Save the Date

March
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins
10 PTA Meeting LLC 7:00 pm
19 Parent Night All Day Kindergarten at Whittier School PM
20 Market Day pickup 3:00-4:00 pm
21 Spring Fling 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm
24 All Day Kindergarten online Registration open at 8:00 am
30 April 3 NO SCHOOL – Spring Break

April
14 PTA Meeting 7:00 pm LLC
17 International Night
23 5th grd Step Up Day at Franklin
24 Tree Planting Ceremony AM

Market Day pickup 3:00-4:00 pm

Deadline for April 6 newsletter is Thursday, March 26 at NOON

From The Principal’s Desk

Dear Longfellow Families,

Spring will officially arrive on March 20th! The warm temperatures can’t be too far behind!! I hope you all have a wonderful spring break! Remember our last day before spring break is Friday, March 27th and we return to school on Monday, April 6th. Two orchestra members, violinists Aaron Lamb and Emma Beausoliel, represented Longfellow School at the Illinois Grade School Music Association Solo Festival on Saturday, February 21 at Avery Coonley School in Downers Grove. Both Aaron and Emma performed solos for judges and received top marks, with extra credit for memorization. Congratulations to Aaron and Emma!

March also brings the required Illinois State Tornado Drill. Longfellow students will participate in the drill on Tuesday, March 3 at 10:00am with the state. The students will move to the safe area in the building assigned to their classroom and get in the “duck and cover” position. We have recently updated our safe areas in the school with the help of Wheaton Fire Chief Bill Schultz utilizing many of our interior rooms on the first floor. While we hope that we will never have to use all of the knowledge we have in keeping safe, it is a great feeling to know how well prepared our students are for these events.

The new PARCC testing is beginning this month for our third through fifth graders. Testing begins on Wednesday, March 11 and runs through March 18th with make-up testing occurring March 19-24. Please make sure that your child is in attendance and on time each day, as testing will begin promptly at 9:30 AM. If your child arrives after testing has begun, they will be directed to the library and the test will be made up for them in the afternoon. This will necessitate them missing part of their afternoon instruction. We will attempt to make up any missed tests due to absences, but cannot guarantee that we will be able to make up the entire test depending on how many days were missed. We look forward to the data that will be provided to us about our school. We are confident that our students are learning at high levels and that we are providing a foundation of success for the whole child. Elements critical to student success include strong academics, character education, health and wellness, social and emotional
development, the arts, extracurricular activities, and parent-community involvement.

We have come upon the end of the second trimester and report cards will be distributed on Friday, March 13. Remember all report cards will need to be returned to your child’s teacher.

Also with the anticipated onset of warmer weather, our students will be riding bicycles and walking to school more. Please keep a watchful eye out for bikes and pedestrians during your trips to school and obey the posted speed limit signs. We ask that students be in third grade before riding their bikes to school. Please send a note to the school office if a younger sibling needs to ride their bike to school. Our practice at Longfellow requires that students walk their bikes on school property and wear bicycle helmets. While wearing a bicycle helmet is not an easy rule to enforce, it is one that is essential in keeping our students safe as they travel to and from school. We ask parents to help with teaching, supporting, and reviewing safety rules of the road with your children. Also, we ask that all children go directly home after school. We need to make sure that all children arrive home safely before returning to school grounds to play. Children are welcome on the playground after school hours with a parent. Remember that scooters are not allowed on school property (found in the District Parent-Student Handbook on page 7). This includes; roller skates, rollerblades, skateboards and all scooters including Razors. We do not have the means for students to store these safely during the school day as well as the difficulty of having too many wheels on our sidewalks during busy times.

Finally, I have been asked to address the parking issue at the 3:30pm dismissal time. Remember that the curb way on Seminary is a Fire Lane and is marked by signage. The Wheaton Police Department has contacted us and they will be giving out tickets for cars in this area. Please drive around the block until your child is at your designated pick up area or park in a legally posted parking spot. I know the weather is sometimes a factor during pick up, but please make sure that you are obeying the posted signs. Also be sure to leave enough room for our busses to leave promptly and travel down the street between cars. I thank you for helping us during this important time of day. Enjoy your spring break!

