

News From Thoreau PTO

Inside Thoreau

The Mallard's reading program begins on Monday, January 14th. It will run for 8 weeks. Your child's teacher will set a reading goal for them during this program. If your child meets this goal, they will receive a form that allows them to order 2 free tickets to our school's game night. Families can also order additional tickets at a discount. This year our game night will be Thursday, June 6th. All students will receive participation prizes, regardless of if they meet their goal. Questions about the program can be directed to your child's teacher or to Stephanie Goodman-Price, Thoreau's coordinator, she can be reached at (608) 204-6971 srgoodman@madison.k12.wi.us. Please be on the lookout for ticket forms in back pack mail some time in March.

PTO Information- *Next general meeting is February 12, 6:30-8 pm in the Thoreau library*

- Last week's meeting included a presentation from Alissa Punwar, our Advanced Learner teacher at Thoreau. Here is a link to her presentation if you missed it: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1eqq7RQ5qB_qU9RP8j7HdgyJzxE9-KYGZNLH0Jymzp0/edit?usp=sharing
 - At the last meeting of 2018 we had a parent present about alternative birthday celebrations in the classroom. As part of a growing awareness around the importance of student health, safety and inclusion, schools are considering ways to celebrate birthdays without shared treats from home. A birthday dance party or class craft are two possible alternatives....the attached document has more ideas for celebrating your child's birthday at school.
 - School Dance will not be held on Feb 1, the alternative date is TBA
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Volunteer Opportunities

2018/2019 Yearbooks: Designing and assembling the yearbook requires contributions from Thoreau students, staff and families. The most beneficial way to contribute is to provide photos for use in the yearbook. If you have photos of Thoreau students and staff from school or any school sponsored events or activities, please share them with Alexa Wautier. You can share photos by text (608-320-6929), email (anpaliwal@hotmail.com) or some sort of file sharing service like drop box or google

drive. If you happen to have an iPhone and can track Alexa down, you can even AirDrop photos to her at any time. Thanks!

Fundraiser

Grocery Card Sale: Thank you for your grocery card orders in for the holiday SEASON. There are still grocery cards left so please consider placing an order in the new year. Each grocery card order from The Willy St. Coop or Woodman's helps the Thoreau PTO. Paper order forms are available in the school office or you can print out order forms in [Arabic](#), [English](#) or [Spanish](#).

Calendar

Jan 21 : No School MLK day

February 8: No School, Staff Only Day

February 12: PTO General Meeting 6:30-8 Thoreau Library

February 22: Career Day

District News

Crossing Guard Recognition Week is THIS WEEK!

Once again AAA of Wisconsin, the Madison Police Department and many other public safety and education departments in Wisconsin are declaring January 14-18, 2019 as "SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD RECOGNITION WEEK." This would be a wonderful opportunity for students, parents and teachers to recognize the fine work of the adult and student crossing guards that serve your school. The adult crossing guards that serve your school are:

Crossing:		Guard:	M-F
AM	Mon. PM.	T-F PM	
3800 BLK NAKOMA RD		MANION, ROBERT	7:45-
8:45	1:40-2:40		3:00-4:00
SEMINOLE / NAKOMA RD		DOWLING, KAREN	7:05-
8:35	1:40-2:40		2:40-3:55
MONROE ST/GLENWAY		RINGQUIST, JR., BOB	7:35-
8:35	2:00-2:40		3:00-4:00

MONR/ODANA/NAKOMA ANDERSON, TATIANA 8:00-
8:35 1:55-2:30 3:20-4:00

Madison West Dance Team Winter Clinic 2019!! Sign-up deadline is January 17th, 2019

We'd love to have you and a friend for a day of choreography and fun!
New this session, age based choreography!!

- Date/Time: Saturday, January 19th from 9AM-12 PM
- Location: Madison West High School, 30 Ash St. Madison, WI 53726, Van Hise Gym
- Cost: \$45 per student
- Grade Level: Clinic is open to both boys and girls who will be in grades K-8 during the 2018-2019 School Year, our MWDT dancers will be instructing!! All dancers receive Poms, a Madison West Dance Team t-shirt, certificate of participation and the opportunity to perform at half time of the Madison West Girls basketball game Friday 2/8/19 starting at 7:15pm
- What to Wear/Bring: Clothes you can comfortably dance/move in, tennis shoes, water bottle, a small snack and a big smile!!
- Our K-5 dancers will learn half of the routine, our 6th-8th graders will learn another with a little more challenging choreography
- *Sibling Discount: Subtract \$5 per registration

To register:

Contact coach Jen Bootz at: 608-628-7879 / Justjenni76@yahoo.com

or

Google Doc Sign-up:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSezQdfHpWPolSEezvozQtb7n9e60AmYNDupZ0VXScn6raZlZA/viewform?usp=pp_url

Checks can be made payable and mailed to:

Madison West Dance Team

Attn: Dance Team Coach Jen Bootz

30 Ash St. Madison, WI 53726

Waivers can be completed upon arrival, please bring insurance information

Thoreau selected to receive a new water hydration station:

Congratulations to the following six schools, who have been selected to receive new water hydration stations this spring as part of the 'Got Water?' partnership between MMSD, [Healthy Kids Collaborative](#) and [City of Madison Water Utility](#)!

- [Marquette Elementary School](#)

- [Thoreau Elementary School](#)
- [Olson Elementary School](#)
- [Lincoln Elementary School](#)
- [Chávez Elementary School](#)
- [Sennett Middle School](#)

By the end of this school year, over 11,700 students and staff will be able to fill water bottles at the 25 'Got Water?' filling stations in schools!

Let's Get Connected!

Still not connected to the Thoreau PTO at PTOoffice? Go to [PTOoffice](#) to begin. Need help? Find registration instructions [here](#).

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