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# LMS PTA News and Events

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## We are **THANKFUL** for your support!

**As we enter the holiday season, we are giving THANKS for you and the Support Excellence Campaign!** So far this year we have raised \$22,600 (through donations, spirit wear sales and restaurant nights), and although we

still have a way to go, the LMSPTA has been able to fund some very important initiatives that directly impact Longfellow students. ***We could not do this without your generosity and are thankful for every [donation!](#)***

If you have not had the chance to donate, or want to give again, please consider doing so **[TODAY](#)**. We are committed to hitting our goal to fund the remainder of the initiatives on our list including ***teacher stipends, teacher grants, and technology before the end of the year.***

From the bottom of our hearts, **THANK YOU!**

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## Fairfax County Public Schools Boundary Meeting December 7 at 6:30 pm

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Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) is hosting a virtual boundary study meeting.

**Monday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m.**

To join the meeting, please use this **[link](#)**.

From the feedback from last years meeting the FCPS Board approved expanding the boundary scope to include the boundaries for Longfellow Middle School and Cooper Middle School as well as McLean High School and Langley High School.

FCPS staff will present information and provide options for the community to consider. After the presentation, community members will work in virtual breakout rooms to share feedback on those options. The feedback will be collected and shared with the School Board.

Learn more about the meetings and boundary adjustment process **[here](#)**.

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## Save the Date - PTA Meeting & Guest Speaker - December 9

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The next PTA meeting is  
December 9th at 7:30 pm.



## LMS PTA Meeting & Guest Speaker

Join **Dr. Patrick and the PTA for the last meeting of 2020**. The meeting starts at 7:30 pm and will be immediately followed at 7:50 by our guest speaker.

**Kelly Rankin, FCPS Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist for the Langley and McLean Pyramids**, serves as a resource for students and parents interested in finding out more information on substance use or discussing concerns of use and addiction.

Kelly holds a Masters in Social Work from George Mason University and is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. She is a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor (CSAC) in the Commonwealth of Virginia. She has been working in the field of substance abuse and mental health with both adults and adolescents since 2007. Kelly worked at Phoenix House as a Program Director of the women's residential facility from 2011-2017, then moved to treating adults in an outpatient setting from 2017-2018. After witnessing the opioid epidemic destroy families, and patients overdosing, she made the decision to work with Fairfax County Public Schools as a Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist

For more information, here is a link to her [flyer](#).

### **Event details:**

This event will take place via WebEx.

[Registration](#) for this webinar is required. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

Please note:

- After you register you will receive a calendar invite for the meeting from the Longfellow PTA Secretary
- The email will include a link to join the event on Wednesday evening
- Please login a few minutes prior to the meeting - you may need to download a browser extension for the program if you have never used WebEx before

***We are looking forward to this meeting and hope you can join us.***

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## Mark Your Calendar December 16th - Pie-tanza "Give Back" Day

[www.pie-tanza.com](http://www.pie-tanza.com)

**pie-tanza**  
gourmet wood-fired pizza  
& italian fare

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**Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Pie-tanza "Give Back" Day**  
**15% of your guest check donated to LMS**

**Lunch & Dinner**  
**11:30am – 9:00pm**

Show this flier on your smart-phone or just  
tell your Server or Cashier you are here for  
Longfellow M.S. Fundraiser.

**LMS** **Dine-in, Curbside**  
**Carry-out**

Call Ahead for  
Carry-Out  
703.237.0200

Lee Harrison  
Shopping Center  
2503B N. Harrison St.  
Arlington, VA 22207

## Directory

The directory is now available to **ALL LMS Families** through Memberhub. To set up your profile on the directory:



- Please go to the – [Join Longfellow Memberhub](#) and follow the directions on the page to set up your family's profile.
- If you joined the LMS PTA and have set up a profile for your family, you

do not need to sign up again. You can use [this link](#) to verify you have a profile set up for the 2020-2021 school year.

