

Monthly Newsletter

January 2022



Welcoming a New Year

As the world has learned to adapt to the new ways of living, hoping to engage with our lives again, dreaming of meeting up with family and friends, and longing to travel across the state, the country, and abroad, we would still like to express our gratitude for many opportunities presented to us and highlight some of the significant events that shaped the first semester at Longfellow.

Our sing-a-long concert was very touching and heart-warming. Ms. Stephens was able to reproduce one of our most enjoyable traditions at Longfellow. Ambassadors sang at the Celebration of lights and joined in helping our events for the day.

Events like the book fair were opportunities for students to dive into reading at their convenience in their homes with books of their choice. Our amazing PTO and librarians helped create three successful evenings for Longfellow families.

The Spelling Challenge fundraiser that is organized by our PTO was a great success. For our students, pig racing has become a Longfellow tradition we all anticipate with great joy!

Our families and teachers work incredibly hard year round. Our hope is continuing to build students with strong character for our community. Let's have a healthy, peaceful, and fulfilling rest of the school year!

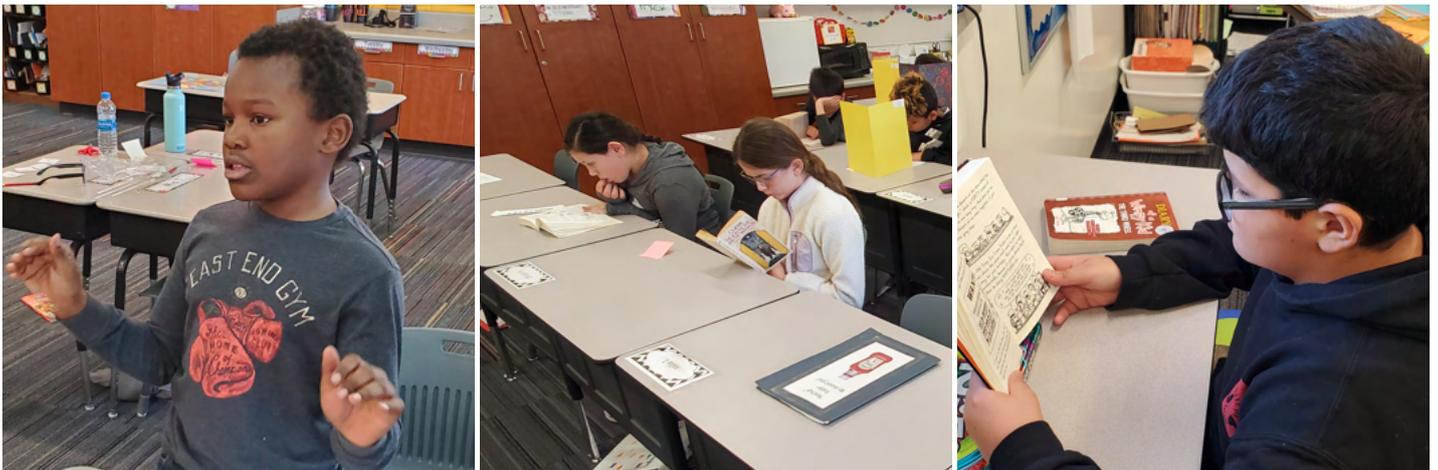
Important Announcements

Winter Weather

Dear parents/guardians, please remember that our students line up outside before school and spend their recess outside, if the temperature and the wind chill are above zero. It is important to send students to school wearing warm clothes, such as winter coats, hats, gloves, snow pants and boots. Recess is an important part of a students' daily schedule, therefore, all students have to experience it. The school does not have extra coats, in case students forget theirs at home. That is why it is crucial to dress your children warmly for cold weather.

Thank You PTO!

The Longfellow staff would like to say "Thank You!" to our Parent Teacher Organization. Our PTO at Longfellow works tirelessly to support students' learning, teacher classrooms, and to help beautify our building! The PTO has helped with holiday parties, popcorn sales, spelling challenge, thanksgiving meals, assisting teachers, helping after school programs, curriculum support, and volunteering countless other items. Thank you!



Classroom Guidance with Mrs. Simmons

What Is My Child Learning?

Right now, all students are learning how to manage their emotions. This is an important skill.

Research shows that children who can manage their emotions are more likely to:

- Be better learners
- Build stronger relationships
- Have higher self-esteem
- Be better problem-solvers.

During the emotion management unit, students identify many different feelings and what to do when they have strong feelings. Some of the most common calming down strategies we practice are taking deep belly breaths, counting, asking for help, and rethinking the situation. I encourage parents to notice and praise your child when you see him or her use these strategies to calm down at home.

Restaurant Day Barista's, January 7

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 January 7, Baristas has agreed to partner with Longfellow to help raise funds. The hours are from 1:00pm-6:00pm for our fundraiser.



