



**THOREAU PTA**  
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# THOREAU PTA NEWS

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**PTA General Meeting**  
**Monday 1/13/20, 7:00PM**  
**Thoreau Library**

**Why should I attend a PTA Meeting?**

To be informed about Thoreau and PTA events, programs, and fundraising efforts. The Thoreau PTA Board strives to make decisions with input from all members and interested adults at Thoreau. Membership is not required to attend.

**Student Artwork:**  
**Gus Killian, Kindergarten**



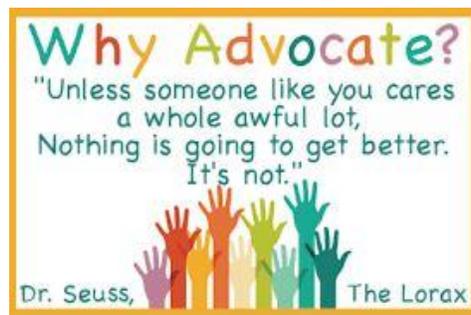
Submit your student's artwork in the front office box and each newsletter we will feature a student art piece.

## PTA and Advocacy: What can we do?

Universal kindergarten, Breakfast after the Bell, and seatbelt laws were all brought about by PTSA Advocacy. Advocacy allows membership to act with one voice to make real and lasting impact.

From the national PTA: "Advocacy is at the core of our association's mission and vision. Our legacy in advocacy started over 120 years ago when our founders organized over 2000 parents to speak on behalf of children and continued to lead the way in improving their lives. Through our members' persistent commitment to advocacy, National PTA has played an integral role in landmark federal education legislation and policies."

To learn more about current legislation check out [www.lwptsa.net/advocacy](http://www.lwptsa.net/advocacy). Would you like to get involved? Email [thoreauptavolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:thoreauptavolunteer@gmail.com).



Thank you! As a school we donated 430 lbs of candy and earned \$430 for our school! Congratulations to Mrs. Van Cleave's first grade class for donating the most candy and winning the pizza party at the Candy Buy Back!



## WHAT'S HAPPENING

LWPTSA Training  
12/9

Join Lake Washington PTSA for a training at Thoreau Library on Volunteers: Find Them and Keep them on Monday, 12/9 from 7-9pm.



Holiday Gift Card  
Drive ends 12/16

Provide holiday help to families with a gift card from Fred Meyer, Target, Visa or Amex. Donations due 12/16 to the front office.



Winter Break  
12/23 - 1/3/20

We hope you have a wonderful winter vacation!



**"Nothing is impossible, the word itself says I'm possible!"**  
- Audrey Hepburn

# Shop & Support Thoreau

Did you know that you can support our school when you shop online? Here are the programs we have available:

## Shop Snapdoodle Toys: December 10th

Snapdoodle Toys in Kenmore will be donating 10% of purchases made on Tuesday, December 10th to Thoreau Elementary; just mention Thoreau when you check out. Please share with your friends and family!



## Fred Meyer Community Rewards

Link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Thoreau Elementary PTA and each time you shop Fred Meyer will donate to our school. To link your card, go to [www.fredmeyer.com](http://www.fredmeyer.com), create an account and search code PC808.



## SchoolStore.com

Shop online at more than 400 merchants, including Target, Walmart, Kohl's, JCPenney, Old Navy, Expedia and more! A percentage of your purchase will support our school. To enroll in the program, go to [www.schoolstore.com](http://www.schoolstore.com), click "Find My School" and select Henry David Thoreau Elementary. From there you can click "Merchants" and start shopping. Please share with your family and friends so they can support Thoreau too!



## Amazon Smile

When you shop Amazon Smile a portion of the proceeds to our school. To enroll, go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> and select Henry David Thoreau PTA.



## Box Tops

Download the Box Tops app and scan your receipts! If you see the "no more clipping" label on your receipt it can be scanned and Box Tops will donate to our school. Learn more at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com).



# TEACHER WISH LISTS

Did you know you can find teacher and staff wish lists online? Go to [thoreau.ourschoolpage.s.com](http://thoreau.ourschoolpage.s.com) and click [Donating - Teacher Wish Lists](#) to see them.



# SCREENAGERS DOCUMENTARY

Did you miss the Screenagers Movie showings? Don't worry, there are other showings in our area.

Go to [www.screenagersmovie.com/find-a-screening](http://www.screenagersmovie.com/find-a-screening).

## Nearby viewings:

Northstar Middle School, Kirkland, 1/14/20

Inglemoor High School, Kenmore, 1/28/20

# SPIRITWEAR

You can order Spirit Wear all year! In December the promotion is 20% off of Glidan T-Shirts (Item 8000 & 8000B): code DEC19F <https://www.thoreauspiritwear.com>

# SHOUT OUTS!

We could not do all that we do without our volunteers! A huge thank you to our **fall dance chairs** Becky Berkompas and Alexis Mansel and **volunteers** Barbara Hibbert, Sara Mills, Pallavi Bhandarkar, Julie Day, Ana Thortenson, Emily Holl, Steph St. Jean, Andrea Carvalho, Tricia Bergstrom, Darcy Ballew, Bryan Berkompas, Stephanie Kehrl, Tara Parker, Molly Delamarter, Kristin Doughty, Julie Kjerulf, Lina Huang, Lauren Carlton and all of our student volunteers!

*Thank you!*

# IN OUR COMMUNITY

Help support a local high school youth group earn their way to Tijuana to build homes. St. John Vianney is having their 15th annual tree sale through December 22nd.

**Where:** St. John Vianney Church  
12600 84th Ave NE Kirkland 98034

**Hours:** Monday-Friday 5-8:00pm.  
Saturday 9:00am-7:00pm. Sunday 9:00am-5:00pm.

