

News From Thoreau PTO

District News

If you are interested in applying for the Wright Middle School Lottery for your 5th grade student please follow the link below.

[Wright Middle School Lottery Application](#)

Wright Lottery Application Timeline:

- December 3th - Lottery opens 8:00am.
- January 15th - Open House at Wright.
- January 31st - Lottery closes 4:00pm.
- February 18th - Lottery results mailed to families this week. All letters will be mailed no later than Feb 22.
- February 28th - Accept or decline Confirmation due to schools from families.

Fundraisers:

Tico Store: Cleaning out closets before Christmas? Tico store visits will be happening during the last two weeks of school (varying dates depending on the class) and we're looking for donations of used or new toys/school supplies to stock the store. For those new to Thoreau - The Tico store is a large shopping cart where students can spend tico tickets they've been given for positive behavior during the school year.

Items that go over well (and we're often short of):

- sports items (soccer, baseball, football, tennis balls, bouncy balls)
- nail polish
- craft kits
- Pokemon Cards
- board games

(stuffed animals are always welcome as long as they're clean, as are small toys)

Please drop off donations at the front office, or contact Karen Faller at karenfaller@gmail.com with any questions. This will be the last year Karen will be organizing the store, so if you're interested in helping out or thinking of helping organize for next year, come and check it out! It's a fun way to give back to the Thoreau community - the kids are super excited about store visits.

Keep an eye out for a volunteer sign up sheet next week!

REAP Taste of Wisconsin Holiday Sale!

Tomorrow you can come at 2pm to pick up your goodies. Items will be at the school's front entrance. We will be there until around 3pm. If you need to make other arrangements, no problem, just let Betsy Parker know!

Want to lend a hand with distribution? There are two opportunities to help out on December 3rd: 10am-12pm we will be sorting items, and 2-3pm we will be distributing them to families. Sign up [HERE](#) to help - or email betsyjmp@gmail.com.

Grocery Card Sale Returns: Get your grocery card orders in for the holiday season. Whether you're hosting family and friends or want to give them as gifts, buying grocery cards from 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

PTO General Meetings: Are you interested in volunteering or becoming an active participant in the PTO? Come to our meeting, **Tuesday December 11th** [Thoreau Library](#) 6:30-8 pm- next week! Topics include: Harry Whitehorse Statue presentation by Margaret Planner, Reach Presentation by Ms. Clarahan, and healthy snacks.

Fall Meeting schedule:

- **December 11th**

Important Dates:

December 3: REAP Fundraiser Item Pick Up

December 10: NO SCHOOL

December 16: Holdiay Concert at Barnes and Noble, 1 pm

December 21: Sparkle Day - last day before Winter Break

Let's Get Connected!

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

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