



Longfellow Elementary School

Monthly Newsletter

September 2021



Longfellow staff from 2020-2021. Photo courtesy of Paul Julian.

Welcome!

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! We are very excited to have our students back in the halls and classrooms of our beautiful Longfellow building. It is our goal to make every student feel welcomed, connected and safe at school. During the school year we will continue carrying on many of our wonderful Longfellow traditions. These include our Character Education Program, for which Longfellow Elementary was nationally recognized twice; global education; and after-school clubs. Longfellow staff have been working hard to realize an exciting and productive school year.



Longfellow recognizes good character! Weekly winners are presented with fun rewards of the student's choice. Live with Integrity, earn and give Respect, act Responsibly, and practice Compassion!

Important Announcements

Pick-up and Drop-off

Students must be picked up within 15 minutes after school is out. School day begins at 8:10 am and ends at 3:20 pm. Remember that on Wednesdays students are dismissed at 2:30 pm. Please make a plan for your students to get home safely.

For safety in our busy time after school, we ask that families do not use the playground until 3:45.

Masks, Field Trips, Visitors

Beginning on August 23 masks are required for all students, staff and visitors entering the building. We continue to emphasize hand washing for students and staff. We will evaluate the policy every four weeks.

Programs such as Watch D.O.G.S. and MentoringWorks are resumed for this school year. Students will also be able to go on field trips.

Visitors need to check in on our 9th street entrance (north side). Thank you for helping keep our building secure.

Success is Teamwork

In order to be successful at school, students need help from both teachers and parents. Together we share responsibilities for our students' success. Teachers and parents can do remarkable things to make a true difference in students' education. At school, we will do everything possible to fulfill our responsibilities. We also ask parents to help:

- Bring your child to school every day, on time and ready to learn
- Practice reading with your child daily
- Practice and discuss what your child learned at school
- Ask your child about her/his school day
- Attend school events

We are looking forward to the bright and productive 2021-2022 school year!



Reading Growth and Testing

During the week of August 23rd-27th, all K-5 students will be taking part in our Acadience Reading Assessment. This assessment is done three times a year to help us create reading groups, write Individualized Reading Improvement Plans (IRIPs) for K-3rd grade students, and track student growth. The best way you can help your student grow this year in reading is to encourage daily reading at home and to practice High Frequency Words with your student. Find some time to read with your child at home; it is a gift that truly has no price.

Kayla Perry, Reading Specialist

**A family
that reads
together,
grows
together.**



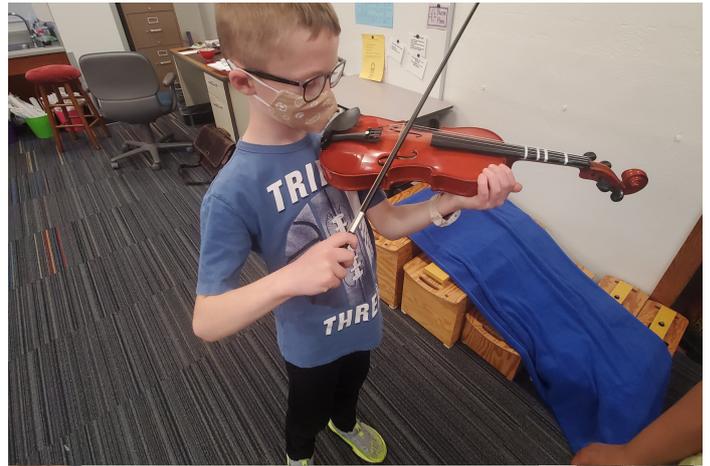
#BARBERSHOPBOOKS

Band and Orchestra

Elementary band and orchestra registration is taking place now! 4th and 5th grade students are invited to join orchestra and can play the violin, viola or cello. 5th grade students are invited to join band to play the flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone or baritone. Registrations were mailed home and are also available in the elementary school offices.

Please fill out and return to school as soon as possible. We will help students find an instrument if they need one. If a student is on free and reduced lunch we can help with rental fees.

If there are questions please contact Mrs. Niemeyer at 225-315-8888 for orchestra, or Mrs. Stevens at 308-760-2047 for band. We hope to see your 4th or 5th grade student in band or orchestra soon! -Mrs. Niemeyer



Parent Teacher Organization (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 first PTO meeting is September 7 at 6:30pm in the Longfellow Library

Additional Information

Picture day is on August 27, 2021. Retakes are on October 1. ★

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 fill out and return a packet of forms that were sent to every student through USPS.

