

Recommended Events for New Families at Thoreau School

August – September 2019

Tuesday, August 27th, 2:30–3:15pm - Thoreau School Open House

This is your first chance for everyone to meet your child's new teacher and see their classroom. All teachers are in their rooms during this time to greet students and their families. This is also a good time for your child to familiarize themselves with the walk from the school entrance to their classroom and to take a look around the building. If you haven't yet funded your child's lunch account, this is also a great opportunity to hand in a check or cash in the cafeteria.

Tuesday, August 27th, 3:15pm – All-Grade Playdate

This is a very informal gathering, held just after the open house on the “upper playground.” (There are two playgrounds behind the school building at Thoreau – this is the one at the top of the hill.) All Thoreau families are invited and siblings of all ages are welcome. It's a great way to shake away any back-to-school jitters!

Wednesday, August 28th, 9:30am - Meet the Principal/Q&A Meeting for New Families

Thoreau School Principal Angel Charles, PTG Co-Presidents Maribeth Cusick and Danielle Wetzel and New Family Support Coordinator Kimber Lynn Drake will host a meeting to welcome parents/guardians of families new to Thoreau, answer questions and share helpful tools and tips while your kids are in their exciting first day of school. Younger siblings welcome. Held in the cafeteria. ←(new location)

Various dates in September - Classroom Playdates

Some classes will schedule a playdate near the beginning of the school year to let the kids and their families get to know each other. This is more typical in the lower grades. Please contact your room parent for more info (room parent names to be released shortly after the start of the school year).

Friday, September 6th, 9am - Welcome Back Coffee and 1st PTG Meeting

As the first all-grade parent gathering of the year hosted by the PTG, this is a great opportunity to meet the PTG leadership and committee chairs, learn what we do for your kids and hear about ways you can get involved with this fun group of volunteers. All are welcome, including younger siblings. Held in the cafeteria.

Thursday, September 12th, 9:00–10:30am - Kindergarten/1st Grade Coffee

Get to know other parents of kindergarten and 1st grade students at this informal social gathering while the kids are in school. Young children are welcome. Held at the Alexander home at 172 Ministerial Drive in West Concord.

Wednesday, September 11th, 6:30–8pm - Back to School Night

This informative grownups-only evening gives you a chance to hear in-depth information about the curriculum and school day directly from your child's teacher. You will also meet many of the support and tutoring staff members as well as the faculty who teach the various “specials” such as art, music, library, Spanish and gym. Held in the auditorium, cafeteria and classrooms.

Sunday, September 8th, 2–4pm - Ice Cream Social

The entire Thoreau community turns out for this weekend event to sample some yummy, locally-made ice cream, make new friends and catch up with old ones. Held in the upper and lower playgrounds at Thoreau.

Late September - School Picture Day

Photographers will be on hand to take portraits of the children and staff during the school day. A flyer with photo ordering instructions will be sent home in your child's backpack ahead of time. Parents do not need to attend – volunteers and school staff will guide each child through their photo session. If your child is absent on that day or needs to retake their photo, a makeup/retake session will be held later in the fall. Watch the PTG website's calendar (www.thoreauptg.org) or the *Thoreau PTG Announcements* e-newsletter after the start of school for finalized dates.

Know before you go! Please check the calendar on the Thoreau PTG website at www.thoreauptg.org for any changes or updates to the above events.