

Longfellow Middle School PTA

Meetings, Movies, Meals, and More!

Longfellow Parent Presentation Tomorrow

Teach Your Kids to Float in the Online Sea

Wednesday, October 19, 7 to 9 p.m., Lecture Hall



Are you concerned about your middle schooler's safety in the world of smartphones? Do you know the passwords for all the sites they visit and the apps they use? Don't miss the very informative parent presentation by outspoken anti-bullying advocate John Halligan. John understands the cyber-world that middle school students inhabit and knows how it can easily be abused by young teens. Come find out what he wishes he had been told when his son started using computers—and this was before the even-more dangerous age of smartphones. Make time to come because your kids will thank you. See [Mr. Halligan's website](#) for more details. Mr. Halligan will bring his message to Longfellow's 7th grade students during regular school hours on Tuesday, November 29.



FroYo at Dismissal

The next Zinga! Frozen Yogurt sale will be Friday, October 21. The cost is only \$3 for a yummy cup of yogurt with proceeds benefiting PTA programs and events.

ADHD Parent Resource Group Meeting

Friday October 21, 8:45 to 10:15 a.m., Lecture Hall



Join us for our first meeting of the year! We will be reviewing and updating our guidelines, getting acquainted, and then meeting

with Jill Tucker, Director of Student Services. We'll have a dialogue to learn more about the services and support LMS provides for students with ADHD, as well as what the school's limitations are, so we can work in partnership with LMS to provide the best support for our kids.



Breakfast for Teachers and Staff on November 7

Parents, please help provide breakfast to our teachers and staff during our next teacher workday on November 7. [Sign up here](#) to join us for set-up, clean-up, or donate food and supplies. Donations can be dropped off the morning of the breakfast by 7:00 a.m. in the Lecture Hall or the day before at Beatriz Helguero's house (please [email Beatriz](#) to coordinate). Thank you for your generosity.

Lancers at the Movies

Tuesday, November 8, 10:00 a.m. at the AMC Tysons Theater



Join your friends for a day at the movies for only \$10 per ticket! We will see Trolls, a new PG movie with fun music and a great story about happiness from the creators of Shrek. This event is open to all Longfellow students, siblings, and parents. [Buy your tickets here](#) before October 28 or during lunch on Wednesday, October 26 (cash and checks only). **TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.**

Parent volunteers will be on hand to check tickets before the movie event, however Longfellow Middle School and the Longfellow PTA will not be monitoring the AMC Tysons Corner 16 or Tysons Corner Center before, during, or after the movie. Transportation will not be provided--please carpool with your friends!



Next PTA Meeting

Monday, November 14th 7 p.m., Lecture Hall

Come join us for the second PTA meeting of the year!

We will discuss fall and winter PTA plans and hear about the 8th grade Finance Park field trip. What is that and what do the kids learn? Mark your calendars and make plans to attend!

Successful International Parents Network Committee Potluck

Thanks to all who came out to the International Potluck on Friday October 14. We had a great turnout of about 60 people. Not only was it nice to match faces to names, but the dishes everyone brought were fantastic! Thank you all for bringing such an amazing selection of food to share with one another. It wouldn't have been as successful without your help. We hope that you had a great time, had a chance to reconnect and make new friends. We look forward to seeing you all in future events.



Invest in Longfellow and Leave a Legacy

Thank you to the families who have donated \$25,000 toward our \$60,000 Invest in Longfellow PTA fund. If you haven't invested yet, now is your chance! To make it easy for you to support the school, our Invest in Longfellow fund takes the place of all PTA wrapping paper sales, fun fairs, auctions and carnivals. Your investment goes directly to Longfellow and benefits every student. Our suggested investment is \$100 per family, but please give what you can. All investments are tax-deductible.

The PTA has a new long-range goal to replace aging laptops and to provide one laptop for every student at school. Please give generously above the suggested donation to leave a lasting legacy of technology funding for Longfellow. Please visit the [PTA website](#) to make a donation today to help us reach our \$60,000 goal!

Join the PTA

Thanks to the 438 families who have already joined the



Longfellow PTA and renewed their annual membership. You are invited to participate and receive the benefits of a partnership between the school, family, and greater community. Each family who joins receives a free student 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](#).

Lancer Business Partner



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.

2016-2017 Student Directory

The verification process for this year's Student Directory has begun. You should have received an email on

Tuesday, October 11 from longfellow@schooldirectoryupdate to verify your family's directory information. The verification email contains your user name, password, and instructions on how to access and verify your directory information, as well as access the AtoZ School Directory App. If you have not already done so, please follow the directions outlined in the email to confirm



and update your family's information by Monday, October 24. Verification should only take a couple of minutes and once you complete the verification process, you will have access to the directory app.

If you did not receive a verification email or have any other questions, please [email the directory team](#).



Halloween Shopping on Amazon

Help us earn free money for Longfellow while you stock up for Halloween! Our school receives 4% - 10% of the value of your purchases when you shop for Halloween goodies or other items at Amazon!

There are two ways to navigate to the link:

1. Visit www.longfellowpta.org and click on the Amazon icon, or
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.

PTA Reflections Arts Contest

Reflections is a national PTA-sponsored arts program open to all students at Longfellow. This year's theme is "What is your Story?" Create your artwork in any of the following categories:

- Dance Choreography
- Film Production
- Literature
- Music Composition
- Photography
- Visual Arts
- Special Artists

Steps to enter:



Annual Monster Mash Dash 5K & Fun Run on Sunday October 30. [Sign up here](#) for one of the many race day volunteer opportunities to help to make this a safe and fun event.

Haycock Elementary School is looking for volunteers for their STEAM Night event on November 10. [Sign up here](#) to help out.

Make a Difference in Fairfax County: Register for VolunteerFest by October 19

VolunteerFest, held on Saturday, October 22, is a local celebration of National Make a Difference Day. This year is the 22nd year Volunteer Fairfax has presented this service opportunity designed to mobilize hundreds of volunteers to help nonprofits in our neighborhoods tackle projects large and small. The deadline to register is October 19, so for the best project selection, register today. [See a list of projects and to register to participate here.](#)

VOTE YES

Support Our Kids

MEALS TAX

INVEST IN FAIRFAX

The Meals Tax Referendum will be good for our schools and will generate much-needed income to strengthen our schools and provide for the future.

"To help fund public schools and refill county coffers, voters should support a meals tax at referendum"

-Washington Post endorsement, September 25, 2016

A broad coalition of stakeholders is in force to educate our community about this important opportunity. Get involved and spread the word in your neighborhood. Get active today! [Find more information here.](#)

Pledge to Vote YES on November 8!

Sponsored by Invest in Fairfax and the Fairfax County Council of PTAs.

Important Dates

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