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## LMS PTA News and Events

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### Longfellow Middle School PTA

## Coffee & Conversation

Thursday, February 20th at  
10:00 a.m.

Longfellow Middle School

*Please join Principal Kihm and the PTA as we sponsor our first coffee and conversation with, **Elaine Tholen, Dranesville School Board***

**representative.** Elaine was elected last fall as our new school board representative and is already advocating for several issues of importance to our school community. This is your opportunity to get updates on the proposed school budget, results of recent work by consultants regarding the advanced academic program, status of potential boundary changes between McLean High School and Langley High School as well as an opportunity to speak about



issues of importance to you. **We will have a very brief PTA meeting, under five minutes to take a vote for our nomination committee members, so they can begin recruiting for next year.**

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## Valentine's Day Chili Luncheon – February 14TH – We Are Still Looking For A Few Homemade Chilies, & Volunteers!



**Our next PTA Hospitality event is THIS Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Every year for Valentine's Day, we host a crock pot chili luncheon.** This is one of the teacher's favorite lunches. Please consider providing items or your time to help us make this luncheon a success -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4FA8AE2EABFA7-valentines3>.

Donations should be dropped off by 9:30 a.m. in the front office or food lab. If you are dropping off Chili, please make sure your crock pot has your name on it, and please provide a note stating what type of Chili you made. Thank you for your generosity. We will wash all of the crock pots and leave in the front office.

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## CPR TRAINING - Volunteers NEEDED - THIS THURSDAY

For the second year in a row, Longfellow will be hosting a school wide hands only CPR training THIS Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. The training is going to be led by members of the Gwyneth's Gift Foundation <https://www.gwynethsgift.org/>. The intention of this training is to empower our student body with the lifesaving skill of hands only CPR.

Last year we were able to train the majority of our student body and were recognized as the first school in the state to be considered heart safe.

In order to successfully facilitate a training of this magnitude, we would greatly appreciate your assistance. Not only will you be assisting students as they



learn hands only CPR, but you will also have the opportunity to be trained. If you would like to sign up to volunteer, please use the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094EA4AA28ABFC1-cprtraining>

Should you have any questions please contact:

Amanda Creeden

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Health and PE

[amcreeden@fcps.edu](mailto:amcreeden@fcps.edu)

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## Spring Spirit Wear Pop Up Shop

Pop-up  
**SHOP**

**Now Open!**

Stock up on your favorite spirit wear items - socks, hats, hoodies and t-shirts. Check out our new t-shirt colors – Navy and Granite, as well as car magnets for \$5. ***Items will be delivered to Longfellow the weeks of February 24 and March 16.***

[Place your order here.](#)

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## Attention 8TH Grade Parents

For anyone interested in helping out with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade party in June, please join us on **Sunday, Feb 16 @ 6pm at El Tio's (1433 Center St, McLean)** to learn more about ways to get involved, meet some other LMS parents, and have some

fun. Any and all volunteer commitments welcome! Also, if anyone with an interest and/or talent in marketing/sales would like to volunteer, the planning committee could use your help as a co-chair or member of our marketing/ticket sales sub-committee. Please contact Stephanie Anglin ([anglins@aol.com](mailto:anglins@aol.com)) or Lisa Fraser ([coreylisa2002@yahoo.com](mailto:coreylisa2002@yahoo.com)) with any questions.



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## Save the Date - 8th Grade Party

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**8TH GRADE PARTY**



WEDNESDAY JUNE 10, 2020

LONGFELLOW MS

7-9:30PM

MORE DETAILS TO COME

## Support Excellence Campaign - Magnets Are Available For Pick-up

Thank you to the families that have contributed to the **Support Excellence** program. Your **generous contributions** have enabled the PTA to directly support the students, teachers and the Longfellow community.

*Car magnets will be delivered to those who contributed \$150 or more. **Magnets can be picked up in the front office at LMS.***



Please consider a **tax-deductible donation** to the PTA so we can fully **Support Excellence** at Longfellow. [Click here](#) to make your tax-deductible donation.

## CAREER DAY



Dear Longfellow Community,

You are cordially invited to attend Longfellow Middle School's first Career Day! The event will be held on the morning of **Tuesday, April 21, 2020**. We hope that you will strongly consider participating as a presenter.

