

Thurston THUNDER



Every Student a Graduate Prepared for a Bright and Successful Future

January 31, 2012

CALENDAR... Looking Ahead

- Feb. 1** H.E.A.R.T. assembly 1:50
- Feb. 3** **NO SCHOOL** – Collaboration Day
- Feb. 9** **PTA Valentine Craft party** 6:30-7:30
- Feb. 10** Popcorn Day!
- Feb. 16** **4th Grade** Music program 7 pm
- Feb. 20** **NO SCHOOL** – President's Day
- Feb. 22** **Spring Pictures**
- Feb. 23** **5th Grade** field trip 8:45-11:00
- Feb. 24** **100th Day of School**
5th Grade to TMS (times TBA)
Popcorn Day!
- Mar. 1** H.E.A.R.T. assembly 10:35
- Mar. 2** Read Across America
- March 5-9** **Classified Appreciation Week**

How is it that we always forget how busy it gets after the first of the year?! This year is no different. There are many things going on at school right now, and several more to come.

The first piece of information that you are likely interested in is who will be principal at Thurston Elementary next year! I am happy to say that Brooke Wagner will assume this position beginning July 1st. Brooke is currently at Briggs Middle School and she is excited about the opportunity to come to Thurston. In case you are wondering, Brooke asked to come here. She wants to be at the elementary level. She has two children, a daughter, Harper Lee who is entering kindergarten in the fall and a son, Finley Lewis who is 10 months old. She will be here a few times before the end of the year so that she can see how we do things, meet the teachers, get to know some of the kids and get a bit acclimated.

She will be at the PTA meeting on February 21st, so plan to come and meet her. I am confident that you will like her as much as I do.

We are well into this year's Battle of the Books! We have almost completed the first round and are moving on to the second. Be sure to encourage your students to be carefully reading so that they are ready for these Battles. I dream that one of our teams will win State one day! Wouldn't that be exciting!

We will begin our round of OAKS (Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills), otherwise known as 'State Assessments' very soon now. We are doing them a bit differently than in the past and trying not to interrupt instruction so much on our journey to complete these tests. There is also a new state regulation that allows parents to limit the number of tests a child takes once they have met or exceeded the benchmark. If you are interested in this, limiting the number of times your child is assessed once they have met or exceeded the benchmark, please let us know and we have a document you must sign at the office. Typically, we only ask students to retest if they have not met, or if they did not exceed and we believe that they have the ability to do so. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me through the school office.

We have been having some concerns after school (and sometimes before school as well) at Parent Pick Up. There was a 'near miss' a few weeks ago so we have really tightened up supervision and expectations. We are asking (and enforcing) that EVERYONE cross at the designated crossing areas and not across the traffic directly in front of the school entry. I have been out there when I am here to try to convey this. We are also working on signage. We would really appreciate everyone's cooperation in this. It is truly for the safety of all of our kids! Thanks! On the subject of safety as well, if your child is going to go home from school in any way other than their 'normal' pattern, it is imperative that you let the school know. If a child rides the bus on a regular basis, the school MUST have a note from the parent or guardian indicating that they are allowed to go home some other, different way or we will insist that students maintain their regular routine. Again, this is for their safety, so that we are all on the same page and know where they are.

We are all very excited about the gains that students made in reading over the past 2 – 3 months. Every student who has made any gain in reading will receive a Reading Rockstar Recognition both to take home and on the wall here at school. If your child brings one of these home, CELEBRATE!!! This is, in part, due to parents working with and encouraging their children to read at home each and every night! I am hopeful that in the spring, all students will have made gains once again!

Happy Reading!
Shari

H.E.A.R.T. Winners November

Each month we honor one winner per H.E.A.R.T. trait at our awards assembly. The following students were honored at the December assembly:

Honor: Haylee F., Megan M., Amelia O., Paige C., Broc R., Hayden W., Avery H., Emily C., Allison B., Dylan G., Trey S., Shian W., Josh R., Kyle S., Alexis M., Riley W., Kelton C., Savannah B., Maelette B., Matthew H.