Fondly,
Mrs. Dianne Thornburg

President’s Message

Many thanks to all who helped during Longfellow’s Fun Fair! It was a great day for a collaborative effort from teachers, staff, Wheaton North and Wheaton Warrenville South Key Club high school student volunteers, PTA parents, custodians, Wheaton’s ProMartial Arts team, Mrs. Thornburg, and our PTA Executive officers. It was a fun day and none of it could have happened without our supportive team of volunteers who each played a part in making the day an enjoyable event for the children. Many thanks to Longfellow’s own Teams of Tomorrow basketball team for giving us a great performance at Fun Fair. A round of applause goes to the following team members: Audrey Belford, Conner Robbins, Thomas Gaither, Catherine Auker, Sophie Fadel, Patrick Fadel, Ryan Ostrowski, Grant Donovan.

The kids had a great time at their Valentine’s Day parties. Thanks to all the parent volunteers who made the parties possible.

Time flies. I can’t believe that we already had the 4th/5th grade brunch. Many thanks to the parents who helped make this a fun and special event for the children. Special thanks to Betsy Rothery and Anne Wanzenberg for coordinating this special event.

Please note that International Night will take place Friday, April 17. Stay tuned for details.

Looking forward to this year’s Spring Fling, A Night at the Grammy’s. Becky Lewis and team have been hard at work preparing for this special event. Spring Fling is our biggest annual fundraising event here at Longfellow Elementary. All proceeds from this event will directly fund and support Longfellow’s curriculum enrichment programs, cultural assemblies, buy library books, purchase classroom technology and much more.

An exciting time at the Longfellow Grammy Night awaits us. What to wear? No worries! Whatever you decide to wear at the Grammys whether it’s a little bling, jeans and a
cowboy hat, dressed as your favorite musician or musical group, dress in whatever is most comfortable for you. It’s all good! Book your sitter and come ready to enjoy, party, and “Do Good” at the same time. See you at the Grammys!

**Exciting News:**
Our PTA is excited to offer two new foreign language clubs at Longfellow this coming spring. The clubs will be taught by volunteers from Wheaton College. We would like to make these classes affordable for all so while there won’t be a fee for these classes, a teacher gift of $2 each student per class (total for each 6 week session is $12 total per student for each club) is much appreciated.

**French Club:** Teaching Beginner French, 6 week session, will be meeting weekly on Tuesdays at 3:30 pm – 4:15 pm, starting approximately March 17.

**Spanish Club:** Teaching Beginner Spanish, 6 week session, will be meeting weekly on Fridays at 8:15 am – 9:00 am, starting approximately March 20.

If you are interested in signing up for these classes or have questions, please email me at mercadotessb@gmail.com.

Warm regards, Tess Bradley

**Calling all Longfellow PTA Members!**
It’s that time of year again! The PTA Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for the positions of Vice President and Treasurer for next school year, and we hope you will consider volunteering for one of these critical leadership positions.

As this year’s Vice President, I can assure you that holding a PTA leadership role is a very rewarding experience! I have really enjoyed working alongside of like-minded parents, and I love knowing that we have a tremendous impact on the quality of our children’s education and education environment. I am so glad that I took the leap and joined the PTA Board this year, despite my limited PTA experience in the years prior. We all do what we can, when we can, and for me, the time was right to increase my involvement and help to make a difference!

And your involvement in school, as a parent, has a HUGE impact. Did you know that researchers have found that parents involvement in their children’s schools leads to increases in their children’s academic success? According to Anne Henderson and Nancy Berla, editors of A New Generation of Evidence: The Family Is Critical to Student Achievement, “When parents are involved in their children’s education at home, they do better in school. And when parents are involved in school, children go farther in school and the schools they go to are better.”

