foster gift-wrap sale raised \$1,688! Thank you to the 45 students who participated this year. Our biggest contributor was fifth-grader Olivia Greenspan who single-handedly sold \$358 in products! Olivia won a "Thurston Rocks!" t-shirt. Delivery will be Wed., Nov. 5. Details will be posted in the newsletter or on the PTO bulletin board.



**Thurston Hooded Sweatshirts are coming!** Order forms will be coming home soon for Thurston Hooded sweatshirts. Sweatshirts will be available in youth and adult sizes, small, medium, large and x-large, in light blue and heather gray. Sweatshirts will be available by **PRE ORDER** only!! The official Thurston logo with the Heron will be on the front. Sample sizes will be available for viewing soon at Thurston Perks Bagel Fridays and at the Fall Social. Questions? Contact Caroline Engelbert, [engelbert1996@sbcglobal.net](mailto:engelbert1996@sbcglobal.net).

## Fairies, Ghosts, and Harry Potters – Oh My!

The Halloween Parade will begin at 2:30pm. Students will parade around the playground in back of the school. Students will be walking on the sidewalks. Parents should gather on the blacktop on the basketball court if they would like to watch and take photos. If the weather is bad, parents may gather in the middle of either the gym or the MPR. The children will walk along the edges of these rooms close to the wall. The children will be in the gym and MPR only if there is bad weather.

By Barb Kilbourn



## Help Wanted

We need volunteers to help supply baked goods and work the coffee and bake sale on Tues., Nov. 4 (Election Day). Please contact Nikki Bonevich at 327-9790 or e-mail [nikki@bonevich.com](mailto: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.



## Beg, Borrow, or Bake



We need Cakes (or other baked goods) for the Fall Social Cake Walk! If you can bake or buy a cake and donate it on Fri., Oct. 24 it would be greatly appreciated. Please list ingredients on your baked goods. Please drop-off donations to the office on Fri., Oct. 24.

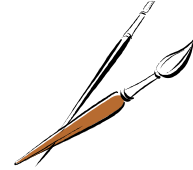
## Art News

By Mrs. Wyse

Thank you to all of the parent volunteers who have been helping in the art room and working on art displays for the hall. Your time truly makes art class run smoothly and the art really shows off the talented students at Thurston! I still need some helpers for preschool art which meets Mondays 2:45-3:31 and Fridays 2:46-3:32. If you are interested you can e-mail me at [wysea@aaps.k12.mi.us](mailto:wysea@aaps.k12.mi.us). Visit [www.aaps.k12.mi.us/thurston.art](http://www.aaps.k12.mi.us/thurston.art) to see what goes on in the Art Room.

### **Please keep sending in:**

- brown paper grocery bags with handles
- old button down shirts
- old tennis balls



## The Huron Players Presents

By Allison Punch

“Return to the Forbidden Planet” is a Jukebox musical filled with classic rock hits from the 50s and 60s, based roughly off of Shakespeare’s “The Tempest” and the 1950 sci fi film “Forbidden Planet”. Its story follows the heroic efforts of Captain Tempest and his crew aboard the Intergalactic Starship Albatross. Flying through space, his ship crash lands on the planet D’Illyria, already inhabited by the mad scientist Doctor Prospero, his beautiful daughter Gloria, and a robot named Ariel. Thurston alumni Rachel Evans, Katie Marengi, and Brian Collins are involved in the production. The performance dates are Nov. 7, 8, 14 and 15 at 7:30pm. This will be the first performance in Huron’s New Theater. Tickets go on sale thirty minutes prior to performance; \$12 for the general public, \$10 for students and seniors. Ticket reservations and more information are also available online at [http://www.a2huron.org/huron.huron\\_players/home](http://www.a2huron.org/huron.huron_players/home).

## First Ward "Meet the Candidate" Event

By Patricia Lesko

On October 20th at 6:30 – 8:00pm, First Ward voters in Ann Arbor will have an opportunity to meet several of the candidates running for local, state and national offices/judgeships. The event is being held in the Media Center of Northside Elementary School. Northside Elementary is located on Barton Drive. The following candidates will speak briefly, and then answer voter questions:

John Dingell, U.S. Congressman

Alma Wheeler-Smith, State Representative

Rebecca Warren, State Representative

Pam Byrnes, State Representative

Christopher Easthope and Eric Gutenburg, candidates for 15th District Court Judge

Jerry Clayton, candidate for Washtenaw County Sheriff



For more information, please contact Patricia Lesko on 741-8195 or email [PDLesko@yahoo.com](mailto:PDLesko@yahoo.com) or Peggy Rabhi, First Ward Democratic Party Co-Chair, at 998-0273 or email [PRabhi@aol.com](mailto:PRabhi@aol.com).

## And The Winner Is...

By Michael Johnson

Congratulations to Lisang! Your Fall Social V.I.P. Parking spot will be located in the front row of the Thurston parking lot. Please look for the balloons!



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