Empathy: Leo M., Bryson D., Alex E., Paige G., Briana D., Dylan S., Levi T., Christopher D., Jennah K., Noah O., Madelynn R., J.J. M., Uriel G., Taryne G., Haley S., Andy D., Nicole H., Madelyn R., Jordan S., Malachi M., Hayley C.

Accountability: Grayson S., Collin C., Julia P., Mason K., Brandon D., Erick S., Chloe N., Sean L., Reese W., Joel B., Taylor P., Ciera J., Preston H., Troy M., Madison H., Mason H., Gabriel R., Kendra S., Peyton M., Hailie I.

Respect: Reed B., Gracie H., Madrox I., Will M., Desmon W., Carson U., Denali D., Brian D., Brooke N., Isabella S., Konner C., Mario C., Hannah W., Peyton G., Tyler L., Gary T., Dalton M., Kalyn T., Rebecca S., Edwin P.

Teamwork: Grace D., Kelsie S., Jaxon A., Ben M., Max R., Isaac C., Lizzy B., Chelsea M., Zack C., Jordan F., Garrett T., Brandon C., Jake B., Alli G., Hannah P., Sawyer T., Halle H., Marcus B., Trinity R., Mason M.

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Honor: Ellie A., Chloe M., Bryson D., Lexi T., Logan R., Kierra F., Paxton R., Isaiah B., Sophie U., Hayden V., Jackson G., Allia M., Hailie D., Emma B., MaryJane W., Caroline K., Morgan L., Katie M., Jaron M., Corren H., Violet C.

Empathy: Maile W., Makayla R., Gabe N., Lexis D., Ashlynn M., Jaydan G., Taylor F., Kaitlyn F., Gabriel F., Michael M., Rylee B., Ashlyn S., Zola C., Taylor D., Josh R., Jada P., Kiyahna M., Raefe K., Hope G., Nicole M., Sayre G.

Accountability: Paige M., Cade J., Kayla M., Collin T., Kylie J., Andrew J., Abby R., Joe H., Celia T., Evelyn R., Austin K., Skylar N., Casey K., Cynthia H., Kristen C., Carson C., Rhoman Y., Christopher N., Jachin S., Rhiannon T.

Respect: Luke S., Seth W., Kaden S., Stella C., Jakob B., Kelly M., Devon N., Sophia S., Kelsin J.,

Carson R., Emilee A., Kaden D., Rachelle P., Logan M., Dante P., Christine Z., Mason M., Mariah H., Thomas K., Carly W.

Teamwork: Kaela V., Emma M., Gemini M., Khalil Z., Elise L., Jacob S., April H., Lola B., Shayne G., Tanna N., Maleah M., Nichole S., Bailey S., Jaimen V., Nick M., Shanita H., Kylee P., Faith B., Bailey H.

Ravenous Readers November

TES students love to read!!! Each month, our kids earn "degrees" based on the number of minutes they read (or are read to) at home. Here is a list of November's Ravenous Readers:

PhD: Garrett K., Maddy W., Matthew H., Makayla R., Kiersten S., Jayden R., Logan R., Paige G., Jakob B., Jake S., Payten B., Mason K., Liam W., Duncan T., Andrew J., Janay M., Erick S., Alaina C., Isaiah B., Hope B., MacKenzie C., Reilly G., Taiyler B., Celia T., Chelsea M., Bryce B., Cele L., Dylan W., Emily C., Jennah K., Isabella F., Kelsin J., Sean L., Reese W., Timmy K., Zola C., Ellie J., Austin A., Emma B., Mario C., Shian W., Nate M., Abby B., Rachelle P., Madilyn C., Emily D., Olivia B., Mary Jane W., Madison F., Jessica C., Caroline K., Joey H., Raeliah M., Jaelyn H., Christine Z., Tyler L., Casey W., Andrew T., JD S., Christopher N., Hunter N., Amelia T., Kalyn T., Lian H.