So, what are you waiting for? Is the time right for you? Please feel free to call or email me at kermansour@gmail.com if you’d like more information on what these positions entail. I’d love to talk to you!

We will be putting together a nominating committee for next year’s PTA Board, at our next **PTA meeting, March 10 at 7:00 pm in the LLC.** If you would like to serve on this committee, please plan to attend the meeting or contact Tess Bradley. The new board will be voted on at the April meeting.

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**Spring Fling**

**Who will we see? Who will you be?**
Spring Fling, “Longfellow Goes to the Grammys 2015” is quickly approaching. **Spring Fling will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2015 from 6-11 pm at the American Legion Hall in Carol Stream.**

It’s not too late to buy your tickets. **Be a table captain!** Buy a table seating 10 for $200 ($20 per person). Invite your friends, family and neighbors and encourage them to attend. **Or buy individual tickets** for $25 per
person. Remember to make the checks payable to Longfellow Elementary PTA and in the memo write Spring Fling. While we appreciate everyone who attends, we truly appreciate those who buy tickets in advance so we don’t spend unnecessary money on catering. Accordingly, the price for those who buy their tickets the night of the event will be $35 per person.

We are looking for volunteers to help with setting up the day of on the 21\textsuperscript{st} at 1:00 pm at the American Legion Hall. Please let me know if you’re able to help. We are getting excited for the big night. It’s going to be a lot of fun. We hope to see you there. Any questions please contact Becky Lewis, Spring Fling Chair for 2015 at blewis907@gmail.com.

**Longfellow Running Club returns!**

We are so excited to offer another year of Running Club to Longfellow Students. The club will be offered to girls and boys in grades 2-5. We will be meeting once a week after school starting after Spring Break until the end of the school year. We will be following much of the same plan as last year but are hoping to add in some speed work (for those that like sprints better) and also an option for kids to do more endurance work (for those that are eager to run just a little bit longer). After completing the club, students will again have the option to run the Cosley Zoo 5k in early June. Whether you love to run, are curious about running, or just want to try something new, we hope to see you at Running Club! If you missed our booth at the Ice Cream Social in the Fall, and would like more information about Running Club, please contact Julie Donovan at juliedonovan80@hotmail.com or Cassie Capp at cassie@jccapp.com. If you’ve already expressed interest in running club, expect an email to be sent out in early to mid March with all of the specifics. Thank you!

**Dental Clinic at Longfellow**

**Thursday, March 26**

A dentist and hygienist from the DuPage County Health Department will be at Longfellow on Thursday, March 26. With your signed consent, your child will receive a free exam. Your child may also receive cleaning, fluoride treatment, & sealants. Please return the consent attached to the newsletter if you wish your student to receive this service.
Please donate a bottle or two of wine to our fundraiser.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE WINE PULL
HAPPENING AT OUR ANNUAL SPRING FLING EVENT
SAT., MAR. 21
6 TO 11 P.M.

The goal is to collect 100 bottles of wine before March 1st.

We are asking for each Longfellow family to donate one bottle of wine with a value of at least $10.

Please deliver the wines either to the office at school or to:
Julie Kasak Martin, 806 N Blanchard Street
630-886-8231
or
Mary Tiberi, 621 N Blanchard Street
708-525-3208
NEW THIS YEAR

50/50 RAFFLE

DRAWING WILL TAKE PLACE AT SPRING FLING MARCH 21, 2015

THREE WAYS TO PURCHASE!!!

* At THE GRAMMY’S - Spring Fling 2015
* Stop in the school office on Fridays and see Kathy Mahler
* Detach the bottom portion of this flyer, fill out the form, place form and payment in an envelope marked “50/50 RAFFLE” and return to school with your child.

Name: __________________________ Phone #: __________________________
No. of Tickets: ____________ $ ____________

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN
LONGFELLOW SPRING FLING
American Legion Post 76 – Carol Stream
SATURDAY March 21, 2015 6–11PM

Be a Table Captain and Buy a Table Seating of 10 for $200

Invite your Friends, Neighbors & Family

Individual Tickets are $25 in advance or $35 at the door

Buffet will be open from 6:15PM - 7:15PM
Cash Bar
Fun Night Filled with
* Music Trivia
* Raffle
* Wine Pull
* Silent & Live Auctions
* DJ & Dancing

Tickets are on sale NOW
Please send detached form along with your check to school with your child.
All Payments due by February 27

SPRING FLING 2015 – A NIGHT AT THE GRAMMY’S

Table Seating of 10 - $200

Individual Tickets - $25

# of tickets x $25 = $__________

I am unable to attend, however I would like to support our fundraiser and make a donation.

$__________

Name ________________________________ My check total $__________

Contact # or email ________________________

Please make check payable to Longfellow PTA *memo line = Spring Fling 2015
DuPage County Health Department TREATMENT Agreement and Release of Liability

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY IN PEN

Child's First Name ___________________________ Last Name ___________________________

Child's Age _____ Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____ Child's Race ___________________________

Parent/Guardian's Name ___________________________ Child's Sex: Male Female

Address ______________________________________ CITY ___________________________ ZIP CODE ________________

Grade ______ Teacher _______________ School ___________________________

Telephone Number ___________________________

HEALTH HISTORY

Circle if your child has had any of the following:

Heart Murmur Tuberculosis HIV/AIDS Infectious Hepatitis
Rheumatic Fever Liver & Kidney Problems Asthma Diabetes
Heart Problems High Blood Pressure Allergies Latex Allergy

My Child is in good health. YES NO

Is your child allergic to anything? YES NO List Allergies: __________________________

Is your child taking any medications? YES NO List Medications: __________________________

Is your child under care of a doctor now? YES NO Why? __________________________

My child is eligible for the Free or Reduced Lunch Program. YES NO

Is your child on Medicaid? YES NO

If your child has Medicaid please include your child's RECIPIENT ID# __________________________

Your Medicaid will be billed

(9 digit # on back of card)

Is your child covered by other dental insurance? YES NO Name of Insurance __________________________

Name of Family Dentist __________________________ Date of Last Dental Exam _____ / _____ / _____

HOW MANY PEOPLE LIVE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD? __________________________

PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR FAMILY INCOME:

| 21,590 or less | 51,634 or less | 81,678 or less |
| 29,101 or less | 59,145 or less | 89,189 or less |
| 36,612 or less | 66,656 or less | 96,700 or less |
| 44,123 or less | 74,167 or less | 104,211 or more |

RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR DENTAL SERVICES: I hereby release, waive and discharge the DuPage County Health Department, their employees and agents, from any liability to me, my personal representatives or next of kin for any and all damage, and any claim or demands made on account of dental services provided. I further agree to indemnify, save and hold harmless the DuPage County Health Department and any of its agents from any loss, liability, damage or cost or claim they may incur as a result of dental services. I have read and understood this agreement and voluntarily agree to all of its terms and conditions. I understand that the DuPage County Health Department is providing these procedures as a public service and has my permission to recheck and replace sealants as dictated by the patient. This authorization expires five years from this date.

I GIVE CONSENT FOR MY CHILD TO HAVE DENTAL TREATMENT
BY THE DUPAGE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT DENTAL PROGRAM:
I hereby authorize the dentists & dental hygienists in attendance to examine & treat my minor child or ward as applicable and to perform all dental procedures including local anesthesia, restorations, extractions, dental cleaning, sealants and fluoride treatment as may be deemed necessary by the dentist.
I have reviewed my child's medical history

Signature of Parent/Guardian ___________________________________________ Date: _____ / _____ / _____

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DuPage County Health Department Acuerdo de Tratamiento y Liberación de Responsabilidad

POR FAVOR ESCRIBA CLARAMENTE EN PLUMA

Primer Nombre del Niño ___________________________________ Apellido del Niño ___________________________________

Edad _______ Fecha de Nacimiento ____ / ____ / _______ Sexo: Masculino Femenino

Nombre de Padre o Guardián __________________________________

Dirección __________________________________ Ciudad __________ Código Postal __________

Grado _______ Maestro __________ Escuela __________

Número Telefono ________________________

HISTORIA MEDICA

Marca si su hijo/a tiene alguno de los siguientes:
- Soplo Cardíaco
- Problemas del corazón
- Epilepsia
- Enfermedad del rínón o hígado
- Febre Reumática
- Presión arterial alta
- Asma
- VIH/SIDA
- TB (Tuberculosis)
- Problemas de Sangre
- Alergias
- Alergia al Latex (Goma, Plástico)
- Diabetes
- Hepatitis Infecciosa

Esta su hijo en buen salud? SÍ NO

Tiene su hijo alergias? SÍ NO

Cuales alergias:

Su hijo esta tomando medicamentos? SÍ NO

Cuales medicamentos:

Esta su hijo bajo de supervisión de un doctor medico? SÍ NO

Por qué:

Mi hijo tiene almuerzos reducidos. SÍ NO

Tiene su hijo tiene Ayuda Pública? SÍ NO

Si tiene hijo Ayuda Pública por favor de incluir su NÚMERO de DESTINARIOS:

# ___________ (Fil número tiene 9 dígitos y esta de tras de su tarjeta)

Su Ayuda Pública sera facturará

Tiene su hijo algún otro seguro? SÍ NO

Nombre del dentista familiar ___________________________ Nombre de Seguro ___________________________

Fecha de última cita dental ____ / ____ / _______

Favor de apuntar cuantas personas viven en su hogar? ___________

Por favor marque su ingreso annual (familiar):

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DECLARACIÓN DE LIBERACIÓN DE SERVICIOS DENTALES: Yo libre, absoluto y descargo el Departamento de Salud de DuPage County, sus empleados y sus agentes, de todos y cada una de las responsabilidades a mí, mis representativos personales o fallecido o difunto más cercano, de todos y cada una de las reclamaciones, demandas o letrados y daño, o cualquier otra pérdida, de cualquier tipo o clase, que resultara de, o que resultara de, la rendición de cualquier servicio dental. También, estoy de acuerdo indemnizar, liberar de, y tener invocado el departamento de salud de DuPage County y sus agentes de cualquier pérdida, responsabilidad, daño o costo o reclamación, los cuales habrán sido sufridos, o serán de ahora en adelante sufridos por mí o como una resulta de los servicios dentales. Yo he leído esta liberación y entiendo todas las condiciones. Asimismo, yo la cumpli voluntariamente y con conocimiento total de su significado. Entiendo que el Departamento de Salud de DuPage County está provisto los procedimientos como un servicio público y tiene mi permiso para revisar y reemplazar los selladores como este dictado por la presentación. Esta autorización expira cinco años de esta fecha.

YO Doy Permiso para que mi hijo/a tenga TRATAMIENTO DENTAL por el programa dental del departamento de salud del condado de DuPage.

Yo autorizo al dentista y higienistas dentales en asistencia para examinar y tratar mi niño y render todos los tratamientos dentales incluyendo anestesia local, restauración, extracción, limpieza dental, llamarones, tratamiento al lepra y cualquier tratamiento que me recomendado por el dentista.

He revisado el historial médico de mi hijo

FIRMA DEL PADRE/GUARDIAN ___________________________ FECHA: ____ / ____ / _____

12/14
Capture Your Memories in this Year's Longfellow Elementary School Yearbook!

Add Photos & Memories to Your 2 Free Custom Pages

» Add photos from your computer, Facebook & Flickr.
» Add memories & photos from throughout the year. Share them with your classmates to include in their personal pages.
» Send and receive Bling and signatures. A great way to share expressions of friendship!

To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook*:
*Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.
1. Go to www.TreeRing.com/validate
2. Enter our school's passcode: 101378415613462
Yearbook Price: $15.00
Deadline: Apr 17

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