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# It's Time to Think About School!

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## Welcome to the 2018-2019 Longfellow Community

Welcome to the wonderful Longfellow community where inspiring excellence is a tradition.

**Congratulations** to the entire Longfellow community for winning the **2018 Governor's Award for Educational Excellence**. Longfellow has earned this honor for 10 of the last eleven years. It is one of 14 schools in Virginia to receive

this honor for 2018. The entire community, including our parents, had a role in this achievement.

The Longfellow PTA is proud to contribute to our community through our dedicated parents who volunteer at PTA events, lend their talents in numerous ways, and support the PTA through their generous donations.

Our **2018 Support Excellence Campaign** looks to provide grants for the teachers, purchase classroom supplies, replace library computers, provide teacher appreciation events throughout the year, replace five smart boards, and host speakers for parents on topics important to our community. We hope to raise \$60,000 to fully fund all of these programs. To reach that goal we are asking each family to contribute \$150, if possible, and donations of any size are appreciated.

I look forward to meeting many families throughout the year and I can be reached at [president.ptalms@gmail.com](mailto:president.ptalms@gmail.com). Together we can inspire and support excellence at Longfellow.

Warm Regards,

Jennifer Von Elm, PTA President



## Get Ready for Open House

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school at the Longfellow Open Houses!

- August 21, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. – 7th Grade Open House
- August 22, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. – 8th Grade Open House

By now you should have received a packet of information from the school with

everything you need to know to be ready. At the Open Houses your students will receive their schedule and locker number with combination. With their schedules in hand, students will be able to:

- practice opening their lockers
- walk through their school day schedules
- pick up the locker shelf you purchased online
- purchase spirit wear
- buy Zinga! frozen yogurt (bring cash)
- check out the after school clubs and programs

Make sure to bring cash for yogurt. Checks and credit cards will be accepted for spirit wear and locker shelves. In the meantime, get all of your PTA business done online by clicking the links below or [by visiting our new website](#):

[Join the PTA and Donate to Support Excellence at Longfellow](#)

[Buy a Locker Shelf](#)

[Link to Amazon for Back-to-School Shopping](#)

[Link Your Grocery Accounts](#)

It takes lots of hands to make Open House Successful! [Please sign up here to help out](#).

### Help Your Student Start the Year with an Organized Locker

Help your student get and stay organized with a locker shelf that has been demonstrated in our school lockers. These shelves are easy to install and are guaranteed to fit like built-in shelving. All proceeds will be used to directly support our teachers, students, staff and administration. [Order a Locker Shelf Here](#).



### Stock up on LMS Hoodies and T's at Open House

Come to Open House ready to shop! Our newly-designed T-shirts, long sleeve shirts, pajama pants and hoodies are great for everyone in the family! Check back here for our Spirit Wear Pop Up Shops later in the year.

Questions? Email [Traci Ball](#) or [Marie Coleman](#)

### Important Dates

Monday, August 20 – Back-to-School Breakfast for Teachers  
 Tuesday, August 21 – 7th Grade Open House  
 Wednesday, August 22 – 8th Grade Open House  
 Thursday, August 23 – 7th Grade Orientation  
 Tuesday, August 28 – First Day of School  
 Monday, September 3 – Student Holiday, Labor Day  
 Wednesday, September 5 – Back-to-School Night  
 Friday, September 7 – Friday Yogurt Sales begin  
 Friday, September 14 – PTA Meeting followed by Principal's Coffee

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