Popcorn! January 21st

Popcorn sales will continue on January 21. 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 January 12th's Wednesday folder.

January 21 is our next popcorn date.

Year Book (PTO)

Hi, Longfellow Family! I am looking for photos for the Longfellow Yearbook and I need your help! Throughout the year I will be collecting images that could be used for the yearbook that will come out in the spring. Any photos you have from the first day of school or other school/classroom events throughout this year would be great to have. You can email them to me at longfellowyearbook@gmail.com or submit them to our Longfellow PTO Facebook page.

Thanks so much for your help!

-Jenni Welsch, yearbook coordinator/PTO member



.....The next PTO meeting is February 1 at 6:30pm in the Longfellow Library.....

Food Drive

The Longfellow food drive, run by our own student council, raised lots of food donations! Thank you to all the families that helped out to help replenish storehouses for our local charities! Thank you, Ms. Neuhart, and students, for assisting in such compassionate work!



Longfellow Student Council



Thanks to Parents

We have many volunteers here at Longfellow. We have mothers, fathers, grandparents, and other important members of the family joining us to help throughout the year. Students learn best when we work together. Some of our best childhood memories occur when family is present at school. Thank you to all the volunteers that have gone on trips, helped at crosswalks, watch-dog high fived, played in slime and dirt, and been there for our kids!



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.**★



library news January

BOOK SUGGESTIONS

Happy Birthday Tedd Arnold author of the Fly Guy series and A. A. Milne with his beloved Winnie the Pooh. Both of these are still a regular check out for all ages. Some call them easy, picture or everybody books because we **ALL** still enjoy reading them.

Guinness World Records along with Ripley's Believe It Or Not are popular non-fiction or true books as we begin 2022!

reminders

We continue to wipe down all books that come back into the library.

Each student has their own bookmark to select and check out books from our library.

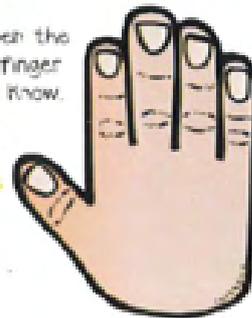
What we are learning

This month we will be reviewing the 5 finger rule with library classes. Ask your child if they know how to choose a "Just Right" book. This means they can read it independently.

5 FINGER RULE

What To Do: Pick a book. Open the book to any page. Put one finger up for each word you don't know.

- 0-1 Too Easy
- 1-2 Perfect Choice
- 3-4 Give It A Try
- 5+ Too Hard



hours, volunteer opportunities, contact info

Did you know the library of congress in Washington D.C. has 168 million items? This library serves more customers than the movie theatre. The top 5 countries that read are: India, Thailand, China, Philippines, and Egypt. (US averages 5.7 hours per week).

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



03

- Entree**
- * Ham & Cheese Deli Round
 - * Country Fried Steak
 - * Mini Corn Dogs
- Vegetables**
- Green Beans
- Fruit**
- Fruit and Veggie Bar
- Grains**
- Dinner Roll
- Milk**
- 1% Unflavored Milk
 - Chocolate Skim Milk
 - Skim Unflavored Milk
 - Strawberry Skim Milk

04

- Entree**
- * Crispy Chicken Salad with Roasted Flatbread
 - * Classic Beefy Chili and Crackers
 - * Grilled Chicken Sandwich
- 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

05

- 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

06

- Entree**
- * Turkey & Cheese Snackable
 - * Home-style Scalloped Potatoes & Ham with Dinner Roll
 - * Pizza Hut Pizza at Alcott, Hawthorne, Lincoln
- Vegetables**
- Peas
- Fruit**
- Fruit and Veggie Bar
- Milk**
- 1% Unflavored Milk
 - Chocolate Skim Milk
 - Skim Unflavored Milk
 - Strawberry Skim Milk

07

10

- Entree**
- * Pizza Snackable
 - * Pizza Pasta Bake
 - * Popcorn Chicken Bites
- Vegetables**
- Steamed Carrots
- Fruit**
- Fruit and Veggie Bar
- Milk**
- 1% Unflavored Milk
 - Chocolate Skim Milk
 - Skim Unflavored Milk
 - Strawberry Skim Milk

11

- Entree**
- * Ham & Cheese Deli Round
 - * Soft Shell Beefy Tacos
 - * Fish Nuggets with Dinner Roll
- Vegetables**
- Refried Beans
 - Fresh Baby Carrots
- Fruit**
- Fruit and Veggie Bar
- Desserts**
- Fresh Baked Carnival Cookie
- Milk**
- 1% Unflavored Milk
 - Chocolate Skim Milk
 - Skim Unflavored Milk
 - Strawberry Skim Milk

