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## LMS PTA News and Events

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### Longfellow Middle School PTA

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## Important Dates

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- **Tuesday, February 16 - NEW** Bell Schedule
- **Wednesday, February 17** – PTA Meeting & Guest Speaker - 7:30 pm
- **Friday, February 26 - [Sign up](#)** - Virtual Bingo Night & Raffle - **LOTS OF PRIZES!**
- **Wednesday, March 10 - SAVE THE DATE** - Dominos Pizza Night
- **Wednesday, March 17** – PTA Meeting & Guest Speaker - 7:30 pm

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## Save the Date - PTA Meeting & Guest Speaker - February 17

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# LMS PTA Meeting & Guest Speaker

The next PTA meeting is  
February 17th at 7:30 pm.

Join **Dr. Patrick** and the PTA for our upcoming meeting.

## Schedule:

- 7:30 pm - Meeting will start
- 7:50 pm - Update from **Dr. Patrick**
- 8:05 pm - Guest Speaker - **Marissa Brooks , Director of Student Services**

Marissa Brooks, **Director of Student Services**, will present and answer questions regarding next year for **both rising 8th graders and rising 9th graders**. Mrs. Brooks has extensive middle and high school experience. This is your opportunity to get all your questions answered and help your student achieve success at the next level.

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## 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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## Be a Teacher's Valentine!

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Let's Celebrate the Season by Celebrating our  
Teachers & Staff!!!

Please take a moment and post a virtual Valentine to teachers and staff using the links below.

You or your child will be able to post a thank you by using the following links. To add a comment, image, link or note, click on the pink plus (+) sign on each Padlet.

- [7th Grade Teacher Appreciation](#)
- [8th Grade Teacher Appreciation](#)
- [Staff Appreciation](#)

Say thank you, share a quote, or post a picture. You can address a post directly to a teacher or staff member or send a general note. Please feel free (and encouraged) to post multiple Valentine's.

Examples:

“A good teacher can inspire hope: ignite the imagination and instill the love of learning.”

*"Thank you Dr. Patrick for all you do for LMS" - The Smith Family*

**Please post by February 12th so teachers and staff can enjoy the celebration over the weekend.** If you have questions, please send an email to [communications.ptalms@gmail.com](mailto:communications.ptalms@gmail.com).

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## Don't Miss Out on this FUN Event & LOTS of Prizes

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VIRTUAL VALENTINE TO SAY



TO TEACHERS & STAFF



**VIRTUAL BINGO NIGHT**

5 GAMES = LOTS OF PRIZES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**FEBRUARY 26TH AT 7PM**

THERE IS NO COST TO PLAY AND TO WIN PRIZES

[CLICK HERE AND SIGN UP FOR A FUN NIGHT](#)

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**RAFFLE**

MORE WAYS TO WIN WITH OUR RAFFLE.

RAFFLE ENTRIES ARE \$20 EACH OR 3 ENTRIES FOR \$50

AMAZING PRIZES INCLUDING A NINTENDO SWITCH

ALL RAFFLE PROCEEDS WILL HELP THE LMS PTA TO SUPPORT STUDENTS, TEACHER HOSPITALITY AND APPRECIATION

## We Need Volunteers



### Current Openings

**President-Elect** - The PTA is looking for a President-Elect to work with the current President and executive committee for the remainder of the year to take over for next year.

**8th Grade Party** - We are looking for parents to

plan a special celebration for our 8th Graders at the end of the school year.

**Nominating Committee** - We need volunteers to serve on the nominating committee to help recruit PTA leaders for next year.

If you are interested in helping with any of these roles please contact the PTA President, Karen Leiser, at [President.PTALMS@gmail.com](mailto:President.PTALMS@gmail.com).

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## PTA Executive Board 2021/2022

**We begin recruiting for the 2021/2022 PTA by advertising our open board positions.**

*Our open PTA board positions include VP of Communications, VP of Fundraising, Secretary and President-elect. The PTA has a long tradition of supporting Longfellow teachers, staff and students with diverse programming and community outreach.*

Please contact Karen Leiser at [president.ptalms@gmail.com](mailto:president.ptalms@gmail.com) to discuss any of the above openings.

**Not interested in the board? Be on the look out in March for all our open committee positions. There is a role for everyone.**

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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 return to school update and McLean High School boundary adjustment.



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## Help us give back!

**Donate** today and watch your contribution go *directly back to students and teachers* at Longfellow through *educational initiatives and technology improvements*.



**All donations are 100% tax deductible.** We have raised \$22,000 (52% of our goal).

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## Virtual Parent Education Series on Substance Abuse Prevention

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**Kelly Rankin, LCSW, CSAC**

**Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist**

**Langley and McLean Pyramid**

**[Krankin@fcps.edu](mailto:Krankin@fcps.edu)**

McLean High School PTSA is offering a three-part Parent Education Series on Substance Abuse Prevention in collaboration with the FCPS Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist, Kelly Rankin. The three-part series will provide 20-minute education sessions for parents to learn about the development of the teenage brain, impact of drugs on its development, and become aware of the current drug trends. These series are available to the entire McLean pyramid and their communities.



Our main goal is to build awareness and arm parents with the knowledge and tools to identify early signs of substance use disorder, how you can play an important role in prevention, and how to have a conversation with your child about addiction.

Part 1 - Teenage Brain: Building Connections on **February 25, 2021** at noon and 7pm

Part 2 - Drugs and the Teenage Brain on **March 25, 2021** at noon and 7pm

Part 3 - Drug Trends: Identifying Common Household Items and Drug Culture on **April 22, 2021** at noon and 7pm


A Blackboard Collaborate meeting link will be sent in a reminder email on the day of the session. Use this link to join the session. No registration necessary. These live sessions allow parents to ask questions and accommodate up to

250 participants. Recorded sessions will be available the day after the live sessions on our website [www.mcleanptsa.org](http://www.mcleanptsa.org)

*Kelly Rankin 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, [see the flyer](#).*

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## Need school supplies? Shop Amazon to support LMS PTA!

 [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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