

Thornton Creek Elementary



Gator Gazette

September 14, 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:

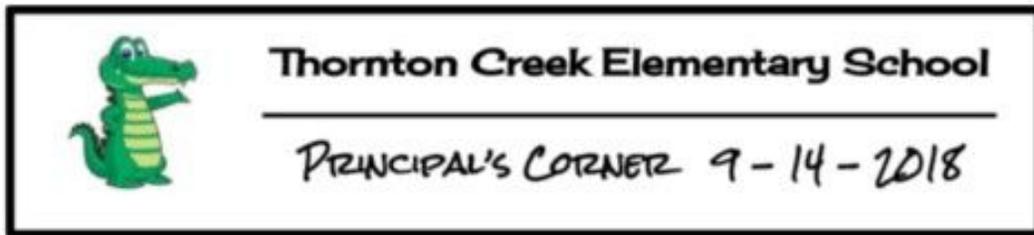
9/14- Heritage Festival Victorian Parade 6:30 pm

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!



Dear TC Families,

We are now two weeks into the school year and I must admit, I didn't think the smiles could get any bigger or brighter...I was wrong. Having had the opportunity and pleasure to visit several classrooms already, each is filled with wonder and excitement as our amazing students and talented staff dive right into a curriculum rich and diverse in content and experiential learning. To myself, I can't help but ponder, *What would students and families from 100+ years ago think of our advanced learning environment here at Thornton Creek?*

Speaking of 100+ years ago...

Heritage Festival: I look forward to sharing with you the excitement and historical preservation that comes along with our very own Northville Heritage Festival. Activities begin Friday when our 3rd grade students and staff dress in period attire and enjoy taking a trip back in time in downtown Northville. The fun continues later that evening as students, staff, and community members parade through the streets of downtown beginning at 6:30. We hope you can join us!

Principal Meet & Greet: Thank you to those who were able to attend our first Principal Meet & Greet here at Thornton Creek. I truly enjoyed meeting you and having great conversation about our building and community. It was such a pleasure to engage in dialogue about what you see are the amazing attributes of Thornton Creek as well as bringing forth topics for which we can take a closer look and seek to improve upon.

Arrival/Dismissal: Thank you for your patience during these first two weeks. We appreciate your support as you remain in your car, give hugs, kisses and well wishes for the day, and let your child exit on the sidewalk.

Spotlight: Every so often, I will share a fun, positive, and/or touching story that will be featured in this "Spotlight" section of the Principal's Corner.

This week's spotlight is on our new Kindergarten students. I don't know how many of you have ever been in a cafeteria with 84 five year olds, but it was quite impressive to watch them march into the cafeteria in straight lines, head over to buy lunch for the first time, and find their seats all while navigating the treachery of untied shoes. Kudos to you, future leaders!

Thank you,
Deagon Jewett
Principal
Thornton Creek Elementary

“Leader in Me” at TC

What is the Leader in Me program?

The Leader in Me is a whole-school transformation model and process—developed in partnership with educators—that empowers students with the leadership and life skills they need to thrive in the 21st century. It is based on principles and practices of personal, interpersonal, and organizational effectiveness. Distinct in several ways, *The Leader in Me* starts from a powerful premise—every child possesses unique strengths and has the ability to be a leader—which shapes the views of staff to value and develop the whole child. The process integrates leadership development into existing programs, curricula and traditions and serves as a foundational operating system for the school, improving relationships, transforming culture, and highly motivating staff and students. All stakeholders are impacted by *The Leader in Me*, starting with the staff of a school, then expanding to students, their families, and the community at large. This Inside-Out Approach is a key ingredient to successfully creating positive change in a school.

Thornton Creek is a “Lighthouse School!”