If you would like to participate as a presenter (and we hope you will!), please complete the [Google registration form](#) by clicking here. Participants will receive an email confirmation within one week of submitting the registration form.

Please forward this information to other professionals who may be interested in presenting, as our goal is to have a wide array of careers represented to expose students to as many professions as possible.

We appreciate your participation and support to help make our first Career Day

a success! If you have additional questions, please email Shannon Lopynski-[salopynski@fcps.edu](mailto:salopynski@fcps.edu).

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## FRENCH EXCHANGE PROGRAM



Our 2020 exchange program with our sister French school is taking shape thanks to our hosting families and students already enrolled to travel to France. We still have about 10 French students in need of a family, so if you are interested or know someone interested, please go to our website <https://www.alacartetravel.com/longfellow-france-2020> for information and to enroll. The French students are coming the week after Spring Break, and then we will travel to France in June to visit famous places, experience the culture, and spend a few days with a French family.

### Dates:

Hosting: Sunday, April 12 - Monday, April 20 2020

Trip to France: Monday, June 15 - Wednesday, June 24 2020

**Different options:** you can host a student, and then travel to France to stay with your host student. Or you can host, but not travel to France. Or if you are not hosting, you can still go to France and spend a few days of the trip with a French family from our sister school. You do not need to speak French to participate in this exchange program, as the French students and their family have some knowledge of English.

Parents can join the trip, or pick up their child in France at the end of the trip, our travel agent can make arrangements for us.

To learn more, view the itineraries in France and in the US, and sign up to host and to travel, visit <https://www.alacartetravel.com/longfellow-france-2020>, or contact Madame Barrau at [cbarrau@fcps.edu](mailto:cbarrau@fcps.edu).

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## FCCPTA Executive Board Opportunities

The window of opportunity to seek a nomination or recommendation for the Fairfax County Council PTA Executive Board is quickly closing.

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/fccpta2020> by February 14 to help form a vibrant team of Fairfax County Council PTA (FCCPTA) leaders. Either apply to serve,

or refer a leader who may have been overlooked.

The FCCPTA is looking in particular for applicants interested in serving as Reflections chair, Budget chair, School Health Advisory Committee representative, Fairfax County Citizen Corps Council representative, or as a Family Life Education Curriculum Advisory Committee representative.



The FCCPTA strives to work with local PTAs and the community at large to provide our children with the highest quality educational environment and opportunities available. With your dedication and leadership, the FCCPTA will continue to be a powerful voice for all children; a relevant resource for families and communities; and a strong advocate for the education, health, and well-being of every child.

Jason V. Morgan, who is finishing up his second term as FCCPTA budget chair, told us that he started serving as FCCPTA budget chair to help make sure the schools have the money they need to provide an excellent education to our children and to help ensure that the schools spend the money entrusted to them wisely. In this role, he elicited ideas, educated members, and got involved in a number of projects such as surveying members about their thoughts on school calendars, moderating panels, and helping local PTAs through difficult deliberations. To learn more about his role and other roles on the FCCPTA, contact Jason at [budget@fccpta.org](mailto:budget@fccpta.org).

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## Shop Amazon and other retailers to support LMS PTA!

**SHOP TO  
SUPPORT**

Help the PTA Earn Free Money  
While You Shop!

[BY CLICKING HERE](#)

Our school receives over \$7,000 each year in donations from the grocery card and shopping programs. Just through our shopping parents!

*Glant was one of our largest programs, though they ended their school program this year. This will impact our fundraising for the 2019-2020 school year.*

Fortunately there are many other retailers like Amazon who still support

schools. Please take advantage of these and encourage your friends and relatives to do the same.

**Every purchase counts! Thank you!**

Like us on Facebook!



## Important Dates

- **Friday, February 14** - Valentine's Day Chili Luncheon - See note above
- **Thursday, February 20 @ 10:00 a.m.** - *Coffee & Conversation* with - Elaine Tholen, Dranesville School Board representative
- **Friday, March 20** - Longfellow vs. Copper Basketball Game - **SAVE THE DATE**
- **Wednesday, June 10** - 8th Grade Party - **SAVE THE DATE**

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