

THORNTOWN PARENT NEWSLETTER
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MISSION STATEMENT

We are a partnership of school and community that serves educational needs by providing a learning environment that is innovative, competitive, a builder of self-worth and fun!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL: School will not be in session on Monday, January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The students have adjusted quickly following the holiday break. Ask your child about being a STAR in our school. This week we introduced procedures for several areas in our school.

REPORT CARDS: Report cards were published in Harmony on Friday. Paper copies were sent home to families without electronic access and for our kindergarten students. Please contact the school office if you would like to receive paper copies of school communication.

SAFEVISTOR PROCEDURES: As we implement the SafeVisitor system, **all visitors will be asked to present a government identification (driver's license) upon entering the office.** Once the driver's license is scanned, approved visitors will be given a photo badge to wear. Frequent volunteers will be provided with a badge that can be reused. Our overall goal for the implementation of this new system is to improve the process already in place in our schools and keep the safety of our students a top priority. **Following implementation of these new procedures, a clean criminal history is required to visit classrooms or the cafeteria during the school day.** You have the option to complete the criminal history check online. We encourage you to do this prior to field trips or school visits. To access the form, please follow these directions:

Go to weboschools.org

Click on the Parents tab

Click on the volunteer registration link and complete the form

Your child's teacher will remind you of these steps, when needed.

ISTEP TESTING: Please note the following dates for spring ISTEP testing. It is important that our students in grades 3-6 be present during these testing windows. Schedules will be created closer to the testing dates. Please contact the school if you have a question about a conflict with a scheduled appointment.

Part 1: February 26-March 9

Part 2: April 16-May 5

IREAD3 (3rd grade students)-March 12-March 16

PTO:

PTO MEETING-January 25 at 6:30. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS: If you have designated Thorntown Elementary to receive your Kroger rewards, you must "re-designate" our school every January. If you haven't signed up, you could be earning money for our PTO.

It's super easy to do. We've been earning some nice-sized checks and would like that to continue!

- Go to Kroger.com and create an account (you will need your Kroger card number).
- Go to the Community tab and enter Thorntown Elementary in the Rewards section.
- It's easy to do and takes just a few minutes.

As an added bonus, when you create an account, you can use the digital coupons (Savings tab). Just click on the digital coupon you want, and it will automatically download to your Kroger card. When you check out, the amount is deducted from your bill.

Thanks for supporting our PTO!

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Winter Reading at Thorntown Public Library

“It’s a Purr-fect Time to Read”

January 8 – February 17

For children of all ages

Sign up to receive a reading log. Present your reading log to library staff each week to receive a cat to place on our board. Cats are awarded for reading either 10 picture books or 1 chapter book. Readers will receive a certificate for collecting 6 cats.

Blood Drive: The Indiana Blood Center will be at the Thorntown Public Library on Monday, January 29 from 1:00-5:00pm in mtg. room 120. January is National Blood Donor month. Sign up today at bit.ly/ThorntownPL29

2018 4-H ENROLLMENT: Enrollment is open from October 1, 2017-January 15, 2018. K-2nd grade-mini 4-H (free). 3rd-12th grade-4-H \$30/child/family max of \$90. Enroll online at <https://in.4honline.com> or by calling the Purdue Extension Office at 765-482-0750.

Upcoming Events

- January 17-6th grade boy’s basketball @ Lebanon Middle School-6:00
- January 18-5th grade boy’s basketball @ home-6:00
- January 18-6th grade boy’s basketball @ Western Boone-6:00
- January 20-5th grade boy’s basketball tourney at WB-9:00am
- January 22-5th grade boy’s basketball @ home-6:00
- January 22-6th grade boy’s basketball @ Western Boone-6:00
- January 29-6th grade girl’s basketball @ Clinton Prairie-6:00
- January 31-5th grade boy’s basketball @ home-6:00
- February 2-Midterm of the grading period
- February 5-Larry Battson-9:30
- February 5-5th grade boy’s basketball @ home-6:00
- February 5-6th grade girl’s basketball @ Western Boone-6:00
- February 15-PTO Family Movie night
- February 19/20-Winter break (Possible snow make up days)
- February 22-Math Bowl
- February 26-March 9-Part 1-ISTEP testing grades 3-6

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

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