

Thornton Creek Elementary



Gator Gazette

September 7, 2018

If you have something to submit to the gazette, please email your information to thorntoncreekgatorgazette@gmail.com by 5 pm every Wednesday.

Welcome Back Gators!



Events

To view upcoming events click here: [Thornton Creek Events Calendar](#)

Important Dates:

9/11- Meet & Greet w/ Principal Jewett 9:00-10:15am

9/25- After School Science K-1st grade Session 1 begins

9/26- After School Science 2nd-5th grade Session 1 begins



Thornton Creek Elementary School

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER 9-7-2018

Dear TC Families,

Our first week at Thornton Creek Elementary has been a tremendous success! Students were full of smiles at arrival, dismissal and throughout each day. Thank you so much for preparing them for the fun and rigors of what promises to be a great school year!

As part of my commitment to improve communication, each week there will be a designated section of our Gator Gazette, titled "Principal's Corner", in which I will share updates pertaining to our school, upcoming events, and all things Thornton Creek. With that said, please enjoy this first edition.

Positive Behavior Supports: Our staff has spent much of the first week reviewing what it looks like and sounds like to be safe, respectful and responsible in all areas of our school. Your child is learning their routine during arrival/dismissal and lunch/recess. We have had several staff members supervising students at these times.

Lunch Schedule:

Lunch A - Kindergarten and 3rd- 11:45-12:05 Lunch, 12:10-12:30 Recess

Lunch B - 1st and 2nd- 11:45- 12:05 Recess, 12:10-12:30 Lunch

Lunch C - 4th and 5th- 12:35-12:55 Lunch, 1:00-1:20 Recess

We are always looking for additional parent support in the cafeteria. If interested, please call our office.

Arrival/Dismissal: We encourage all our families using the parent loop to remain in your car, give hugs and kisses and well wishes for the day and let your child exit on the sidewalk. Although we recognize the need to find "creative" parking during special events such as the first day of school, it is inadvisable to use the soccer field for parking especially as the weather changes. Creating the routine during the first few weeks will benefit your child. Our staff will direct your child into the building.

Safety Drills: Many of you learned about our procedures for safety drills last year as you attended our ALICE Drill parent night or received the presentation through listserv. I will attach the presentation to this week's Listserv in case there are families not aware of these procedures. During the first weeks of school, our staff will teach lessons that are grade appropriate and provide students the information needed in order to be prepared to listen to their teacher for directions in the case of a threat to our building. When drills are completed at school, we will notify you so you are able to follow-up with your child at home.

PTA meeting: We had a tremendous turnout for our first PTA meeting. Dave Rodgers presented information regarding the bond proposal, our PTA shared opportunities to volunteer, and I had the

pleasure of introducing myself and communicating our focus on learning and leadership this year. Information on joining Memberhub was highlighted as well and will be included in each Gator Gazette.

Thank you,

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Principal

Thornton Creek Elementary



**Come meet Principal Jewett in an informal
open-house style gathering!**

Meet and Greet with Mr. Jewett

**When: Tuesday, September 11
from 9:00-10:15 am**

Where: Thornton Creek Cafeteria

Hosted by the TC PTA, light refreshments will be served
Younger siblings are welcome!

Volunteers Needed

Missed the first PTA Meeting? We have opportunities for everyone- people who like to work with kids but not parents, people who like to work with parents but not kids, people who work during the day, people who don't like to deal with complaining people. Really, there are opportunities for every kind of personality.

Below you will find list of PTA committees with a brief description of the work involved to support each activity. If you are interested in helping out with any of these or have questions about them, please contact the listed committee chairperson or Lori Leneschmidt. I have put the chair for each committee here but feel free to contact me with questions or your potential involvement and I will forward on to them.

Thanks to all the parents who chair committees!

Lori Leneschmidt, lenschmidt@yahoo.com

After School Book Club- Chair: Kate Sikorski. Help out chair by leading book discussions for 2nd-5th graders in winter. No wine at this book club. Discussion questions provided.

Art Appreciation- Chair: Dana Kohler. Volunteer 3-4 times before the end of April to showcase art to a class. The samples and discussion questions are provided. Times are set by you and the teacher so super flexible. Let us know which teachers your child(ren) have.

