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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.

## What is Equity?

You may have heard this word used often, especially in the media the last few years. Our district and community have been doing their own work around this important issue.

**Equity is defined in a few dictionaries as; a) the quality of being fair and impartial, b) freedom from bias or favoritism.**

In 2017, the district began building an Equity Team made up of teachers, administrators and parents/community members. This group analyzes data and advises the district on the development of an equity plan to close achievement gaps (any significant, persistent disparities in academic performance between groups of students that differ on income level, race, or program participation) and opportunity gaps (gaps in access to resources, programs and other opportunities).

Today, each school in LWSD has its own Equity Team. Thoreau's team, which consists of administration, teachers, counselors, and other staff, had their first meeting in early December. The team shared their efforts, thoughts, and learnings with parents and community members. Thoreau's team and many who attended are looking forward to more opportunities to gather. Interested? Stay tuned for the next meeting date and visit the district [website](#) to find out more!



## Thoreau Thursdays



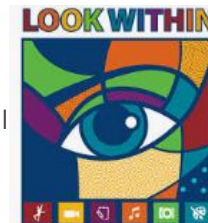
Please join us **each week** to celebrate "THOREAU THURSDAYS"! Staff and students are invited to rock their Frog Gear by wearing green or wearing Thoreau Spirit Wear. You may purchase your own Spirit Wear by visiting this [website](#).

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Reflections Open House

Join Lake Washington PTSA for for a Reflections Open House on **Friday Jan 10, 2020 from 5-8pm** at the LWSD Resource Center in Redmond. All are welcome!

**Thank you to Larissa Sabbane**, our Reflections chair. She did an exceptional job promoting and executing this fun project.



### MLK Day No School on 1/20

The day, also celebrating King's birthday, honors his legacy and shines a light on civil rights.



**"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that"**

**- Martin Luther King Jr.**

### Student Artwork: Sarah Berkompas, 3rd Grade



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

# Renew your PTA Membership Today!

PTA membership needs to be renewed each school year, if you haven't done so, please consider [joining online](#) today! Becoming a member means helping support the many important programs and advocacy of our local state and national PTA.

In addition, members of the PTA receive discounts at places like Great Wolf Lodge, car rentals and event tickets!



## ENRICHMENT CLASSES

The [Winter 2020 Enrichment](#) class line up is now posted.

[Registration](#) is open from **Jan 13 - Jan 20.**



## SCHOLARSHIP BASKET AUCTION

The LWPTSA Council Scholarship Basket Auction was a success. With your help LWPTSA exceeded their goal to raise over \$10,500 for scholarships!



Thank you to **Stephanie Klein** and **Heidi Perala-Dahl** who chaired this, and to all of our generous donors!

## SPIRITWEAR

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

In January the promotion is 10% off Moisture Wicking T-Shirts (Item numbers: 790, 791, 1790 and 1791). Use coupon code **JAN20E**.

# Shop and Earn Money for Thoreau

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!**

[SchoolStore.com](http://SchoolStore.com)

## SHOUT OUTS!

**Pantry packs** is an amazing program helping children in our area. This PTA supported project gathers and provides weekend packs of food for students identified as being "food insecure".

A huge thank you to **Jennifer Danner** for chairing this program for Thoreau and volunteers, **Pallavi Bhandarkar** and **Ann Burke!**



## WELCOME EVENT

### New & International Families Welcome Event

All new and international families are invited to a free welcome event to learn about navigating resources and support available from the district, what is PTA and how to be involved.



**Where:** Lake Washington Resource Center, 16250 NE 74th St, Redmond, WA 98052

**When:** Saturday, Jan 18th from 9AM - 12:30PM