

Longfellow Middle School PTA



The Longfellow PTA wishes you a restful and relaxing spring break with family and friends! Safe travels and see you back at school on April 18th.



Greetings from the LMS PTA Nominating Committee!

We are currently filling PTA committee chair positions for the 2017-18 school year. We welcome you to get involved! Some committees work throughout the entire year, and others are organized around one main event. Some require you to be at the school and others can be done from home. There are MANY ways to support our community and enhance your child's experience at Longfellow.

The following committee chair positions are open:

Systems Manager

Care and Concern

Cultural Arts

Directory - 2 co-chairs

Food Recovery Program - 1 chair filled, co-chair needed

Fundraising:

Invest in LMS

Locker Organizer - 1 chair filled, co-chair needed

Spirit Wear

Shutterfly

International Heritage Night

Hospitality - Decorations chair needed

International Parents Network

Lancers at the Movies

Parent Presentations Coordinator

High School Liaison:

Langley

Marshall

Special Education Liaison

[Visit the PTA website](#) to view the open position descriptions.

To sign up for a committee or if you have any questions, please contact a Nominating Committee Member. We'd love to hear from you!

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Please Support Longfellow Families

As we approach spring and summer, the Longfellow Love Committee is asking you to come together to help the most vulnerable families in our school community.

Throughout the year, our committee provides grocery gift cards to help our families who are falling on tough times. There are about 75 Longfellow families that can use our help to ensure that there is food on the table at meal time.

While you make your plans for spring and summer break please remember that many of these families do not have resources to provide the extra meals that are needed when school is out of session. No amount is too small, even 5 dollars can buy a loaf of bread or a gallon of milk. The donations we all make in the next few weeks will determine how many struggling families the LMS school counselors will be able to help.

[Donate Here](#)

Join the International Parents Network

The goal of the International Parents Network is to offer a warm welcome to all families and provide an opportunity for families with similar ethnic and cultural

backgrounds to connect with each other. Based on interest, we will organize different types of gatherings throughout the school year for families to get to know each other and the LMS community. [Email Lamia Sarver](#) if you are interested.



Events for Parents of Rising Seventh Graders
- please share with your friends and neighbors -

Rising 7th Grade Parent Coffee

Thursday, April 6, 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Lecture Hall

If you will have a 7th grader at Longfellow next year, please join us for a special coffee on Thursday, April 6th from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Lecture Hall. You will have a chance to meet Principal Carole Kihm and the other administrators and to ask them questions. Coffee and light refreshments will be served by the PTA Hospitality Committee.



How to Thrive at Longfellow

Thursday, April 27, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

If your child will be new to Longfellow next year, please join us for this informative parent program. Hear from the LMS Counseling Staff about the ins and outs of Life at Longfellow: from lockers and clubs to late buses and lunch. Uncover the meaning of “Polaris” and “Lancer Time.” Learn from our School Psychologist what really goes on in the adolescent brain. Current Longfellow students and parents will be available to answer questions. This is a can’t miss event for all new Longfellow parents - hope to see you there!

In the Community

Highlander 5K

The race will be held on Saturday April 29th and it will begin and end at



McLean High School. [Follow this link to register.](#)

Are you interested in sponsoring the Highlander 5K?
[Check out the benefits here!](#)

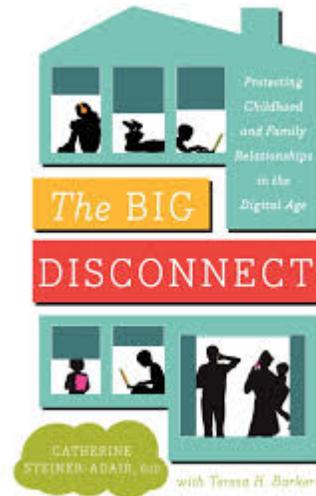
Proceeds from the race will go to supporting mental and physical wellness programs at McLean High School.

[Email questions here.](#)

Mark Your Calendars for this important Safe Community Coalition Event

Wednesday, May 17, 7:30 p.m.
Temple Rodef Shalom

Dr. Catherine Steiner-Adair, clinical psychologist, Harvard professor and author of *The Big Disconnect: Protecting Childhood and Family Relationships in the Digital Age*, will speak about how technology is affecting our children and our family relationships. Her talk will offer insights and advice that can help parents of students from preschool through high school age achieve greater understanding, authority, and confidence as they face the tech revolution unfolding in their living rooms. Tickets are \$20 and seating is limited, so get yours today! [Order here.](#) Presented by the Safe Community Coalition of McLean.



Fairfax County Budget Hearings

The County's budget process is well underway. Prior to adopting the FY 2018 budget on May 2, the Board will hold public hearings on the proposed budget at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Hearing dates and times are: Tuesday, April 4 at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 5 at 1:00 p.m., and Thursday, April 6 at 1:00 p.m.

To register to speak at one of the budget hearings, call the Clerk to the Board's

office at 703-324-3151 or 703-324-2391, or [sign up online](#). Written testimony can also be [emailed to the Clerk's Office](#).

Are Your Students Looking for Community Service Hours?

Kent Gardens Elementary School Courtyard Cleanup

April 22, 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Spring has Sprung and Kent Gardens needs volunteers to help spruce up the courtyard gardens, vegetable beds, and other outdoor spaces around the school. Bring work gloves and any garden tools you have (i.e. rakes, trowels, trimmers). [Sign up here](#) so we know how many hands we have to help out! [Email Stacey Brooks](#) with questions.

Haycock Elementary School Fun Run

May 6, 6:30 a.m.

Haycock Elementary School needs volunteers at it's Fun Run on May 6 at Longfellow. This is a fun way to get community service hours by assisting with race day registration, water stations, timing, course monitoring, finishing table, and clean up. Volunteer opportunities start at 6:30 a.m., the race starts at 8 a.m. Please [email Anuj Vohra](#) for more information or to sign up!

8th Graders Interested in Chinese at Langley

If you are interested in taking Chinese language class at Langley, please [fill out this survey](#). The results will be shared with Langley's principal in early April.

Thanks!

The ABCs of Lyme Disease

On Monday, April 24, 7-9 p.m. in Warhawk Hall at James Madison High School in Vienna, an experienced panel will talk about this epidemic disease and its severe impact, how to recognize symptoms in your child, how it is diagnosed, how to prevent it, and options for managing your child's education during treatment. You will have an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the presentation. For more information, [email Marjorie Veiga](#).

Thursday, April 6 – Rising 7th Grade Parent Coffee, 9:00 a.m.

Friday, April 7 – Students Released 2 Hours Early

Monday, April 10 - Monday April 17 – Spring Break

Thursday, April 27 – How to Thrive at Longfellow

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