Master's: Regan C., Zane W., Paige M., Matthew H., Morgan J., Logan R., Madrox L., Paige G., Julia P., Collin T., Jessy B., Spencer R., Ethan P., Asha O., Kaylynn K., Jacob S., Courtney T., Broc R., Brandon D., Willie A., Alaina C., Cecelia L., Devon N., Isaiah B., Abby R., Elijah K., Avery H., Christopher D., Dylan W., Connor P., Andrew B., McKenzie P., Ellie J., Julie S., Ciera J., Austin A., Lydia B., Mario C., Rachelle P., Francisco G., Mary Jane W., Cynthia H., Zoey M., Eric S., Haley S., McKayla C., Ammie S., Jaimen V., Casey W., Morgan L., Jaelyn H., Tyler L., Madisen H., Kate P., Trevor B., JD S., Kelton C., Shane T., Lian H., Jachin S., Taylor C., Owen C.

Bachelor's: Grace D., Chaya H., Morgan C., Joshua B., Reed B., Tristan D., Ellie A., Micah M., Aidan W., Haylee F., Leo M., Maile W., Trevor H., Seth W., Olivia S., Marisol C., Danielle S., Emma M., Jolee R., Chloe M., Maria C., Daden M., Patrick A., Jacob S., Hailie I., Mason M., Isaiah M., Alexis B., Mandy R., Allison B., Lexi T., Gemini M., Alex E., Kaden S., Megan M., Kayla M., Zander S., Kaleb M., Sean S., Khalil Z., Justin S., Jaxon A., Elizabeth S., Aidan T., Nathaniel S., Amanda B., Stella C., Ashlynn M., Benjiman H., Jaydan G., TJ C., Victoria M., Paige C., Elise L., Briana D.,

Kameron H., Kylie J., Joey H., Andrew M., Kyle M., Hope B., Kaitlyn F., Monika S., Haley V., Zachary B., Avery L., Carson U., Aaron N., Cassidy B., Chloe D., Melissa P., Joe H., Katelyn L., Lola B., Ryland J., Robert S., Spencer W., Chloe N., Justin L., Tessa D., Lizzy B., Denali D., Myles M., Sophie U., Cole L., Gabriel F., Jennah K., Sean L., Kelsin J., Megan T., Austin B., Brian D., Bryce B., Isabella F., Shayne G., Hayden V., Hunter C., Alexandra Y., Rylee B., Carson R., Issac H., Allison B., Isabella S., Gracie H., Sydney L., Joshua B., Alex H., Abby B., Janet H., Shian W., Jakob J., Christian V., Kade G., Uriel G., Jenny G., Madison F., Jayden F., Bailey S., Brooke W., Logan M., Cameron S., Autumn D., Payton K., Hallie S., Caroline K., Jazlynn J., Alyssa S., David B., Emily K., Jada P., Ani H., Ricco C., Kyle S., Dante P., Andrew T., Brady L., Hannah P., Nicki M., Carson C., Jacob H., Julian L., Kaitlen H., Alexis M., Kai K., Matea M., Desmond P., Hayden L., Tristan B., Rhoman Y., Bailee B., Caden W., Alexa M., Raylee C., Hope G., Joscelyn M., Jordan E., Thomas K., Kendra S., Nicole M., Faith B., Anna J., Corren H.

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Master's: Regan C., Reed B., Paige M., Collin T., Madrox L., Aidan T., Sean S., Logan R., Payten B., Kaitlyn F., Avery H., Gabriel F., Christopher D., Katelyn L., Elijah K., Lakia B., Megan T., Dylan W., Hayden V., Jennah K., Josie S., Sean L., Andrew B., Jesse T., Conner B., Emma B., Shian W., Aspen T., Brandon C., Nate M., Julie S., Cameron S., Logan M., Hannah W., Payton K., Caroline K., Jazlynn J., Madisen H., Kiyahna M., Hailyana A., Trevor B., JD S., Sawyer T., Lian H., Nicole M., Abby M., Sayre G., Malachi M.

