

Thornton Creek Elementary



Gator Gazette

September 21, 2018

If you have something to submit to the gazette, please email your information as a **Google Doc or Word Doc NOT PDF** to thorntoncreekgatorgazette@gmail.com by 5 pm every Wednesday.

Events

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

Important Dates:

9/25- School Picture Day

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

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

9/28- Gator Spirit Friday- Wear your Gator Spirit Wear!

10/10- Walk or Ride Your Bike to School Day

10/10- Bonaventure Skating Party 6:00-8:30 pm

10/17- PTA Meeting 9:00 am



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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER 9-21-2018

Dear TC Families,

The 2018-2019 school year is off to a great start! Our students, staff, and hopefully families have settled in and most aspects of our day are running smoothly thanks in large part to our collective efforts and emphasis on creating leadership opportunities for one another to thrive. Whether our students are selecting their own clothes to wear to school, packing a lunch, or helping get a sibling up and ready for school, leadership is everywhere! As a Leader in Me School, we strive to live the 7 Habits in our daily practice here at Thornton Creek and often times our students look to their first role models, their family, for guidance in their development.

With that in mind, please enjoy this week's Principal's Corner with a focus on our 7 Habits and how they connect to our everyday routines.



Parking Lot: Thank you to our families for “Thinking Win-Win” (Habit #4). Your patience during drop-off and pick-up has been truly appreciated. Students are arriving safely, exiting cars on the sidewalk rather than in the loop, and our line is able to move more smoothly as a result.



Picture Day: Tuesday, September 25 is Picture Day at Thornton Creek. Let's be “Proactive” (Habit #1) and remember to mark the date on your calendar and pack our very best smiles.



Late Arrivals: We have noticed an unusual amount of late arrivals to start the school year. Please note the school day starts at 8:41 am and the late bell rings at 8:46 am. When a student arrives late to class, it not only impacts his/her learning, but also is a disruption in the classroom. Although we certainly understand unique circumstances, please make every effort to have your child to school on time. By “Putting First Things First” (Habit #3), everyone is able to get their day off on the right foot by making on-time arrival a daily goal.

Thank you,

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Principal

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The Thornton Creek PTA Fall Fundraiser is underway!

No need to sell wrapping paper or candy bars- we make it easy to support Thornton Creek programs. Your one-time donation will help fund school assemblies, teacher grants, after-school activities (science, art, coding, chess club, book club), movie nights, roller skating parties, and more.

Thank you to the families who have already donated online through MemberHub.

If you have not already donated, please look for detailed information on how you can participate in Monday's envelope.

There is still time to donate online!

<https://thorntoncreek.memberhub.store/shopping/items/20782>

Thank you in advance for your contribution.

Spirit Friday is Coming Sept 28! Shop the Spirit Wear Store Now!

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



**Send in your BOX TOPS
and you could win a \$10 MENCHIES gift card!**

Please send in box tops with your child's name and grade clearly labeled on an envelope or bag. One child per grade who sends in the most box tops for that grade will win a \$10 MENCHIES gift card. Contest ends on Friday, November 2nd. Winners will be announced Monday, November 5th.

Box tops can be found on hundreds of products you already purchase. You could find them on paper products, cereal, snacks and so much more! Every box top is worth ten cents. We turn these box tops in for money. *Last year we earned over \$2,500!*

**If you would like more information about this program, please visit:
<https://www.boxtops4education.com/about>**

**If you have any questions, please contact Amy Bermingham at
amybermingham@yahoo.com.**

Thank you for supporting our Gators!



Young Artists After School Art Program-Open for Registration

Northville Art House Classes at Thornton Creek are designed to teach kids drawing skills and art techniques through a variety of mediums such as pastels, pencil, watercolors, acrylics, mixed media, clay & fiber arts. Join us once a month! Kids will get to explore nature, travel around the world, create animals, and get inspired by master artists. *Be a pART of it!*

Registration is open for Oct, Nov, and Dec After School Art classes.

Click this link to register: <http://northvillearthouse.org/classes-3/>

For more information about the K-1st grade program click this link:

<https://app.memberhub.com/download?r=114732&u=12vpgzk15sr1>

For more information about the 2nd-5th grade program click this link:

<https://app.memberhub.com/download?r=114733&u=ehy12pju1h1>

YOUR KIDS WANT TO SEE YOU!!!

We are always looking for parent support in the cafeteria and at recess. No experience needed!!! This is an important job and your kids will love to see you! All that is required is just 1.5 hours of your time to help be an extra set of eyes and to lend an extra set of hands. Even if you can only sign up for once a month - whatever you can do is greatly appreciated. See the sign up link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D45A8A92CA46-tcparent>



Have you joined our MemberHub site yet? If not, you are missing out on:

- access to our school directory and classroom directories
- inclusion in our school directory and classroom directories
- access to our calendar of school, club and classroom events
- other helpful communication about school events, grade levels and classrooms

MemberHub is a secure website where you can find information such as flyers, calendars, and sign-ups related to school events, clubs and extracurricular activities, classroom communication, volunteer committees, and other school sub-groups. It also serves as a school directory and an on-line store.

Parents can join by visiting <https://thorntoncreek.memberhub.com/join/dczs9d>. Follow the directions to enter your information and include the names of your children who attend Thornton Creek. No e-mail addresses are necessary for students. Once a site administrator confirms that you are a Thornton Creek parent, you will receive an e-mail notification and can begin accessing the resources on our site.

For more information about getting started with MemberHub, click [here](#).



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.

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!



Simply by going to smile.amazon.com every time you want to make an Amazon purchase, Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchase to a charity of your choice. Log on to www.smile.amazon.com using your existing Amazon account and select Thornton Creek Elementary PTA as your organization. Then, remember to go through www.smile.amazon.com to do your Amazon shopping.



Enroll in Busch's Cash for Education program and earn money for Thornton Creek every time you grocery shop. To enroll, log into your MyWay account through www.buschs.com/MyWay and select Cash for Education from the drop down menu underneath your name where it says "My Account." (Don't have a MyWay account? Sign up at www.buschs.com!) Choose Thornton Creek Elementary PTA for each quarter of the year and remember to use your MyWay card (or give your phone number) when you shop



Register your Kroger Plus card online at www.krogercommunityrewards.com and select Thornton Creek Elementary PTA as your community rewards organization. Remember to use your Kroger Plus card every time you shop to earn rewards for our school.