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## LMS PTA News and Events

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### Longfellow Middle School PTA

## Valentine's Day Chili Luncheon – February 14th – Food & Volunteers needed!

Our next PTA Hospitality event is on 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>.

8th-grade students can earn 1 service hour by providing a **homemade** dessert or salad. Please be sure to have your student pick up a service hour verification slip in the front office. Donations should be dropped off by 9:30

a.m. in the front office or food lab. Thank you for your generosity.

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## PTA Executive Board 2020/2021



We begin recruiting for the 2020/2021 PTA by advertising our open board positions. The great news is four of our board members are returning next year, while several of our board members age out of Longfellow. *Our open PTA board positions include VP of Programs, President-elect and treasurer. The PTA has a long tradition of supporting Longfellow teachers, staff and students with diverse programming and community outreach.* Please contact Jennifer Von Elm at [president.ptalms@gmail.com](mailto:president.ptalms@gmail.com) and Karen Leiser at [KALeiser@leiserlaw.com](mailto:KALeiser@leiserlaw.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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## Are you a cellular/Wifi expert? LMSPTA Needs Your Help

Due to a recent change in FCPS policy, *the LMSPTA can no longer use the school's WiFi to process financial transactions.* As you probably know, cellular service at the school is not the best. We need a reliable method of connecting to the Internet on campus so we can continue to take credit card payments at school events.



**If you are an IT/telecom whiz, we need your help to find a solution. Please contact Jennifer Von Elm at [president.ptalms@gmail.com](mailto:president.ptalms@gmail.com). We are grateful for your help!**

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## 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).

## Spring Spirit Wear 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.](#)

## NEW! LONGFELLOW/WESTMORELAND TRAFFIC SAFETY TASK FORCE



Some Longfellow parents are organizing a task force of concerned parents and citizens to address the issue of traffic and pedestrian safety on Westmoreland Street by the Longfellow Middle School. Many kids jaywalk across that busy street every morning and afternoon to get to and from school, which is very dangerous. Some of you may not be aware, but a student was struck by a car on the first morning back to school in January.

Thankfully the student is going to be okay, but this is a tragedy waiting to happen. While the official position is for the kids to walk down to the intersection at Kirby and cross with the crossing guard, most teenagers are not going to walk 10 minutes out of their way when they can cross the street in 10 seconds instead. Principal Kihm has requested and been turned down for a crosswalk multiple times, but she is only one person. The goal of the task force will be to analyze the problem, come up with potential solutions, and lobby the appropriate leaders and agencies to get it accomplished. There is power in numbers and we would like to start a list of members who are willing to add your name to this effort. If you would like to join the task force or receive updates on the issue, please contact Karen Leiser at [kaleiser@leiserlaw.com](mailto:kaleiser@leiserlaw.com) or 703-328-1206.

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## CPR TRAINING - Volunteers Needed

For the second year in a row, Longfellow will be hosting a school wide hands only CPR training on 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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## ATTENTION 8TH GRADE PARENTS

**SAVE THE DATE**



**8TH GRADE PARTY**  
**WEDNESDAY JUNE 10, 2020**  
**LONGFELLOW MS**  
**7-9:30PM**  
**MORE DETAILS TO COME**

## Support Excellence Campaign - Magnets

**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 will be available for pick up in the office next week.***



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**.

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

Help the PTA Earn Free Money  
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**SHOP TO  
SUPPORT**

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!



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# Important Dates

- **Friday, February 14** - Valentine's Day Chili Luncheon - See note above
- **Friday, March 20** - Longfellow vs. Copper Basketball Game - **SAVE THE DATE**
- **Wednesday, June 10** - 8th Grade Party - **SAVE THE DATE**

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