Breakfast with a Buddy- Chairs: Jennifer Hahn and Joanne Kim. Event occurs in March 2019 from 8-8:45 am. Will be two days. Help prepare for the event a week before as well as set up and clean up. Who doesn't love doughnuts???

Credit Union- Chair: Katya Wildman. Great for 4th grade parents. Need five parent volunteers for each deposit day. Also, 4-5 parents needed to help with student interviews on in September. Light commitment twice a month for the year. Fun to work with kids- no boring meetings!

Fifth Grade Graduation- Chairs: Karen Kazarian and Meghan Riedl. It's pretty full and there will be chances to help later. Planning committee for ceremony/breakfast on June 11, 2019. Best for fifth grade parents for obvious reasons.

Friends of Neinas- Chair: Susan Evans. Help start something big- right on the ground floor. Your commitment can be as big or as little as you make it. Group is just starting but looking to do great things with our sister school, Neinas Elementary in Detroit.

Reading with Lower El Kids- Chair: Mrs. Gibson. Help out by reading with Lower Elementary kids during the daytime. It really helps reading fluency if adults can come in and just listen to kids reading aloud. You won't be listening to your child necessarily but will be helping kids a lot.

Recess Helper- Chair: Gina Stevens. We need your help on our playground at lunch. Just sign up and we will try to keep your commitment to two or three times a month of being outside, keeping an eye out for our kids. Your job with this task could not be more important.

Reflections- Chair: Sandra Nursilo. Please sign up for this art event that is primarily in late fall, early winter. We need help collecting and cataloging student entries and hanging the entries in the hallway after judging as well as help with the awards ceremony (cake, drinks, so forth).

Scholastic Book Fair- Chairs: Colleen Bayma and Rachelle Swart. Help stock, work cash register and take down (or any combination) book fair. Occurs during conferences in November and April. All done in Media Center with flexible short shifts. Your kids can help.

Spirit Wear- Chair: Debbie Shen. We have a plan and a design. Now we just need parents who are comfortable with selling shirts and fun spirit wear at school events.

Talent Show- Chair: Various but really Karen Kazarian and Bryan Snook. Who are we kidding? Occurs in May/June but rehearsals start after spring break. Kids really love this event and volunteering is the only way to ensure that you get to attend. We need people to help with music, props, lining up contestants, etc. Everyone lends a hand with this crowd favorite.

Teacher Appreciation- Chair: Meghan Riedl. Help the chair with the one meal in the fall during conferences and the week of activities (first week of May). This is more planning and shopping than just distributing flowers. There will be a separate sign up for the day to day activities.

Walk to School Day Oct. 10- Work with Mrs. Boomer to help promote this one day event.

Yearbook- Chairs: Colleen Bayma and Rachelle Swart. Help take yearbook photos at school events and celebrations.

Please contact PTA President Lori Leneschmidt at lleschmidt@yahoo.com with any questions or if you would like to join these groups and help out! Thank you!

Back To School To-Do List:

- **Join your classroom hubs in Memberhub-** click "Join Hubs" at the top of the page in memberhub and click "join" next to your classroom teachers' hubs
- **Join PTA** - a simple way to show support for all the ways Thornton Creek's PTA enhances your child's education. Membership comes with no obligations to volunteer. Click "Shop" from the menu across the top of the screen or by going to <https://thorntoncreek.memberhub.store>
- **Donate to the Fall Fundraiser** and cross it off your to-do list. Click "Shop" from the menu across the top of the screen or by going to <https://thorntoncreek.memberhub.store>
- **Request a birthday lunch** - act fast to get first dibs on your preferred date! Click "Shop" from the menu across the top of the screen or by going to <https://thorntoncreek.memberhub.store>

Attention Gators! The Spirit Wear store is now open!

This year, we will have Spirit Fridays. Kids will be encouraged to wear their Gator gear on the last Friday of every month. Orders can be placed online through Member Hub here <https://thorntoncreek.memberhub.store> or submitting order forms to the office. Sample shirts are available outside the office to try on for sizes. Please email questions to: tcspiritwear@yahoo.com



Sign Up for Birthday Lunch!

