

Monthly Newsletter

April 2022



Spring is in the air! New greenery, pleasant walks, and opportunities to show how much we have grown during the year, are part of our yearly cycle. As we begin the last phase of our school year, take some time to reflect with your children on how much they have changed. Students have learned new math skills, the ability to read their first book, learned how parts of nature work, and have gained new friends and relationships.

Some of our most important tests happen during the month of April. Encourage children to be at their best during our 4th quarter. Starting students off with the right amount of sleep is a great step toward success as they try to remember all of our learning. Pediatricians recommend nine to twelve hours of sleep at night. Tests can be quite stressful, so having fun activities in the evening can help; enjoy the spring weather and get some fresh air!



From the Library

We are pleasantly surprised in Longfellow Library that April showers actually bring beautiful quilts to our library. We were sweetly surprised by Paula Witt. She was a former nurse and a wonderful supporter of our school community. We can't express our gratitude enough for her gifts. We placed her two pieces of handiwork on our comfy couches. This is a wonderful act of kindness and an important lesson for our students on giving back or paying it forward! Thanks, Paula, from all of your Longfellow Leopards!



Longfellow Carnival, April 29

The Longfellow carnival is an after school activity put on by the Longfellow Parent Teacher Organization and run by parents and teachers. Students can come and play lots of games, win prizes, and have snacks. All Longfellow families are welcome to join in on our evening of fun! All Longfellow students will be able to play each game one time for free! Additional tickets can be purchased for students who are wanting to re-play games and activities.

The Longfellow carnival is on April 29, from 5:00-7:00pm at Longfellow. This is a change of location from previous years, but it is a great opportunity to use our great new spaces!

Look for more information in future Wednesday folders for more information, ticket ordering forms, and volunteer opportunities.

Restaurant Night Wendy's

Restaurant night is a monthly activity organized by the Longfellow Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). During the event, part of the income generated is donated back to Longfellow!

On April 12, 5-7pm, Wendy's has agreed to partner with Longfellow to help raise funds. Dine in, carry-out, and delivery; whichever works best for your family, and support our community!

Longfellow Ambassadors will be assisting by selling cookies in the lobby. All cookie proceeds go to Longfellow (Up to 50 cookies)!



Popcorn! April 22

Popcorn sales will continue on April 22. Our PTO has partnered with Russ's and helps organize this event as we raise additional funds for Longfellow, one quarter at a time! Students can buy a bag of popcorn by giving their teacher 25 cents and a completed form with their name. Letters and forms will go out in April 13th's Wednesday folder. Money for popcorn needs to be returned to teachers by April 20th.

Year Book- Now Available!

Longfellow Yearbook Orders

All orders will be placed online at www.schoolannual.com. Once there click on "Buy Student's Yearbook" and enter the name of our school, city, and state to place your order. **Cost is \$14.00 and sales run through Apr. 8.** Thank you for supporting our school and the memories our Leopards have made this year!

Longfellow is grateful to all the pictures taken by our staff. Jenni Welsch has done a great deal of work getting our yearbook organized. Thank you, Jenni, for your dedication and organizational skills!



..... The next PTO meeting is April 5 at 6:30pm in the Longfellow Library

Spring Concert

Our spring concert is for grades K-2 on April 26th at 7:00pm. Students will be performing at the Hastings High School. Doors open at 6:45pm and students are expected to stay for the entire concert. Thanks for showing concert etiquette and our Longfellow character traits; Respect, Responsibility, Compassion, and Integrity!



NSCAS Testing Schedule (Nebraska State Tests); English Language Arts (ELA), Math, Science

3rd Grade

Mrs. Frank - April 20 and 21, ELA. April 27 and 28, Math.

Mrs. Rutt - April 20 and 21, ELA. April 27 and 28, Math.

4th Grade

Mrs. Jensen - April 4, 6, 7 ELA. April 25, 27, 28 Math.

Mrs. Nanfito - April 4, 6, 7 ELA. April 25, 27, 28 Math.

Mrs. Raun - April 5, 6, 7 ELA. April 26, 27, 28 Math.

5th Grade

Mrs. Creech - April 12, 13, 14 Math. April 19 and 20, ELA. April 26 and 27, Science.

Mrs. Marquardt - April 11, 13, 14 Math. April 19 and 20, ELA. April 26 and 27, Science.

Mrs. McKenzie - April 12, 13, 14 Math. April 20 and 22, ELA. April 27 and 29, Science.



Additional Information

Every Wednesday students will be dismissed at 2:30 pm. Please make arrangements to have students picked up on time, as teachers will be participating in collaborative meetings.★

Breakfast starts at 7:30 am. Students should enter the building through door number 5 (south side on playground). Lunch and breakfast are free for students this school year. We still request that you fill out free and reduced lunch forms, as there are other benefits that families might experience by submitting this form. The form was mailed to families by the district office. If you need a new form, please call or stop by our office. Our phone number is 402-461-7584.

