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Longfellow Middle School PTA

PTA Meeting Follow Up

Thank you to everyone who attended the October PTA meeting. The general membership approved the following items:

- 2017-2018 PTA Budget
- May Meeting Minutes
- 2016-2017 Audit
- The appointment of April Wade Turk as the VP of Fundraising

Please save the next PTA meeting date on your calendar: Friday, November 17th at 9:30 a.m.

Coming This Wednesday – Longfellow Parent Presentation

**If I Could Have a Do-Over: A Father's Hard-Earned Lessons
About Cyberbullying, Depression, and Suicide**

Wednesday, October 25, 7 to 9 p.m. LMS 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 some of the warning signs that your child might be bullied, might be bullying, or might be a bystander. 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 the same day.

Send \$3 for Zinga



Zinga frozen yogurt will be sold for \$3 per serving at dismissal on October 27 and November 3.

Come Help the Eco Club!

Saturday, October 28, 12 to 4 p.m.

The Eco Club is sponsoring a community-wide clean up day on Saturday, October 28th from 12-4pm. We need parents and students to come help us weed and prune our gardens. Service hours will be provided for students. [Please sign up here](#) and come ready to get dirty!

Teacher Workday Breakfast

November 6

Parents, please help provide our teachers and staff breakfast during our next teacher workday on November 6. [Sign up here](#) to join us to set up, clean up, or donate food and supplies. Donations can be dropped off the morning of the breakfast between 7:00-7:15 a.m. in the Longfellow Lecture Hall. If you are unable to donate food, we are happy to take monetary donations and pick up what is needed. You can send a donation to treasurer@longfellowpta.org through PayPal and indicate that it is a hospitality donation. Thanks for your support in feeding our deserving teachers and staff.



Lancers at the Movies

Tuesday, November 7, 11:30 a.m. AMC Tysons Theater

Join your friends for a day at the movies on a teacher workday for only \$10 per ticket! We will see Thor: Ragnarok, a new PG-13 movie. This event is open to all Longfellow students, siblings, and parents. This is a private event -- the Longfellow PTA will rent the whole theater. [Buy your tickets here](#). Tickets will be sold **online only**. TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.

Please [email Jennifer Jackson](#) with any questions.

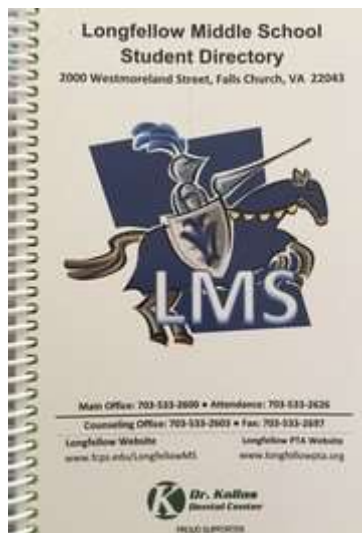
Many Thanks to Zeliha and Inci For A Successful Dinner



This past Wednesday the International Parents Network held a very successful potluck dinner for families of international students. Over sixty people attended including Principal Kihm and our new Assistant Principal Kevin Sami. Our international community is so special to the Longfellow community. Did you know that over 70 languages are spoken by families at Longfellow? If you would like more information about future events please [email Zeliha Onal](#) or [Inci Almedaroglu](#).

Check Your Email for Directory Verification

The verification process for this year's Student Directory has begun. You should have received an email on Wednesday, October 11th, and a reminder email on Thursday, October 19th, 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 Wednesday, October 25. Verification should only take a couple of minutes and once you complete the verification process, you will have access to the directory app. A printed directory will be distributed during Lancer Time in mid-November to students whose families joined the PTA. It's not too late to join the PTA and receive a free directory - you can join by visiting www.longfellowpta.org.

If you did not receive a verification email or have any other questions, please email the directory team at lms.ptadirectory@gmail.com. **To receive a free copy of the directory, be sure to join the Longfellow PTA.**

Questions? Please [email the directory team](#).

Shop for Longfellow with Shutterfly



It's never too early to start working on your holiday cards or to create personalized gifts! Please [visit our exclusive link here](#) to use any of Shutterfly's family of sites (Shutterfly, tiny prints, Wedding Paper Divas, BorrowLenses, GrooveBook, and MyPublisher). By using this link to do your shopping, you're helping to raise funds for our PTA without spending additional money. The Longfellow PTA will automatically receive a portion of the sale. Thank you for your support!

Special Education Support Groups, Workshops, Webinars, and Conferences

Are you looking for some ideas on how to better understand or help your child with a disability? [Use this link to the Fairfax County Special Education PTA](#) to find many upcoming events that are available in our area. They are free except where noted.

Community Service Hours for Students

This year's Nonprofit Fair was a great opportunity for students to meet various nonprofit organizations and to think about their 8th grade service learning projects. Students can [visit the PTA website](#) for the full list of organizations that

have attended the Nonprofit Fair over the past few years and for links to current volunteer opportunities at community organizations.

Here are a few current volunteer opportunities:

[Email Karen Growney](#) to help out at the **Westgate Fall Festival on Friday Oct 27 from 6 to 8 p.m.** You can work the entire night or work in shifts of 45 minutes.

[Visit the Buy Brick Foundation's website](#) to volunteer on **Saturday, October 28** to help with a local marathon held at Carderock, Maryland along the C&O Canal. Volunteers are needed at various points along the race. Rain or Shine.

[Sign up here](#) to volunteer at **Franklin Sherman's 5th Annual Monster Mash Dash 5K & Fun Run on Sunday October 29 at 8 a.m.** There are many race day volunteer opportunities to make this a safe and fun event, including many race marshals along the course to support the runners. [Find out more about the race here](#) or [email Kristie Helfrich](#).

Important Dates

October 25 – If I Could Have a Do-Over: A Father's Hard-Earned Lessons About Cyberbullying, Depression, and Suicide

October 27 – Zinga Yogurt Sales at Dismissal

November 3 – Zinga Yogurt Sales at Dismissal

November 3 – Students Released Two Hours Early

November 6&7 – Student Holiday

November 6 – Teacher Workday Breakfast

November 7 – Lancers at the Movies

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