

# Longfellow Middle School PTA

**Hey Lancers. . .Let's Go Skating!**

**Skate Night at Skate Quest in Reston**

**Friday, January 27**

**7:30 to 9:30 p.m.**



Tickets are \$10 per person and include skate rental. Pay at the door. Food will be available for purchase, so be sure to bring extra money! Siblings and friends are welcome!

For questions, please contact Tina Davis at [tinadavis@cox.net](mailto:tinadavis@cox.net)

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**LMS Curriculum Night for Rising 7th grade Parents**

**Thursday, February 9**

**6 to 8 p.m.**

(snow date Thursday, February 16)

Curriculum Night is an opportunity for rising 7th grade parents to learn about Longfellow Middle School courses. The evening's highlights include introductions by our principal, administrators, counselors, and PTA president, as well as curriculum overviews from core subject and math teachers, and a student-produced video on the elective classes. PTA members will be available at the front entrance to help answer parent questions.

Pizza, drinks, and baked goods provided by the PTA, as well as LMS Spirit Wear, will be available for purchase throughout the evening. Please be on the lookout for a sign-up-genius coming home soon for anyone who would like to donate baked goods for the event.

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**Valentine's Day – Teacher Chili Luncheon**

**February 14**

On Valentine's Day, we are treating our teachers and staff to a crock pot chili luncheon. Please [sign up here](#) to provide a crock pot full of chili or one of the many other items we need to make this lunch a success. Donations need to be dropped off by 10 a.m. the morning of the luncheon in the Food Lab. Thank you for your generosity.



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**Longfellow Parent Presentation: The College Funding Coach**  
**Wednesday, February 15 at 7 p.m.**  
**Lecture Hall**

Wondering how to pay for the cost of higher education? Do you lie awake at night trying to figure out how to afford sending 1, 2, 3 or more children to college and still have enough of your hard-earned money to be able to retire? Some families have children attending college next year and others have 12 years to plan; but the fears of tackling these monumental and rising costs are the same. The College Funding Coach® is here to help families figure out HOW to pay for it! Please join the PTA on Wednesday, February 15th at 7 p.m. for this informative workshop. This is information you can't afford to miss!

For more information about this workshop please check out [The College Funding Coach website](#).

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**Support Our PTA at Chipotle**  
**Tuesday, February 28, between 2 and 8 p.m.**

Have lunch or dinner (or both!) at Chipotle in McLean and support LMS PTA. Fifty percent of the proceeds will be donated to

Longfellow PTA when you [bring in this flyer](#), show it on your smartphone, or tell the cashier that you are supporting LMS.

**SCHOOL SPIRIT  
TASTES GREAT**



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**Mark your calendars!!!**  
**Longfellow's Annual Heritage Night**



**Friday March 17, 6 to 8 p.m.**

Join us to celebrate our school's great diversity with food from all over the world, a fashion show, and a talent show.



It's not too early for you and for students to get involved! [Please sign up here](#) to participate.

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### Help Build the Lancer Business Partnership Program

Do you own a business or know of a business that is seeking an opportunity to support local schools? The PTA is launching its Lancer Business Partnership Program to help replace aging laptops and to help provide one laptop per child as part of our Invest in Longfellow and Leave a Legacy campaign. Please [use this letter](#) to find out more information on the program and pass it along to local businesses you know. For more information, please [email Mel Quinn](#).



### Please Support Our Lancer Business Partners



### Congratulations to our PTA Reflections Contest Winners!

We received quite a few art entries from our talented Longfellow students. After some tough judging, three entries moved forward to judging at the county level. Congratulations to Lillian Sun (Literature), Tracy

Waagner (photography), and Evans Chun (visual arts)!

We are pleased to announce that two entries were then selected to move forward once more to the district level! This is a huge honor! Please join us in congratulating the following students for their successes!

Lillian Sun, 1st Place for Literature

Tracy Waagner, 1st Place for Photography

All other student entries will be available in the front office for pickup in February. Thank you for all of your hard work!

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### 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.



To join, please [email Lamia Sarver](#).

### In the Community

#### 8th Grade Parents Take Note!

Upcoming events for parents of rising 9th graders.

#### **McLean High School Freshmen Curriculum Night**

February 7, 6:30 p.m.

<http://www2.fcps.edu/McLeanHS/>

#### **Marshall High School Freshmen Curriculum Night**

February 8, 5 p.m., (snow date February 9)

<http://www2.fcps.edu/MarshallHS/>

#### **Langley High School Freshmen Curriculum Night**

February 9, 7 p.m.

<http://www2.fcps.edu/LangleyHS/>

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## **Fairfax County Youth Survey Results Presented**

**February 2nd, 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

**McLean High School Auditorium**

FCPS will present the Youth Survey results from the McLean High School pyramid on Feb. 2, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the McLean High School Auditorium. Learn about trends in sleep, sex, drinking, drug use, depression and more. MHS counseling staff and administrators will be on hand. This presentation is intended to give parents the facts they need to talk to their kids about healthy decision making skills. **EVEN IF YOU THINK YOUR CHILD IS GOOD AS GOLD**, this information will help you understand their school environment and what they see and hear every day. It is also an excellent way to start conversations about all of the issues and trends presented.

The anonymous survey — administered to FCPS students in November 2016 by the Fairfax County School Board and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors—collected data regarding students' knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors on health, health risks, substance use, eating disorders, obesity, and sexual behavior. Survey results are used to help gauge the extent to which youth engage in behaviors that pose a risk to their current and future health. The results assist the community in developing appropriate education, prevention, and intervention programs.

### Important Dates

**Friday, January 27** – Skate Night

**Friday, February 3** – Students Released Two Hours Early

**Monday, February 6** – School Holiday

**Thursday, February 9** – LMS Curriculum Night for Rising 7th Grade Parents

**Tuesday, February 14** – Valentine's Lunch for Staff

**Wednesday, February 15** – Parent Presentation: The College Funding Coach, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, February 28** – Chipotle Night, 2 to 8 p.m., McLean Chipotle

**Friday, March 17** – Heritage Night, 6 to 8 p.m.

**Monday, March 20** – Principal's Coffee 8:45 a.m. and PTA Meeting 9: 30 a.m.

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