Bachelor's: Zane W., Kaela V., Devin C., Ellie A., Tristan D., Joshua B., Trevor H., Aidan W., Evan C., Makayla R., Patrick A., Jacob S., Jaden K., Jayden R., Lexi T., Megan M., Allison B., Collin C., Kaleb M., Hailey N., Nathaniel S., Elizabeth S.,

Amanda B., Jaxon A., Stella C., Kylie J., Ethan P., Jamien C., Benjiman H., Kirsten D., Andrew J., Jacob S., Broc R., Noah C., Courtney T., Paxton R., Isabella C., Taylor F., Brandon D., Zachary B., Colby W., Cassidy B., Monika S., Lilly V., Kyle M., Carson U., Haley V., Cecelia L., Devon N., Hayden W., Sophia S., Robert S., Joe H., Tessa D., Sophie U., Taiyler B., Lizzy B., Cole L., Myles M., Chloe N., Melissa P., Brian J., Lola B., Denali D., Spencer W., Austin B., Isabella F., Shayne G., Brian D., Michael M., Bryce B., Hunter C., Connor P., Alexandra Y., Noah O., Rylee B., McKenzie P., Austin K., Brody T., Riley W., Isabella S., Ashlyn S., Cade M., Joel B., Emily B., Bronson M., Tawndaie J., J.J. M., Zola C., Scout M., Alex H., Lydia B., Zoey M., Brooke W., Mark B., MaKenna W., Francisco G., Clayton A., Eric S., Wyatt B., Nick M., Alyssa S., Ani H., Peyton G., Kristen C., Jaimen V., David B., Kyle S., Haley S., Dante P., Alli G., Andrew T., Kai K., Kaitlen H., Brady L., Jacob H., Maia M., Casey W., Julian L., Carson C., Alexis M., Katie M., Hayden L., Kate P., Desmond P., Austyn L., Emilie N., Larissa R., Riley W., Gabriel R., Raylee C., Anna J., Owen C., Thomas K., Jachin S., Taylor C., Jacob H., Jordan E., Rebecca S., Kaley T., Chloe C., Kanoe K., Brandon K.

Dean's List

Each trimester we honor students who consistently demonstrate personal responsibility, based on the personal management section of their report cards. The following students made the "Dean's List" for the first trimester!

Allison B., Morgan J., Megan M., Kayla M., Kiersten S., Lexi T., Jaxon A., Maddie B., Amanda B., Paige G., Madrox L., Kaleb M., Madelyn P., Julia P., Aidan T., Elizabeth S., macKenzie C., Tessa D., Avery H., Katelyn L., Myles M., Trevor B., Kate P., Desmond P., Larissa R., Sawyer T., Caden W., Riley W., Emilee A., Joel B., Jordan F., Nathan G., Gracie H., Dakota H., Conner B., Walker B., Joshua B., Konner C., Celi'a F., Hannah H., Ellie J., Sydney L., Scout M., Wyatt B., Makayla C., Jessica C., Alli G., Ani H., Jada P., Kyle Sm., Haley S., Ammie S., Isaiah B., Cassidy B., Monika S., Rylee B., Hunter C., Jackson G., Emily B., Kelton C., Paige C., Raylee C., Jake D., Dalton M., Gabriel R., Isaiah M., Payten B., Kaylynn K., T.J. C., Jessy B., Mason K., Carson D., Jake S., Elise L., Bailey H., Cele L., Chelsea M., Emily C., Hayden V., Jennah K., Joey A., Josie S., Kelsin J., Micah A., Savannah B., Taylor C., Jordan E., Lian H., Anna J., Nicole M., Amelia T., Kalyn T., Emma B., Abby B., Lydia B., Jenny G., Kade G., Uriel G., Casey K., Ciera J.,

