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LMS PTA News

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Longfellow Middle School PTA

SCREENAGERS Movie at Longfellow

This is an event for the whole family

Monday, January 28, 6 p.m.
Lecture Hall

Are your teenagers spending too much time in front of screens? Wonder how this is affecting their development including the effects on the brain? SCREENAGERS is a movie developed by primary care physician and



documentary filmmaker [Dr. Delaney Ruston](#) as she identifies the issues and effects of too much screen time on our teens and their developing brains. Bring the entire family to this important movie event with a panel discussion immediately following the movie. SCREENAGERS is about the impact of the digital age on children and how to help them minimize harmful effects and find balance. After seeing the film, teens and parents feel more confident and better equipped to establish balance around screen time. Our panel discussion will include members of the school and local mental health community and offer insights and advice on how to minimize the impact of too much screen time on our teenagers. Come hear what people who work with our teens everyday are seeing in their practices and in our school community. This movie is appropriate for anyone age 10 and older.

We are offering to pre-order Domino's pizza and chicken to make it easier for families to attend. [Click here to pre-order](#) your dinner and show up anytime between 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. to eat before the movie. You do not want to miss this important movie and discussion.

For further information about SCREENAGERS, please [visit their website](#).

McLean PTSA Discussion About Growing Student Body

Wednesday, January 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
McLean High School Lecture Hall



Our children will be starting at McLean in the next few years. You may not be aware but McLean High School is currently over enrolled and will be the most overcrowded high school in all of Fairfax County by 2023. This directly affects all students at Longfellow that will be going to McLean.

Please see the message below from the Mclean PTSA for further information and meeting details:

Join us for the **McLean PTSA General Meeting on Wednesday, January 30th at 7 p.m.** in the Lecture Hall with the topic of Increased Enrollment at MHS with Janie Strauss, Dranesville District School Board Member, and Kevin Sneed, Special Projects Administrator of Capital Projects and Planning. Please join us to engage in this important conversation.

Prior to the meeting you may want to review [The Highlander Newsmagazine's](#)

[October issue](#), which reported, "with a total population of 2,252 students, the school exceeds its maximum capacity of 1,993 by over 250 students, producing a slew of structural problems for both students and faculty," including teachers who move carts from classroom to classroom, students' difficulty getting through hallways at passing time, and more trailers. In addition, [Monday's Tysons Reporter](#) said that overcrowding stands to continue in the coming years.

McLean resident and MHS parent Susan Garrahan note with data from the [FCPS Capital Improvement Program](#) draft proposal that "the freshman and sophomore classes are particularly large at 590 and 579 students, respectively. Future incoming classes are predicted to be equal in size to the current freshman class. In a few years, MHS is projected to be the most overcrowded high school in FCPS (at 126% of capacity)." See pp 62, 72-79, and 84-91, in particular, and specific plans to manage school capacity through additions, modulators or boundary changes on pp 42, 45, 46.

Support Excellence Campaign Update

Your donations have funded:

- New Technology, including Smart Boards for the classroom, a mobile computer lab with a cart and new laptops, replacement computers in the library – ***We have been able to give the school \$8,000 towards needed technology. We will be funding an additional \$7,900 toward partial technology needs at the end of January.***
- Grants for teachers – ***The Grant Committee allocated \$12,000 in grants to support teachers and students for the 2018-2019 school year***
- Stipends for teachers – ***We have already paid \$17,000 to 89 teachers this year.***
- Classroom supplies – ***Supported throughout the year***
- Textbooks – ***Funded in Fall 2018***
- Assignment books – ***Funded in Fall 2018***
- Teacher appreciation events – ***Supported throughout the year***
- Teacher and staff development programs – ***Supported throughout the***

year

- Support for students in need – ***Supported throughout the year***

To give you a sense of how much the Excellence Campaign matters to the school, please go online

to <http://bit.ly/ThankyouLMSPTA2018> and watch this video from LMS teachers discussing how they have benefited from PTA support.

We are very thankful for the generosity of the Longfellow Community and appreciate your [support](#).

Volunteers Needed for Curriculum Night

Thursday, February 7

Curriculum Night is our first chance to introduce parents of rising 7th graders to our wonderful Longfellow community! As always, we need a lot of volunteers and food donations to help the new parents feel welcome. We will be selling pizza, snacks and baked goods. **Your student can earn a community service hour by donating baked goods or snacks.** [Please see the Sign Up Genius](#) for more information and to sign up.

Valentine's Day – Teacher and Staff 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 9:30 a.m. the morning of the luncheon in the Food Lab. Thank you for your generosity.

Teen Trafficking – Free Program for Parents and Teens

Tuesday, January 29, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. McLean Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall 1020 Balls Hill Road, McLean

The Safe Community Coalition, in collaboration with the New Dominion Women's Club and the Women's Club of McLean, is bringing Just Ask Prevention Project for a free program for parents and teens on Teen Trafficking. This panel presentation by Just Ask Prevention Project with audience Q&A will address our teens' vulnerability to the imminent danger of human trafficking. Local experts will define Teen Trafficking, discuss what is happening locally and regionally, identify signs to look for, and suggest what to do about it.

FCAG Summer Camp Fair 2019

Sunday, February 16, 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.
McLean High School
Snow Date: February 23

- Nearly 40 **vendors** to answer your questions
- For elementary, middle, and high school students
- From local adventure day camps to overnight camps at prestigious campuses
- Camps for **STEM**, visual and performing **arts**, computer **technology**, **science**, **math** enrichment, **nature**, **sports**, and **leadership**
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