

Longfellow Middle School PTA

First Quarter Success!



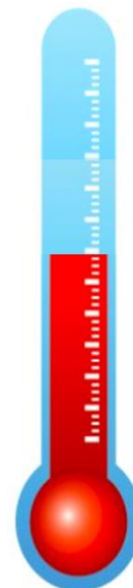
Thanks to our wonderful volunteer committee chairs for organizing so many events this fall to strengthen our community:

- Nonprofit Fair featured several area nonprofits to help our kids learn about ways to get involved in the community.
- International Parents Network Potluck Dinner was a success with multiple families gathering for fellowship. This group will meet for coffee on Friday, Nov. 18th. [Sign up here](#) if you want to get involved.
- Yogurt Sales were a huge hit with our kids and netted the PTA more than \$1000. Look for more sales before Winter Break and in the spring.
- Longfellow Parent Presentations have been a big hit with topics like internet safety and teen anxiety and stress. Links to resources are coming soon. Look for more parent presentations after the holidays.
- Lancers at the Movies was a highlight of election day with 160 students and their parents enjoying the very fun movie Trolls at AMC Tysons. Look for another movie day in March!
- The Hospitality Committee has fed the teachers and staff several times already this year with much appreciation. Look for a sign up soon about the December Cookie Bake!

We have many more events coming up so [please sign up](#) to help out—we have jobs for those with a little or a lot of time to give.

Invest in Longfellow and Leave a Legacy

As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, the PTA would like to thank the families who have been so generous in their donations to Longfellow Middle School. To date, we have raised just under \$30,000. Help us make our \$60,000 goal by making a tax-deductible donation today. Our suggested investment is \$100 per family but give what you can. All donations are appreciated.



Through your donations the PTA has been able to fund the following this school year:

- Assignment notebooks for each student
- Grants to teachers and school clubs
- Stipends for each teacher to purchase classroom supplies
- Extra textbooks that your students are able to bring home
- Parent Presentations on internet safety and teen anxiety
- John Halligan Internet Safety presentation for 7th graders (scheduled for Nov. 29)

Donate Today



Join the PTA

Thank you to the more than 500 families who have already joined the Longfellow PTA for 2016-17! PTA membership provides a partnership between the school, our families, and the greater community. Each family who joins the PTA will receive a free student directory. It's not too late to join the PTA to ensure that you receive a free directory. Visit the [PTA website](#) to join now!

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



Longfellow Love Holiday Gift Card Drive

Are you wondering whether or not you will have enough money to buy your child a warm coat this winter? For many Longfellow families, the ability to keep their family clothed, fed, and in a warm home is an ever-present struggle. This year, the LMS counselors have identified 75 families, whose children attend LMS, who are struggling with financial hardship (up from 70 in 2015, and 40 in 2014). One of the ways the LMS counselors help these struggling families is by providing grocery gift cards. A gift card in the amount of \$25 to \$50 may not seem like much, but to a family struggling to make ends meet it can defray the cost of utilities, car repairs, or medical bills. Over the holidays, the LMS counselors also provide Target gift cards, so families can purchase warm clothing. **The Longfellow Love Committee is starting its annual Holiday Gift Card Drive for 2016-2017, and we need your help!** Last year Longfellow Love raised almost \$10,000 from many generous LMS families. Each family in need received approximately \$140 in gift cards for the 2015-2016 school year. This year, we are hoping to raise at least \$10,000, but more if we can. I know a lot of you would like to donate to charities close-to-home, and this is your chance. Your donation makes a real and immediate impact on an LMS family in need, so please consider making a donation of \$25, \$50 or more. Thank you!



[Donate Here](#)

2016-2017 PTA Directories Are Here!

The printed directories have been delivered in Lancer Time to students whose families joined the PTA. If you joined the PTA and did not receive your

directory, please email the directory team at lms.ptadirectory@gmail.com. If you are not sure if you joined the PTA this year, please contact the PTA Membership Coordinator Mami Gebereegziabher at membership@longfellowpta.org. And it's not too late to join and receive a free directory while supplies last — just visit the PTA website (www.longfellowpta.org) to join.



International Parents Network Coffee Morning
Friday, November 18, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

[RSVP here](#) for our next International Parents Network get together -- Coffee Morning.

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.

Time to Shop for the Holidays!!!

Please [click here](#) to visit the online store before November 27 to stock up on Longfellow Spirit Wear for the holidays. Items will be delivered to the school before the Winter Break. In addition to the items previously available, we also have long sleeved cotton shirts and dry-fit shirts.



When you order please make sure you have your student's name on the order so it can be delivered as soon as possible. We had a lot of parents' names for the previous orders and had a hard time finding the students.

If you have any questions, please email [Anne Callender](#) or [Cecile Bradley](#).

Order Your Lancer a Yearbook Today!

The cost is \$40 until Dec. 24th and will go up to \$50 after that. [Visit this link](#) to order yours today.



Food Bus



Longfellow will be partnering with Food Bus to revitalize the Food Recovery program in the school cafeteria starting in November. If you are not familiar with this program, we are giving students the opportunity to save any unopened food that they have taken from the lunch line, but have not eaten. We have a designated refrigerator in the cafeteria to store the food. At the end of each week, volunteers

will transport the food to the Columbia Baptist Church Food Pantry in Falls Church. Students can earn 1 hour of community service for each delivery.

Parents! [Sign up here](#) to make deliveries.

If you have any questions please [email Rachel Simon](#).



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2. Bookmark <http://www.amazon.com/?tag=longfellowpta-20>

Please participate and share this link with your family, friends and co-workers.

[Email Joy Molony](#) if you have questions.

Register Your Giant Grocery Store Cards

With a click of a button, you could earn hundreds of dollars for Longfellow every time you grocery shop! Simply register with the Giant A+ School Rewards by:

Important Dates

Friday, November 18 – International Parents Network Coffee Morning, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, November 23 – Students Released Two Hours Early

Thursday, November 24 – Thanksgiving Break

Friday, November 25 – Thanksgiving Break

Sunday, November 27 – Last Day to Order Spirit Wear Online



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