Colby H., Julie S., Nichole S., Shian W., Kyla A., Patrick A., Nataly C., Bentley W., Hayley C., Matthew H., Cade J., April J., Mason M., Makayla R., Jolee R., Olivia S., Waylon D., Jacob S., Dani S., Maddy W., Olivia B., Maddie C., Autumn D., Emily D., Jayden F., Madison F., Francisco G., Taryne G., Zoey M., Bailey S., Mary Jane W., Hannah W., Isabella C., Kaiden D., Andrew J., Broc R., Paxton R., Hannah S., Courtney T., Bella W., Liam W., Reed B., Regan C., Morgan C., Grace D., Micah M., Paige M., Kaela V., Haylee F., Trevor H., Chaya H., Leo M., Peter K., Abriana R., Lucas S., Maile W., Aidan W., Camden A., Sara A., Maelette B., Chloe C., Adam E., Kanoe K., Malachi M., Natalie P., Rebecca S., Jacob S., Rhiannon T., Kaley T., Lauren W., Carly W., Hailyna A., Marja A., Madisen H., Kai K., Brady L., Kiyahna M., Hannah P., Christine Z., Maia M.

From the Health Room:

Parents reminded to check children's immunization records before exclusion day

Exclusion day is Wednesday, Feb. 15

The new year is here and the Oregon Immunization Program wants to remind parents that now is the time to make sure kids' vaccination records are complete. State law requires that all children in public and private schools, preschools, Head Start and certified child care facilities have up-to-date immunizations, or have a religious or medical exemption.

Parents or guardians will receive a letter in late January or early February if their child's immunization record shows that he or she has not received the required vaccinations. Children will not be able to attend school or child care starting February 15, 2012, if their records on file show missing immunizations.

"We want to make sure children can go to school in a safe, healthy environment free from vaccine-preventable diseases," said Stacy de Assis Matthews, immunization school law coordinator in the Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division.

This year, parents should take note of some important information:

Tdap vaccine requirement: Tdap vaccine is required for seventh- through 10th-graders. Tdap is a tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough) booster. Whooping cough is a serious health concern in Oregon with about 300 cases recorded in 2011.

Hepatitis A vaccine requirement: The hepatitis A vaccine, which protects against a communicable viral infection, is a two-dose series now required for children 18 months through third grade.

Parents seeking immunizations for their children should contact their health care provider or local health department, or call Oregon SafeNet at 1-800-SAFENET or 1-800-723-3638. No one can be turned away from a local health department because of the inability to pay for required vaccines. Additional information on school immunizations can be found on the Oregon Public Health [website](http://1.usa.gov/OregonSchool) at <http://1.usa.gov/OregonSchool>.

Will there be school today?

In the event of a weather forecast predicting possible snow or ice below the 1000-foot elevation, designated staff take to the roads between 4:00 and 6:30 a.m. to assess travel conditions on the bus routes. They also take radar maps and forecasts into account, and make a determination by 6:30 a.m. at the latest as to whether schools will be closed, on delay, or operating as usual.

In the event of a weather closure, scheduled athletic games, practices, after-school activities, and building rentals are automatically canceled. If the weather causes a delayed start, morning kindergartens are also canceled.

Information can be found on the District's website at <http://www.sps.lane.edu/15771062418242763/site/default.asp>. You can also tune into the local TV and radio stations for up-to-date information.

Please do not call the school; media outlets will have information well before the school office is actually open. If you don't hear any information about Springfield, you can assume that the schools are operating on their usual schedules. (Remember that Thurston Elementary is part of the Springfield School District.)

If conditions warrant it, families who live at certain higher elevations may need to bring their child(ren) to Main Street to catch the bus.



SAVE THE DATE!

The 5th Annual **Girls Rule!** happens March 17th from 9:00 – 3:00 at the Lane Community College Center for Meeting and Learning. **Girls Rule** is a great opportunity for girls ages 9-14 and a parent or caring adult to laugh, play and learn together. This year's theme is **No Matter the Shape, Leave Your Mark.**

The event features fun and interactive sessions, including Crafts, Self-Defense, Science and Nature, Dance and Movement and more! Free lunch, entertainment and prizes! For more information and to register, go to www.opheliasplace.net or call 541-284-4335. Deadline for registration is March 9th.