The Thornton Creek PTA will be continuing the birthday lunch program again for this school year. This year, we will continue to use the money from this program to help fund items such as teacher grants, technology, and other projects around the school. The birthday lunch program is by reservation only and is completely voluntary. There is no set donation amount, but a donation of some amount is required to reserve your date. Parents will be able to come in and have lunch with their student at the birthday table in the cafeteria on their reserved day. Feel free to bring in a special lunch or treat for your student!

This is a very popular program. For your best opportunity to reserve the day you want, **SUBMIT YOUR RESERVATION REQUEST TODAY!** Your reservation should be submitted through the member hub website at www.thorntoncreek.memberhub.com. Navigate to the "Shop" link within MemberHub to find the birthday lunch fundraiser. **Select your desired donation amount (only available in increments of \$10 online) and complete the form with the following information: Child Name, Grade, Teacher, and 1st and 2nd choice of lunch dates.** A small service charge will apply to online donations. Due to space limitations, celebrations will be limited to 3 per day, one per lunch period (grades K & 3 at 11:45, grades 1 & 2 at 12:10, and grades 4 & 5 at 12:35). Summer birthdays feel free to pick a day and celebrate a ½ birthday. Reservations are processed in the order they are received and you will then be added to the birthday lunch hub and the email (sent to the address used to login) to notify you that you were added will include a confirmation of the date that has been confirmed.

If you cannot submit online or wish to make a different donation amount that is not a multiple of \$10, please leave your request and your donation in the PTA mailbox in the office in an envelope labeled Birthday Lunch to my attention. Reservation will not be confirmed until the donation is received. Questions should be directed to me at Carrie.randles@gmail.com.



NUTS ABOUT SCIENCE

AFTER SCHOOL SCIENCE!!

SCIENCE EXPLORERS II...Join us for this NEW!! seven-week session of hands-on science exploring! Students will discover what a ladybug eats, how eardrums work, why we have seasons and much more. Each week students will take home their science creations to continue exploring them at home! Click [HERE](#) for more info about the K-1st program and click [HERE](#) for more info about the 2nd-5th grade program.

Who: Students in grades K-1st and 2nd-5th

Where: Thornton Creek Elementary: Art Room

When: **Grades K-1st TUESDAYS, 3:45-5:00 pm: Sept. 25th - Nov. 13th (no class Nov. 6th)**
Grades 2nd-5th WEDNESDAYS, 3:45-5:00 pm: Sept. 26th - Nov. 14th (no class Oct. 31st)

Tuition: \$133 per student; \$112 for student with parent helper, parent helpers must attend all 7 weeks. All materials are included. (A portion of tuition goes to Thornton Creek PTA.)

Registration Steps:

1. Visit our website at: www.nutsaboutscience.com
2. Click on After School Registration
3. Click on Northville Schools
4. Click on Thornton Creek Elementary Grades K-1st **or** Grades 2nd-5th
5. Follow the registration and payment steps.

*** Registration closes SEPTEMBER 17th**



Girls on the Run is so much fun!

We inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running.

2018 Fall Season

Grades 3rd-5th

Season Dates:

Sept 17 – Nov 15

5k Nov 18, Belle Isle State Park

Location:

Thornton Creek Elementary

Meeting days and times:

Tu/Thurs 3:45p-5p

Program Fees:

"Early Bird" Registration: (May 21- July 1) \$136

Tier One Registration: (July 2-Sept 13) \$140

Tier Two Registration: (Sept 14 - Sept 20) \$155

Follow this link to register:

<https://goo.gl/QA7sVH>

Girls receive 20 lessons, materials, snacks, water bottle, cinch bag, T-Shirt, medal, parent guide, and entry into the celebratory 5K.



For more information and to register:

www.gotrdetroit.org

Plymouth YMCA
Gina Fagerman
Community Program Leader
gfagerman@ymcadetroit.org
734-678-1932



*Scholarships/payment plans are available through the YMCA. Please call for more info

EARN \$\$ FOR THORNTON CREEK PROGRAMS WHILE DOING YOUR REGULAR SHOPPING!

By taking just a few minutes to set up Thornton Creek Elementary PTA as your organization of choice at the following stores, you can earn money for Thornton Creek enrichment programs.

Help us take advantage of these charitable offers! Friends and family can enroll, as well!



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