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.** ★

Cell phones and electronics are not allowed in school without teacher's permission.



library news september

book suggestions

*Our goal for the Longfellow Library is to share our "Love of Reading." We encourage and guide students to explore the shelves and find "Good Fit" books for them.

*We have lots of books to choose from and having conversations with your child gives us background information to see what their interests are to explore.

reminders

*When students forget to bring their library book back we give them several reminders to return it to the library. If you receive a letter in the mail this is an indication that the book has not been found and a fine is attached.

What we are learning

*Students visit the library once a week for 30 minutes to listen to a story, and borrow a book. Be sure to ask them what day they have library so they are ready.

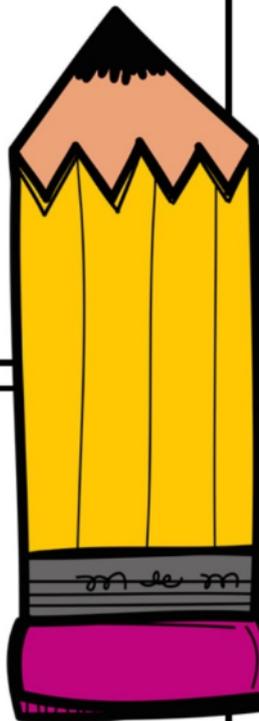
*We are also teaching how to take care of our books and be responsible to have a safe place to keep them at home.

hours, volunteer opportunities, contact info

Right now we are not allowed to have outside visitors in our

If you ever have questions you may contact us at 461-7584.

Mrs. Murray is known as the "Library Lady" in our bldg. and Mrs. Maunder is the library para.



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



September 2021

Longfellow
2021-2022 Lunch, Grades PK-5

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| | | 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 | Entree * Roasted Chicken 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 | Entree * Pizza Hut Pizza at Alcott, Hawthorn, Lincoln * Dual Cheese Snackable * Pepperoni Pizza * Ham & Pasta Hotdish with Dinner Roll Vegetables Mixed Vegetables Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk |
| 06 | 07 | 08 | 09 | 10 |
| Misc. No School | Entree * Ham & Cheese Deli Round * Loaded Hash Browns with Dinner Roll * Popcorn Chicken Bites Vegetables Candied Carrots Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk | Entree * Grilled Chicken Salad with Roasted Flatbread * Super Nachos * BBQ Rib Sandwich Vegetables Zesty Black Beans Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Desserts Cinnamon Roll Bread Pudding Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk | Entree * Turkey & Cheese Deli Round * Honey Garlic Glazed Chicken over Rice * Mozzarella Bosco Sticks with Marinara Dipping Sauce Vegetables Steamed Broccoli Florets Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk | Entree * Pizza Hut Pizza at Longfellow & Watson * Pizza Snackable * Pepperoni Pizza * Cheeseburger Macaroni Skillet with Breadstick Vegetables Green Beans Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 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 | Entree * Italian Deli Round * Home-style Chicken & Noodles w/ Dinner Roll * Country Fried Steak with Dinner Roll Vegetables Mashed Potatoes with Country Gravy Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk | Entree * Chicken BLT Salad with Roasted Flatbread * Beefy Taco in a Bag * Oven-Roasted Hot Dog Vegetables Refried Beans Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Desserts Brownie Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk | Entree * Turkey & Cheese Deli Round * Home-style Spaghetti * Crispy Chicken Sandwich Vegetables Golden Corn Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk | Entree * Pizza Hut Pizza at Alcott, Hawthorn, Lincoln * Ham & Cheese Snackable * Cheese Pizza * Cheesy Ham Baked Potato with Dinner Roll Vegetables Steamed Broccoli Florets Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| Entree * Nacho Snackable * French Toast Sticks with Eggs * Cheeseburger Vegetables Hash Brown Triangle Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk | Entree * Ham & Cheese Deli Round * Traditional Beefy Lasagna with Breadstick * Mini Corn Dogs Vegetables Western Green Beans Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk | 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 | Entree * Combo 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 | Misc. No School |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | |
| Entree * Pizza Snackable * Pancakes & Sausage * Popcorn Chicken Bites Vegetables Baked Tator Tots Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk | Entree * Roasted Chicken Deli Round * Soft Shell Beefy Tacos * Fish Nuggets with Dinner Roll Vegetables Refried Beans Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Desserts Gelatin Dessert Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk | Entree * Sweet Pepper Vegetarian Salad with Roasted Flatbread * Creamy Macaroni & Cheese with Dinner Roll * Oven-Roasted Hot Dog Vegetables Lemon Herbed Broccoli and Cauliflower Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk | Entree * Turkey & Cheese Deli Round * Traditional Sloppy Joe * Baked Pork Fritter Vegetables Sweet Potato Fries Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk | |