



Panther Post

From the Principal

At Longfellow, we deem the comfort and safety of our students as some of our greatest responsibilities. So that these responsibilities can be fulfilled in the mornings before school starts, I would like to share some reminders:

- Students need to come to school dressed appropriately for the weather. A coat or jacket is essential, and long pants and warm shoes are strongly encouraged. Students do not come in until the first bell rings at 8:15, so they will be outside during one of the coldest hours of the day.
- If possible, do not drop students off or allow them to walk/bike to school before 8:00. After that time, we have teachers outside to supervise the students, but before then, there is no supervision of students.
- Drop your student off at the curb, not in the parking lot. We do not want our students crossing any lanes of traffic to get to the playground.
- We want all students to eat breakfast. If your child takes advantage of the breakfast program, have your child to school early enough that they can finish their meal before the first bell rings at 8:15. At approximately 8:12, we discontinue serving breakfasts to ensure that our breakfast-eating students are not tardy to their classes.
- If students are late, please have them check in at the office before going to class.

We appreciate your cooperation in these matters so that we can keep your children safe and comfortable in the morning and ready for a full day of learning!

Calendar Items

September 28th

- Blue in the School
- FAME
- 4th Grade to Tautphaus

October 1st

- Band/Orchestra starts at Taylorview

October 2nd

- Extended Day
- Kindergarten Starts

October 6th

- Barnes and Noble Book Fair

October 10th

- Walk to School Day

October 18th

- Great Shakeout Earthquake Drill

October 19th

- Fire Fighters to visit 2nd Grade

October 31st

- Halloween Parade begins at 1:00 p.m.
- 6th Grade Carving Pumpkins Activity
- Halloween Classroom Parties



September 25th was Johnny Appleseed's 173rd birthday. First grade celebrated by tasting things made of apples and making a graph to see which was the favorite. They also listened to a story about Johnny Appleseed, identified character traits, can made a bookmark. Measuring and weighing apples was a fun math connection. Happy birthday, Johnny Appleseed from Longfellow's first grade!

The Safety Committee:

This month D91 will be participating in the Great Shake Out on October 18 at 10:18. We will practice proper safety protocols during and after an earthquake. Please check out the website for ideas and safety measures that you and your family can take at home to be prepared! www.shakeout.org

Last spring the faculty and staff participated in a faculty meeting called Stop the Bleed by the IFFD. Following this meeting, Cami Elmore wrote a grant to her employer, Encompass Hospice, for funds and supplies for Stop the Bleed kits for Longfellow classrooms. Encompass Hospice accepted the grant and made enough kits for all classrooms! We would like to thank Cami and Encompass Hospice for helping to make Longfellow safer! To learn more about Stop the Bleed please visit www.dhs.gov/stopthebleed.

Making Our School Safer means some changes are coming....

The staff at Longfellow has received the following information which we would like to share with our Longfellow families regarding school safety...

- All **regular** volunteers at Longfellow will need to complete a new volunteer agreement which Mrs. Tomasetti has in the office. Once a volunteer has filled it out, Mr. Andrew and Mrs. Tomasetti/Mrs. Chapman will need to sign it. Volunteers will be given a completion slip referring them to the district office for a volunteer badge.
- **ALL** visitors entering the building must sign in at the office before proceeding down the hall. They will need to have a badge or receive a visitor's sticker to wear while in the building. Longfellow staff has been asked to refer any visitors without a visible badge/sticker to the office so they can properly sign in.

YAY for a safer Longfellow!



School
Counselor
Mrs. Catlin

Parents and students, we have started our GRR tickets which help us focus on, and reward, positive panther behavior. September 17-28th, we will focus on GRIT; setting a goal and striving to meet it 100% of the time. Longfellow Panthers show GRIT when learning and following expectations. October 1-12th, we will focus on Responsibility; taking care of yourself, helping others, and doing what is expected of you. October 15-26th we will focus on Respect; using good manners and polite

words. Treating others the way you want to be treated.

We resumed Panther Pride Fridays September 21st. Students should wear their Longfellow gear or purple on Fridays to show unity and pride in our school. The class showing the most pride, gets our panther, Longfellow, in their classroom for the next week. Thank you for your support in making Longfellow a community to be proud of.

Please contact me if your student or family has needs such as; clothing, food, Thanksgiving, or Christmas help. It is a pleasure to work with Longfellow families.

PTO News

Don't forget our Barnes and Noble Fundraiser coming up on Saturday Oct. 6th! A portion of sales that day will go directly to our Longfellow Library. Every student who attends will receive a prize and the class with the highest attendance will earn their teacher a \$50 gift card to Barnes and Noble to buy books for their classroom! If you are unable to attend that day, you can still help our library by purchasing online. Just go to [//BN.com/bookfairs](http://BN.com/bookfairs) and enter the book fair ID# 1293328

Our Box Tops competition is underway! Each month the top three classes will receive a treat and the class with the highest number of box tops will receive the traveling trophy! We'll be tallying box tops for each class for the entire year and in May we'll award the class with the highest cumulative box top count the GRAND PRIZE!

We are still looking for committee members for our Box Tops, Hospitality and Book Fair committees. If you have an interest in helping with any of those areas, please contact us at longfellowptomail@gmail.com.

Lastly, please join us for our next PTO meeting Monday Oct. 1 @2:30 in the Longfellow Library. We appreciate all the parents who get involved and attend our meetings!