2012-2013 SPS STUDENT TRANSFER INFORMATION

ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL IN-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS

In-District (Intra-District) Transfer requests are for students residing within Springfield School District attendance boundaries that wish to attend another school within Springfield.

The Springfield School District will be accepting student transfer requests for the 2012-13 school year **beginning** the first school day of January 2012 through the last school day of January 2012. A lottery draw of requests submitted in January will be done after the last school day in January to determine where requests are placed on the waiting list. Requests submitted after the last school day in January will be placed on the waiting list in the order they are received. Requests submitted the same day are placed according to lottery draw.

Transfer forms are available at any school building, online (www.sps.lane.edu) or from the Instruction Office at 525 Mill Street.

Once the transfer has been approved, your student will be able to remain at the school you have chosen until they complete the highest grade at that level. You must submit a transfer for new students entering kindergarten or for students not currently on an approved transfer.

Students must reapply when changing school levels (i.e., from elementary to mid school; or mid to high school).

A student's "resident" school is the attendance boundary where the student's family lives. Daycare providers are not considered the student's residence. Students may not use a relative or friend's address to gain access to a school. Families are required to provide valid proof of residency upon enrollment.

Completed transfer request forms should be turned into the Instruction Office at 525 Mill Street. Should you have questions please contact Amy Stephens, 541-726-3254.

APPROVAL PROCESS ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL

Transfer requests for elementary and middle schools submitted during January 2012 will be approved based upon the available capacity at each school. Transfers will be processed in the order in which they are received. Transfers received on the same day will be assigned a number according to a lottery draw.

Transfer requests submitted in January 2012 that are not approved due to lack of space, or requests turned in after the last school day of January 2012 will be considered on a one-for-one trade until the beginning of the 2012-13 school year. It is important to realize that approved transfers will require parents to provide transportation to and from school.

Each request is considered on a case-by-case basis regardless of the number of children in the family. Where possible the district will attempt to keep whole families in the same school. Families are required to provide valid proof of residency upon enrollment.

Out-of-District (INTER-DISTRICT) Transfer Requests

Local school districts are in the process of determining the process for transferring students between districts (open enrollment, HB 3681). Therefore, at this time, the following guidelines apply for students wishing to attend a school outside their resident district.

Out of District (Inter-District) transfer requests are for students residing outside Springfield School District boundaries (i.e., Bethel, Creswell, Crow, Eugene, Fern Ridge, Junction City, Lowell, Marcola, McKenzie, Pleasant Hill, South Lane) wishing to attend a school within Springfield boundaries.

Out of district (Inter-district) residents, even those currently on an approved transfer, must apply *each year* to attend a Springfield school.

The Instruction Office at 525 Mill Street, Springfield, will begin taking Out-of-District transfer applications **beginning** the first school day in January 2012 through the last school day of January 2012 for the coming year.


A lottery drawing will occur after the last school day in January 2012. Students who attended Springfield schools during the previous school year and are requesting to return to a Springfield school for the next school year will be given priority over current waiting list students and new applicants. Returning seniors will receive top priority.

Applications received after the last school day in January 2012 will be assigned to the waiting list in the order they are received. Requests submitted on the same day are placed on the waiting list by lottery draw.

Out-of-District transfers are permitted on a one-for-one student exchange ONLY between the transferring student's resident district and the Springfield School District.

Parents should also contact their resident district to ensure compliance with their transfer process.

If you have questions regarding inter-district transfers, please contact Amy Stephens at 541-726-3254.



It is the policy of Springfield Public Schools and its Board of Education that there will be no discrimination or harassment on the grounds of race, color, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, age or disability in any educational programs, activities or employment. Persons having questions about equal opportunity and/or nondiscrimination should contact the Director of Human Resources at 525 Mill Street, Springfield, OR 97477. Contact: Phone (541) 726-3203.