

# COLT E-NEWSLETTER

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## Happy Thanksgiving

### Thurston High School Families

Serving as principal gives me a wonderful and unique view of Thurston High School, specifically our students, staff, and community. Each day, I am humbled and honored to work with parents and professionals who pour their hearts into supporting kids; you tirelessly serve students, whose lives are immeasurably positively impacted by all of our efforts. Thank you.

This long weekend, I hope you too will reflect on your student's success here at Thurston, your loving friends and families, and this caring and kind community, of which we are all vital and integral components.

Happy Thanksgiving-  
Chad R. Towe, Principal

## Excellent Eight

Each month THS staff nominate students for the Excellent Eight. This month the following students were recognized for their outstanding academic and/or behavior excellence: **Katie Fjordbeck, Evan Anttil, Lukus Wedmore, Mauricia Maciel, Mikayal Bandford, Sam Savolainen, Keyairah Heston and Bailey Hampton.** These students are building positive relationships, going above and beyond, setting good examples, and doing so much more. Keep up the good work! GO COLTS!

## ALICE Training

Safety of students and staff is of the upmost importance to Springfield Public Schools and Thurston High School; SPS, and THS specifically, are implementing best practices and are working in collaboration with our local law enforcement partners to implement the ALICE method. ALICE empowers everyone to use his or her best judgment on each unique situation.

ALICE stands for Alert Lockdown Inform Counter Evacuate. In the fall of 2015 all staff were trained in the updated procedures incorporating the elements of the ALICE principles. Now after thoughtful preparation we are prepared to share the concepts in age appropriate ways with our students. Springfield Public Schools in our continued partnership with the Springfield Police Department will hold two community nights to allow families an overview of the materials that will be shared with students as well as a time to ask questions of administrators and law enforcement personnel.

We encourage you to join us at one of the following dates:

- November 30, 5:30 p.m., Springfield High School Auditorium
- December 2, 5:30 p.m., Thurston High School Auditorium

Here at Thurston we will be training students on December 9th. Please don't hesitate to contact us should you have any additional questions.

### [Thurston One Page](#)

For Current Information on the Calendar, bell schedule and how to contact staff visit the:

[Thurston Website](#)

To check out the schedule and see our events visit the:

[Events Calendar](#)

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## "Coats for Colts"

With the cold winter upon us, we will be starting a coat drive at THS to provide warm clothes for anyone in need. If you have a coat that you would like to donate, please drop it off in the Main Office. Please pay close attention to future newsletters and online communication (Facebook, Twitter, and the website) for specific ways to get involved. Thank you for supporting our students and the community. "GO COATS!"

## Important Dates:

- 12/3 - ASVAB Test - Library - 8:00-12:00PM
- 12/5 - Robotics Tournament Junction City 8:00AM
- 12/9 - Financial Aid Night - Library - 6:30PM
- 12/9 - ALICE Training for students 10:40-11:40AM
- 12/10 - Families of Thurston Night 6:00 - 7:30PM
- 12/11 - Early Release RED Day - Class out 12:40PM
- 12/14 - Band and Orchestra Concert - Aud - 7PM
- 12/18 - 12/19- Christmas Feaste - 6:30PM
- 12/19 - Robotics Tournament Junction City 8:00AM
- 12/21 - 1/4/16 - Winter Break

## Families of Thurston Night

Thurston High School is proud to announce our first **Families of Thurston Night: Supporting our Diverse Community.**

Thursday, December 10th at 6pm, please join us in the Thurston Library for dinner and an evening of information intended to support our diverse community. Guests include friends from Springfield Public School's Welcome Center, NAACP, Indian Education, University of Oregon's MEChA, THS's College and Career Center, Honors Options and AP program teachers, and others. All are welcome- Dinner and childcare are provided.

We hope that you will find time to come learn how Thurston and our partners are working to ensure that all of our students and families are feeling informed, connected, and supported. We'll look forward to seeing you! Please call our front office at THS for more information (541-744-5000) or call Assistant Principal Sun Saeteurn at (541-744-5155).

Thurston High School está orgulloso en anunciar nuestra primera Noche para Familias de Thurston: Apoyando a Nuestra Comunidad Diversa.

El Jueves, 10 de diciembre a las 6 p.m. por favor, únase a nosotros en la Biblioteca Thurston para una cena y una noche de información planeada para apoyar a nuestra comunidad diversa. Entre los invitados están los amigos del Centro de Bienvenida de las Escuelas Públicas de Springfield, NAACP, Educación Indígena, de la Universidad de Oregon MEChA, Colegio y Centro de Carreras de THS, Opciones de Honores y maestros del programa de AP y otros. Todos son bienvenidos- una cena y cuidado de niños se proporcionarán.

Esperamos que usted pueda encontrar tiempo para venir a aprender cómo Thurston y sus socios están trabajando para asegurar que todos nuestros estudiantes y sus familias se sienten informados, conectados y apoyados. ¡Esperamos verlo! Por favor llame a nuestra oficina en THS para más información (541-744-5000) o llame al Subdirector Sun Saeteurn al (541-744-5030).