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Longfellow Middle School PTA

Support Excellence at Longfellow

Dear Parents,

During this season of giving we are asking you today to please consider a **tax-deductible gift** to the Longfellow PTA [Support Excellence Campaign](#).

Your **tax-deductible gift** will help fund:

- New technology, including Smart Boards for the classroom, a mobile computer lab with a cart and new laptops, replacement computers in the library
- Grants and stipends for teachers
- Classroom supplies
- Textbooks
- Assignment books

- Teacher appreciation events
- Teacher and staff development programs
- Support for students in need

To fully fund these programs, we still need to raise \$22,000 for the [Support Excellence Campaign](#). We are asking families to contribute \$150 to meet our goal. We recognize this is not possible for every family and any donation is greatly appreciated.

You can [make your tax-deductible donation online](#) OR by sending a check payable to LMS PTA to: LMS PTA, 2000 Westmoreland Ave., Falls Church, VA 22043.

We are very thankful for the generosity of the Longfellow Community and appreciate your support.

If you have any questions, please contact April Wade Turk via email at vpfundraising.ptalms@gmail.com.

Thank you,

Your Longfellow PTA Board

The Book Fair is Coming!



December 3 through 7

Did you know? Reading just 20 minutes a day exposes your child to about 1.8 million words per year. Reading helps students develop a stronger vocabulary, and in addition, students who read for pleasure average higher grades in English, mathematics, science, and history!

Encourage your child to read books for fun by attending our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair. Allow your child to choose the books they want to read! It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level.

Students will attend the Book Fair during their English class to preview and purchase books. Students may also visit the Book Fair during lunch, and after school until 2:30 pm. Purchases can be made either in-school, online, and new this year, parents can create a "Book Fair eWallet" at: <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/longfellowms>

[Please sign up here to help](#) with finding books, crowd control, assisting cashiers, and bagging.

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.

Holiday Cookie Buffet for Teachers and Staff



Friday, December 14

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!

Longfellow Love Needs Our Help

We are still \$1,350 short of our goal in order to give gift cards to families for the winter break.

[Please Donate Here before next Friday, December 7th](#)

Did you know that we have 117 families at Longfellow that live at or below the poverty level?

What does winter break mean for these families? It means there is no free or reduced breakfast and lunch available to help student families get through the day, parents are working to make ends meet, faced with putting together a holiday meal as well as numerous other things that come with winter holidays.

We understand this is a busy time with lots of asks for giving, your donation goes directly to help the students affected in our Longfellow community.

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.

Angst: Raising Awareness Around Anxiety

An IndieFlix Original Documentary
Thursday, December 6 at 7 p.m.
McLean High School Auditorium

All teens experience some amount of anxiety – it's a normal reaction to stress.



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But when temporary worries or fears become pervasive and interfere with relationships, schoolwork and health, anxiety disorders are at play. Anxiety disorders are highly common and highly treatable, yet most who suffer don't seek assistance. How can we as a community recognize the signs of this mental health epidemic and what resources are available? In their yearlong focus on youth anxiety, the Safe Community Coalition, in conjunction with the McLean High School PTSA, is hosting a free showing of the IndieFlix Original Film *Angst: Raising Awareness Around Anxiety* on Thursday, December 6 at 7 p.m. in the McLean High School auditorium. This important, eye-opening documentary features students affected by anxiety, mental health professionals and Olympic athlete and mental health advocate Michael Phelps in opening up the conversation and providing hope around a topic many find difficult to discuss.

Following the movie, a panel of mental health professionals from McLean High School and the community will lead a panel discussion and question and answer session to provide further information.

This event is free and recommended for 6th grade and up and is expected to be well attended.

Share What You Think ...



about class sizes, technology, curriculum, advanced academics, special education, and more. The Fairfax County Council PTA has created an online survey in multiple languages (English, Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese, Chinese, Arabic, and Urdu) to solicit the opinions of parents, students, and FCPS employees. All responses are anonymous.

[Click here to take the survey TODAY](#). Survey closes on December 7th.

Questions? Contact Matt Dunne, vp.advocacy@fccpta.org.

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

December 3 through 7 – Book Fair

December 5 – International Families Coffee

December 6 – *Angst* Documentary and Discussion

December 14 – Holiday Cookie Buffet

December 24 through January 4 – Winter Break

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