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LMS PTA News and Events

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Longfellow Middle School PTA

Farewell Principal Kihm

The PTA has worked on a plan to send Principal Kihm into retirement. We really wanted to hold a community event, but like everything else this spring, we had to come up with alternative plans. Many thanks to those in the community who sent in your ideas. ***Please know they were all heard. In the end, we came up with three ways to honor Principal Kihm.***

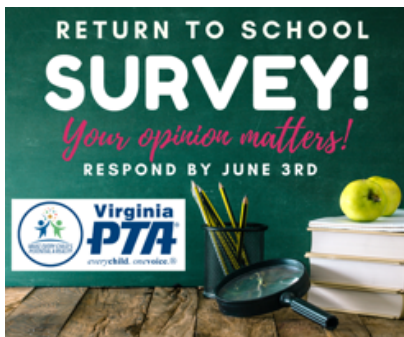
- You have read the emails about our farewell book. We are going to **extend the deadline one last time to Wednesday, June 3rd.** Please share you memories, pictures and thoughts as a parent, student or teacher/staff member. Send them to principalkihmretires@gmail.com.
- **The PTA purchased two Adirondack Chairs for her retirement house on Hilton Head Island, SC.** One of the chairs will have a plaque honoring her time at Longfellow. We hope Principal Kihm

and her husband sit in them often and remember their time with her extended family, the Longfellow Community.

- Principal Kihm began her career at Longfellow as it was about to undergo a major renovation. She fought hard to have the lecture hall added to the renovation plans. There have been countless assemblies, open houses, band, orchestra and choral concerts and many community events in this important room. We will be asking FCPS to name the lecture hall after Principal Kihm. This process starts with a request to our school board representative, Elaine Tholen. This request will be made next week. If you would like to help with or lead this endeavor, please contact Jennifer Von Elm at jennifer.vonelm@gmail.com.



Planning for Fall Survey



The last several months have brought unprecedented change for our education system. As we look forward to the fall, we recognize that traditional in-person instruction could be interrupted again as a result of the pandemic.

Last week, the [CDC announced guidelines for schools](#) that are intended to create a safe learning environment for students. We recognize that many of the proposals substantially change the face of education, place additional burdens on school staff and budgets and influence core aspects of the traditional educational model that supports student success.

In order to best advocate for the needs of our PTA members and students across the state, please take a minute to share your thoughts with us about your family's experience with distance learning so far and what you hope to see happen this fall.

Please note, that this survey is **ONLY** for PTA MEMBERS WHO LIVE IN VIRGINIA.

The survey will close on JUNE 3rd.

[Link to Survey](#)

If you have questions/concerns about this survey please email Advocacy@vapta.org.

The LMS PTA Needs Your Talents and Time

The Longfellow Middle School PTA is seeking parents who would like to help chair the following committees for the coming school year.

- Reflections
- Business/Merchant Partnerships
- Locker Organizers
- Parent Program Coordinator
- School Tours
- Website Coordinator
- Newsletter Assistant
- Lancer at the movies



We are also looking for people to help co-chair the following programs with the current co-chairs:

- Directory/Membership
- Grants Program
- Open House
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Spirit Wear

And we can always use more volunteers on our Hospitality committee to provide food and treats to the teachers.

If any of these positions sound interesting to you, please contact Karen Leiser

at President.PTALMS@gmail.com, to learn more about them.

READ THE LEAD



Longfellow's student newspaper has gone online!
You can find us at www.lmslongfellowlead.com.

Current articles were drawn from the January issue, but soon, new articles will begin to show up.

Check out our online format. And send any tips for article ideas my way at alduggan@fcps.edu

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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.

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