Longfellow PTA: Welcome Back Newsletter

Hello and Welcome to the 2008-09 School Year at Longfellow Middle School-

My name is Wilma Bowers and I am the PTA President at the school. On behalf of the entire PTA Board, we hope you have a great school year and we want you to know that we are looking forward to working with you to make Longfellow an even more special place than it already is. What strikes me as strange is that I've heard time and again from parents, "Oh, Longfellow is just a two-year school, it's hard to get involved." My response is "Middle School is one of the most critical times in our child's development. THIS IS THE BEST time to be involved." So, I hope you see my point of view and opt to get involved in the Longfellow PTA! Read on to learn more. *Regards-Wilma*

School registration is August 27-30. You will receive a packet containing both school and PTA material. The PTA Materials you will find in the packet:

-PTA Membership Form and School Directory Information Sheet (DUE 9/7)

-PTA Donation Letter and Form due 9/30 -School Directory Form -Volunteer Opportunities -Grocery Store Rewards Program Sign Up Info. -Calendar of Events -List of Board Members

How do I get school and PTA information at Longfellow?: THREE WAYS

Since there is no "backpack folder system" at Longfellow, the only way to stay in the know is electronically. **(1)** When you join the PTA, please provide your e-mail address. We will send brief, periodic e-mails to make you aware of PTA news and events. **(2)** The PTA also has a web site that is updated often to bring you the latest news. Our web address is www.LongfellowPTA.org. Add it to your favorites and check it often! **(3)** Lastly, the school administration and PTA encourage you to sign up for e-mail distributions from the school and Fairfax County Public Schools via KEEP IN TOUCH. Sign up on the school's web site Longfellow Middle School

Mark your calendars! *Meet the Principal and Your Fellow Parents*

Join us for coffee and to meet the principal. Longfellow Library **September 10, 2007 9-10:30 a.m.**
Principal Vince Lynch will share the latest news from Longfellow and answer your questions.

Also, our first PTA meeting will be held on **October 11, 2007 from 7:30-9:00 p.m.** in the school library. All are welcome.

For more upcoming PTA events, see our web site Longfellow PTA.

Understanding Fund Raising at Longfellow

Ever feel like you are always writing checks to help your school? Here is a grid of the fund raising events at Longfellow. We encourage you to help as much as you can in the areas that you feel are important. Of course, participation in any fund raising program at Longfellow is optional.

Fund Raiser	**Timing**	**What it supports**	**Financial Objective**	**How the request is distributed.**
PTA Donation Request	September (and only once!)	Funding for academic and cultural programs.	$24,000	In this registration package.
School Magazine Sales	September	Funding for Field Trips	$17,000	To your child in school.
Music Department Fund Raiser	September	Music instruments and performances	?	?
Grocery Store Rewards Programs sponsored by the PTA	Sign up in Sept.	School programs-money goes directly to the school.	$3000	See directions in this packet.

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