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Longfellow Middle School PTA

Support Excellence at Longfellow

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe the first quarter of school is already over. The PTA Board wants to thank our fantastic community for their donations of money, time and talents. Thanks to your generous donations the PTA has been able to provide breakfasts and lunches to our teachers, distribute stipend money for each teacher, provided funding for textbooks, and student planners. We will be providing grants to teachers and funding a portion of the technology goal very soon.

To reach our goal we still need to raise \$25,495 for the [Support for Excellence](#) campaign. By reaching our goal we will be able to purchase 5 new smartboards for the classrooms, new library computers and one mobile computer lab with 15 laptops.

How do these purchases directly affect your student? They will be purchased this year and will have an immediate impact on the classroom if we raise

enough money. The smartboards allow the teachers to bring interactive learning directly to the students. The new library computers will directly affect every student who utilizes homework club, and a new mobile cart equals another classroom where students won't have to share computers or wait their turn to use them.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to make a tax-deductible donation today.

Have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving. We at the PTA are thankful for all your support of Longfellow.

With Appreciation,
Jennifer Von Elm
PTA President

Holiday Cookie Buffet for Teachers and Staff

Please [sign up here](#) to bring a delicious home-baked sweet to help our Longfellow teachers and staff celebrate the holidays. Longfellow NJHS students can earn 1 service hour for baking a delicious treat. Please bring your donations to the Lecture Hall or front office on December 14th by 10:30 a.m. Please note that Friday, December 14th, is a 3-hour early release day.



Thank you and happy baking!

International Families Coffee



**Wednesday, December 5, 10:00 a.m.
Longfellow Lecture Hall**

Please join members of Longfellow staff and PTA for coffee and conversation.

Whether you are new to Fairfax County or to Longfellow Middle school, here is your opportunity to have all your questions answered in one setting. Members of staff and the PTA will be on hand for a

Questions and Answers session about the ins and outs of Longfellow Middle School.

Topics for discussion will include:

- Middle School credits that transfer to High School
- AAP Admittance
- TJ Applications
- After School Activities and Clubs
- Parent SIS Accounts
- My School Bucks
- Getting Involved

Please [email Mel Tillotson](#) if you have any questions.

Directories Available for PTA Members

If your family is a PTA member, your student should have received a school directory this week. If your student did not receive one, please first check with the front office. If you still cannot locate the directory, please email the directory chair at lms.ptadirectory@gmail.com.

All Longfellow families have access to the online directory by downloading the AtoZ School Directory App by following these three steps:



STEP 1 Search for the app using key words “AtoZ Connect”

STEP 2 Download the app to your phone

STEP 3 Login and enjoy!

Don't forget to delete the old app from your phone

Longfellow Love Needs Our Help



As Principal Kihm described at the most recent PTA meeting, we have more than 119 students at Longfellow whose families live at or below the poverty level. Children preparing meals for the family are faced with splitting a can of beans for dinner, while their parents are trying to make ends meet working at their jobs until all hours. During school, these students qualify for free or reduced lunch. During FCPS holidays

there is no free breakfast or lunch.

Thanks to the generosity of Longfellow families we are able to gift Safeway cards to each of these families before Thanksgiving break. However, the increase from 80 to 119 families in need has nearly depleted our funds. Please donate now to the Longfellow Love gift card fund so that we can support these families over the Winter Break.

There Are Multiple Ways to Donate

- [Click here to donate online](#),
- Drop off the checks written to Longfellow PTA in the Longfellow Love collection box in the front office, or
- Drop gift cards in the Longfellow love collection box in the front office.

NOTE: All donations are tax deductible contributions to the Longfellow PTA. ALL FUNDS go to the families for their personal expenses.

Yogurt Sales Return Next Spring



Thanks to all who purchased and enjoyed Zinga this fall. Yogurt sales will return in late March or early April as soon as the weather warms up.

Link to Longfellow on Amazon

[Use this link](#) every time you shop on Amazon and before adding items to your cart. Our school receives between 4 and 10 percent of the value of your Amazon purchases when you start your shopping through this Longfellow link.



Important Dates

November 21 through 23 – Thanksgiving Holiday
December 5 – International Families Coffee
December 14 – Holiday Cookie Buffet
December 24 through January 4 – Winter Break

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