12

- Entree**
- * Turkey & Cheese Deli Round
 - * Mega Meatball with Dinner Roll
 - * Baked Pork Fritter
- Vegetables**
- Mashed Potatoes with Brown Gravy
- Fruit**
- Fruit and Veggie Bar
- Milk**
- 1% Unflavored Milk
 - Chocolate Skim Milk
 - Skim Unflavored Milk
 - Strawberry Skim Milk

13

- Entree**
- * Ham & Cheese Snackable
 - * Pepperoni Pizza
 - * Toasted Cheese Sandwich with Creamy Tomato Soup
 - * Pizza Hut Pizza at Longfellow & Watson
- Vegetables**
- Green Beans
- Fruit**
- Fruit and Veggie Bar
- Milk**
- 1% Unflavored Milk
 - Chocolate Skim Milk
 - Skim Unflavored Milk
 - Strawberry Skim Milk

14

17

Misc.
No School

- Entree**
- * Ham & Cheese Deli Round
 - * Hot Pepperoni Sub
 - * Cheeseburger
- Vegetables**
- Crinkle Cut Fries
- Fruit**
- Fruit and Veggie Bar
- Milk**
- 1% Unflavored Milk
 - Chocolate Skim Milk
 - Skim Unflavored Milk
 - Strawberry Skim Milk

18

- Entree**
- * Asian Salad with Roasted Flatbread
 - * Corn Dog
 - * Chicken Ranch Pasta with Dinner Roll
- Vegetables**
- Peas
- Fruit**
- Fruit and Veggie Bar
- Milk**
- 1% Unflavored Milk
 - Chocolate Skim Milk
 - Skim Unflavored Milk
 - Strawberry Skim Milk

19

- Entree**
- * Turkey & Cheese Deli Round
 - * Home-style Tater Hotdish with Dinner Roll
 - * Chicken Nuggets
- Vegetables**
- Baked Beans
- Fruit**
- Fruit and Veggie Bar
- Desserts**
- Rice Crispy Treat
- Milk**
- 1% Unflavored Milk
 - Chocolate Skim Milk
 - Skim Unflavored Milk
 - Strawberry Skim Milk

20

- Entree**
- * Nacho Snackable
 - * Ham & Pasta Hotdish with Dinner Roll
 - * Pepperoni Pizza Stuffed Sandwich
 - * Pizza Hut Pizza at Alcott, Hawthorne, Lincoln
- Vegetables**
- Mixed Vegetables
- Fruit**
- Fruit and Veggie Bar
- Milk**
- 1% Unflavored Milk
 - Chocolate Skim Milk
 - Skim Unflavored Milk
 - Strawberry Skim Milk

21

24

- Entree**
- * Original Beef Goulash
 - * Pancake Sausage Bites
 - * Pizza Snackable
- Vegetables**
- Golden Corn
- Fruit**
- Fruit and Veggie Bar
- Milk**
- 1% Unflavored Milk
 - Chocolate Skim Milk
 - Skim Unflavored Milk
 - Strawberry Skim Milk

25

- Entree**
- * Popcorn Chicken Bites
 - * Loaded Hash Browns with Dinner Roll
 - * Ham & Cheese Deli Round
- Vegetables**
- Candied Carrots
- Fruit**
- Fruit and Veggie Bar
- Milk**
- 1% Unflavored Milk
 - Skim Unflavored Milk
 - Strawberry Skim Milk
 - Chocolate Skim Milk

26

- Entree**
- * Mozzarella Bosco Sticks with Marinara Dipping Sauce
 - * Honey Garlic Glazed Chicken over Rice
 - * Turkey & Cheese Deli Round
- Vegetables**
- Steamed Broccoli Florets
- Fruit**
- Fruit and Veggie Bar
- Milk**
- 1% Unflavored Milk
 - Chocolate Skim Milk
 - Skim Unflavored Milk
 - Strawberry Skim Milk

27

- Entree**
- * PB&J Snackable
 - * Cheese Pizza
 - * Cheeseburger Macaroni Skillet with Breadstick
 - * Pizza Hut Pizza at Longfellow & Watson
- Vegetables**
- Green Beans
- Fruit**
- Fruit and Veggie Bar
- Milk**
- 1% Unflavored Milk
 - Chocolate Skim Milk
 - Skim Unflavored Milk
 - Strawberry Skim Milk

28

31

- Entree**
- * Pretzel Snackable
 - * Italian Melt
 - * Chicken Nuggets with Dinner Roll
- Vegetables**
- Mixed Vegetables
- Fruit**
- Fruit and Veggie Bar
- Milk**
- 1% Unflavored Milk
 - Chocolate Skim Milk
 - Skim Unflavored Milk
 - Strawberry Skim Milk