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## LONGFELLOW LOVE HOLIDAY GIFT CARD DRIVE – DONATE NOW – SUPPORT OUR STUDENT FAMILIES IN NEED!

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Thank you to those who have signed up to donate gift cards for our "Longfellow Love" Student Assistance Program. We now have 131 Longfellow student families who live at, or below, the poverty level. So far, we have received 15 donation sign-ups from the 1,336 Longfellow student-families of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders for the Winter Holiday Break Drive. This is a very busy time, please take a moment to consider contributing to this important community effort.

These student-families need our help more than ever. Please click [HERE](#) to sign-up to donate \$25 or \$50 gift cards to Safeway, Target, or Walmart for Longfellow Middle School families-in-need.

### **There are three ways you can purchase gift cards:**

1. Go to a Safeway, Target, or Walmart store and purchase gift card(s) for \$25 or \$50.
2. Go online to [Target Gift Cards](#) or [Walmart Gift Cards](#) and purchase "plastic gift card(s)" to be sent directly to Tara Fortune at Longfellow Middle School.
3. Go online to [Target Gift Cards](#) or [Walmart Gift Cards](#) and purchase "electronic gift card(s)", print out the paper copy, and mail/drop off to Tara Fortune at Longfellow Middle School.

**Donated gift cards can be dropped off or mailed to:** Tara Fortune Longfellow Middle School 2000 Westmoreland Street Falls Church, VA 22043

***Gift cards are needed by December 7th.*** Let's show our fellow Lancers some love this holiday season because Lancers are Stronger Together! **Questions?** Contact Longfellow Love chair Emma Blankenbaker

at [eblankenbaker@verizon.net](mailto:eblankenbaker@verizon.net)

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## Safe Community Coalition Rolls Out Managing the Moments Video Series

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The Safe Community Coalition has launched a series of short videos for the community featuring the psychologists, psychiatrists and social workers of the SCC's mental health committee.



The short segments, approximately 10 minutes each, touch on a wide variety of topics designed to help parents and students in dealing with a range of issues, from younger children's challenges staying focused while distance learning to effective communication strategies when families feel the strain of too much togetherness.

The first six videos include:

- Deescalating Conflict
- Effective Communication
- How to Talk to Your Parents
- Brain Breaks During Distance Learning
- Self Care and Calming Techniques
- How Are You?

Additional videos will be rolling out in the weeks to come.

All videos and any accompanying tip sheets are free and available on the SCC website, [mcleanscc.org](http://mcleanscc.org).

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## Dranesville District - FCPS School Board Member Newsletter

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**School Board Member Elaine Tholen**



## Newsletter

Here is a [link](#) to the latest email newsletter. It included a variety of news and resources for families and students

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## Have you started your Holiday shopping? Need school supplies? Shop Amazon to support LMS PTA!

**amazon**smile [Use this link](#) - to set up your AmazonSmile account to shop and donate to Longfellow Middle School.

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## A New Way to Raise Money for US!

**We've joined CauseNetwork and want to invite you to join too!**

CauseNetwork is a new kind of marketplace where **up to 10%** of every purchase supports the LMS community. There are over 1,000 participating stores, including many of the brand names you know and love. You can shop to support in 2 ways:



1. Click the SHOP buttons on our new website:

<http://longfellowpta.causenetwork.com>

2. Use our new Mobile App: <http://longfellowpta.causenetwork.com/mobile>

Learn more about CauseNetwork and join the movement by visiting

<http://longfellowpta.causenetwork.com!>

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## Like us on Facebook!



## Important Dates

- **Wednesday, December 9** - PTA Meeting & Kelly Rankin , FCPS Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist for the Langley and McLean Pyramids
- **Wednesday, December 16** - Pie-tanza "Give Back" DAY
- **Wednesday, January 13** – PTA Meeting & Webinar: Practical Ways to Survive and Thrive with Virtual Learning - Ann Dolin

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