Within the education industry, it is common for schools to receive recognition for outstanding achievement. The Lighthouse Milestone is a highly regarded standard set by Franklin Covey that is attainable by every *Leader in Me* School. The attainment of the Lighthouse Milestone represents a significant benchmark, and it is evidence that a high standard has been met by a school. Becoming a Lighthouse School is a recognition schools earn because they have produced outstanding results in school and student outcomes by implementing *The Leader in Me* with fidelity.

The Leader in Me™

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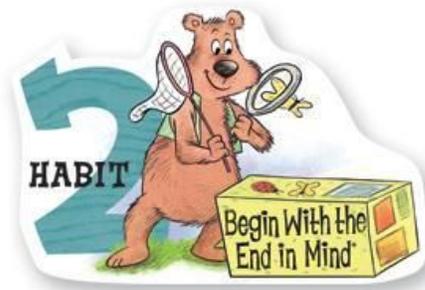
Overview of the 7 habits Thornton Creek will utilize as part of the Leader in Me Program...



Habit 1 — Be Proactive

You're in Charge

I am a responsible person. I take initiative. I choose my actions, attitudes, and moods. I do not blame others for my wrong actions. I do the right thing without being asked, even when no one is looking.



Habit 2 — Begin With the End in Mind

Have a Plan

I plan ahead and set goals. I do things that have meaning and make a difference. I am an important part of my classroom and contribute to my school's mission and vision. I look for ways to be a good citizen.



Habit 3 — Put First Things First

Work First, Then Play

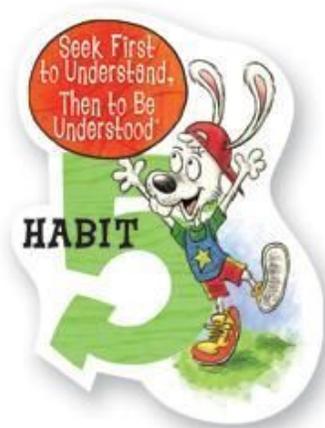
I spend my time on things that are most important. This means I say no to things I know I should not do. I set priorities, make a schedule, and follow my plan. I am disciplined and organized.



Habit 4 — Think Win-Win

Everyone Can Win

I balance courage for getting what I want with consideration for what others want. I make deposits in others' Emotional Bank Accounts. When conflicts arise, I look for Third Alternatives.



Habit 5 — Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood

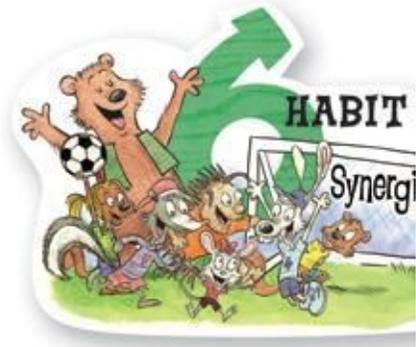
Listen Before You Talk

I listen to other people's ideas and feelings. I try to see things from their viewpoints. I listen to others without interrupting. I am confident in voicing my ideas. I look people in the eyes when talking.

Habit 6 — Synergize

Together Is Better

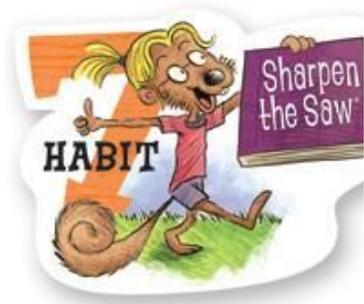
I value other people's strengths and learn from them. I get along well with others, even people who are different from me. I work well in groups. I seek out other people's ideas to solve problems because I know that by teaming with others, we can create better solutions than anyone of us can alone. I am humble.



Habit 7 — Sharpen the Saw

Balance Feels Best

I take care of my body by eating right, exercising, and getting sleep. I spend time with family and friends. I learn in lots of ways and lots of places, not just at school. I find meaningful ways to help others



TC GATORS

CHANGE STARTS WITH ME!

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>

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



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.getrdetroit.org

Plymouth YMCA
Gina Fagerman
Community Program Leader
gfagerman@ymcadedetroit.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!



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.