



THOREAU PTA
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THOREAU PTA NEWS

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PTA: Powered by Volunteers



PTA is a group of volunteers committed to supporting our students, teachers and school. We are looking for the following Leadership Team Volunteers for the 2020-2021 school year:

President: Oversee meetings, work closely with Leadership Team and Principal. Provides support to various school programs.

Vice-President: Supports the president and works closely with the Leadership Team. Provides support to various school programs.

Secretary: Accurately provides monthly meeting minutes and supports various school programs.

Treasurer: Accounting, accounts receivable, accounts payable and monthly budget tracking.

All positions will include training and support. Our PTA Leadership Team leads many programs at our school including PTA sponsored field trips, fundraising, Bingo Night, the School Carnival, enrichment, and so much more. We need YOUR help! If you'd like more information about any of our Leadership Positions, please email thoreaptavolunteer@gmail.com for more information.

Thoreau Thursdays



Please join us **each week** to celebrate "THOREAU THURSDAYS"! Staff and students are invited to rock their Frog Gear by wearing green or wearing Thoreau Spirit Wear. You may purchase your own Spirit Wear by visiting this [website](#). This month you also receive free shipping on orders over \$50!

Join Us! PTA Meeting

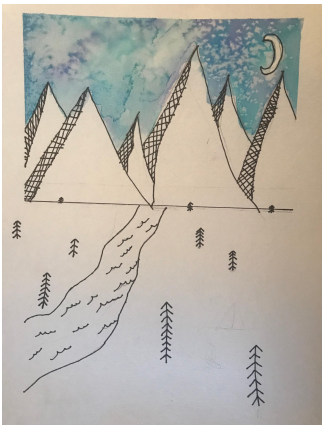
PTA General Meeting
Monday 2/10/20, 7:00PM
Thoreau Library

Due to snow our meeting has been rescheduled.

You're invited to join us!

Come learn 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: Cassidy Ballew, 4th Grade



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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Nominating Committee Chair Openings

Thoreau PTA is currently looking for volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee! The Nominating Committee will help to identify candidates for the 2020-21 PTA Executive Board.



Mid-Winter Break No School 2/13 - 2/17

We hope you enjoy your mid-winter break!



Bingo Night Friday 3/6 - 6-8pm

Save the date and join us for Bingo night on Friday, March 6th from 6-8pm. More information will be coming home soon!



"Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory."

- Dr. Seuss

What is Watch D.O.G.S.?

WATCH D.O.G.S. (**Dads of Great Students**) is a nationwide school based father involvement initiative that organizes father and father figures as positive male role models for the students and establishes a presence in the classroom and on the playground.

Who are Watch DOGS? Fathers, Grandfathers, Stepfathers, Uncles....and any other father figures who volunteer to serve at least one day a year in variety of school activities as assigned by Thoreau administration.

Want more information? Contact Nate Christensen Watch D.O.G.S. Chair ThoreauPTAVolunteer@gmail.com



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Spread the word!
Kindergarten Registration is February 20th from 1-7pm.



BOOK RODEO February 20th

Join us for the PTA Sponsored Book Rodeo Book Swap!
February 20th from 10:15am - 4:15pm.

Trade in your gently-used children's books* (early reader, easy chapter, chapter and non-fiction) for Book Bucks (2 books = 1 Buck) that your student can use to buy books at the Book Rodeo. Or you can buy as many as you like for just 25¢/book.

Students can use Book Bucks or quarters to shop on Thursday, February 20th when their class visits the Book Rodeo. Parents can shop during lunch recess or after school until 4:15 p.m.

Watch for information about volunteering for the Book Rodeo in your email.

Want more information? Visit our website [here](#).



SPIRITWEAR

You can order [Spirit Wear](#) all year!

In February the promotion is 10% off Rainbow Hoodies (Item numbers: 1162Y & W1162). Use coupon code **FEB20P**.

SHOUT OUTS!

A big thank you to chair **Steph Klein** for organizing and procuring our emergency preparedness school supplies!

Enrichment provides a unique opportunity for our students to learn outside of the classroom. Thank you to chair **Conny Bergelt** for organizing our enrichment program!



ADVOCACY CORNER

A new legislative session started in January. Washington State PTA is advocating for our school budgets for the following in HB 2325:

1. Fund the additional 14 hours of training in "required standards" for paraeducators.
2. Funding for behavioral health specialists at all nine ESDs.
3. Fund \$806,000 to cover dyslexia screening.
4. Expand funding for the Education Ombuds to expand family-school collaboration and outreach.

You can stay informed on the legislative session [here](#).