We ask that you bring your child to school on time. Every morning students line up at their "paws" on the playground. Staff members will begin morning supervision at 7:50 am. Please do not bring your students directly into the building.

Please provide a doctor's note every time your child stays at home sick.

A student handbook is available online or can be printed. Parents may request a paper copy. It is important to review this handbook with your child, so he/she is aware of school policies. Parents and students will sign the acknowledgement receipt that was sent in the mail to every student. If we haven't received a signed receipt, we will continue sending a form in your student's Wednesday folder. Please take time to read the handbook and sign the receipt with your student and return it to school.



Student Handbook QR



Teachers will communicate with parents via communication apps, such as ClassDoJo or Remind. Principal's emails are sent to parents once a week. If you would like to receive important updates from school, please sign up for these emails by going to our website. The school newsletter is sent once a month. Our website will also help you stay informed about important events and information at Longfellow Elementary and Hastings Public Schools.

Parents are encouraged to take students out for lunch, instead of having lunch with them at school.

Parking is limited around Longfellow School. Please consider parking a block or two away and walk toward our building. We want to make sure that our children, staff, parents and community members feel safe at the drop off and pick up times. **Please do not park in the parking lot of the dental office across from Longfellow School or in the parking lot of Mary Lanning Hospital.**★

Breakfast and lunch menus can be found on our Longfellow page.
<https://hastingspublicschools.org/schools/longfellow-elementary/>



				<p>01</p> <p>Entree * Nacho Snackable * Cheese Pizza * Pizza Hut Pizza at Alcott, Hawthorne, Lincoln * Ham & Pasta Hotdish with Dinner Roll Vegetables Mixed Vegetables Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>
<p>04</p> <p>Entree * Pizza Snackable * Pancake Sausage Bites * Original Beef Goulash Vegetables Golden Corn Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>	<p>05</p> <p>Entree * Cottage Cheese & Fruit Platter * Popcorn Chicken Bites * Loaded Hash Browns with Dinner Roll Vegetables Candied Carrots Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk Chocolate Skim Milk</p>	<p>06</p> <p>Entree * Grilled Chicken Salad with Roasted Flatbread * BBQ Rib Sandwich * Super Nachos Vegetables Zesty Black Beans Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Desserts Fresh Baked Carnival Cookie Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>	<p>07</p> <p>Entree * Combo Deli Round * Mozzarella Bosco Sticks with Marinara Dipping Sauce * Honey Garlic Glazed Chicken over Rice Vegetables Steamed Broccoli Florets Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>	<p>08</p> <p>Entree * PB&J Snackable * Cheese Pizza * Pizza Hut Pizza at Longfellow & Watson * Cheeseburger Macaroni Skillet with Breadstick Vegetables Green Beans Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Entree * Pretzel Snackable * Italian Melt * Breaded Beef Patty Sandwich Vegetables Mixed Vegetables Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Entree * Combo Deli Round * Chicken Nuggets * Baked Ham with Dinner Roll Vegetables Mashed Potatoes with Chicken Gravy Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Desserts Fresh Baked Holiday Cookie Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Entree * Chef Salad with Roasted Flatbread * Oven-Roasted Hot Dog * Chicken Fajita Vegetables Zesty Black Beans Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Entree * Turkey & Cheese Deli Round * Crispy Chicken Sandwich * Home-style Spaghetti Vegetables Golden Corn Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Misc. No School</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Misc. No School</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Entree * Ham & Cheese Deli Round * Mini Corn Dogs * Cowboy Beans over Biscuit Vegetables Green Beans Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Entree * Crispy Chicken Salad with Roasted Flatbread * Oven-Roasted Hot Dog * Chicken & Penne Florentine with Dinner Roll Vegetables Golden Corn Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Desserts Fresh Baked Cinnamon Bun Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Entree * Turkey & Cheese Deli Round * Italian Dunkers with Marinara Dipping Sauce * Breaded Steak Fries with Dinner Roll Vegetables BBQ Baked Beans Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Entree * Nacho Snackable * Pizza Hut Pizza at Alcott, Hawthorne, Lincoln * Pepperoni Pizza * Home-style Scalloped Potatoes & Ham with Dinner Roll Vegetables Peas Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Entree * Pizza Snackable * Popcorn Chicken Bites * Pizza Pasta Bake Vegetables Steamed Carrots Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Entree * Ham & Cheese Deli Round * Fish Nuggets with Dinner Roll * Soft Shell Beefy Tacos Vegetables Refried Beans Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Desserts Test Your Senses- Ooey Goopy Caramel Brownie Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Entree * Fajita Salad with Tortilla Chips * Oven-Roasted Hot Dog * Creamy Macaroni & Cheese with Dinner Roll Vegetables Lemon Herbed Broccoli and Cauliflower Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Entree * Turkey & Cheese Deli Round * Baked Pork Fritter * Beef Stroganoff Vegetables Ranch Potatoes Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Entree * Ham & Cheese Snackable * Pepperoni Pizza * Pizza Hut Pizza at Longfellow & Watson * Home-style Beef & Bean Burrito Vegetables Green Beans Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>