

Longfellow Elementary School

Monthly Newsletter

March 2022



Every year Longfellow students and staff celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2. During the week of February 28, we will participate in several fun and exciting activities that are related to reading. Students will receive a Bingo card which they can complete by participating in various reading activities. Students will receive some fun prizes for the completion of Bingo cards. On Wednesday, March 2, students and staff will dress up as Dr. Seuss book characters. Please help your child dress up on this special day! On Friday, March 4, we will have an all school assembly where we will make connections between Dr. Seuss' book characters with good character and Longfellow's character expectations.

"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child." These wise words by Dr. Seuss inspire us to share the joy of reading and learning with young readers. Please find a few minutes this week to sit down and share the magic of reading with your child.

The weather outside is warming up. It is so important for young children to spend time playing outside and breathing fresh air. Scientists point out to the importance of sun exposure to make vitamin D, which plays an important role in many body processes and improves our immune system. They also talk about exercising, socializing and appreciating nature while being outside. Reading outside is also a lot of fun. Please encourage your child to pick up a book and enjoy the sun!

Small Reading Groups

Small reading group time happens in our classrooms. Our kindergarten, first grade, and second grade have been doing some great things for our students! Our groups help kids with phonetic awareness, combining sounds, and being able to read words out loud from a story.



A Peek Into a Longfellow Day



Forty minutes of special activities (PE, music, and art).



Forty minute lunch and recess.



Ninety minutes of reading throughout the day.



Special guests, like the University of Nebraska's nutrition program.



Ninety minutes of math throughout the day.

Restaurant Night Pizza Hut, Burlington

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 March 21, Pizza Hut 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!

The flier we provide must be shown in order for Longfellow to receive the 20% donation.



Popcorn! March 18

Popcorn sales will continue on March 18. 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 March 9th's Wednesday folder.

April 22 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. **All items need to be placed by March 2nd.**

Thanks so much for your help!

-Jenni Welsch, yearbook coordinator/PTO member



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

Future Problem Solvers

The Future Problem Solvers club is officially under way!

Selected fourth and fifth grade students are led by Mrs. Creech to find creative solutions to real world problems. Our Junior teams will be working through a six-step process on the yearly topic given by international selection team.



Spelling Bee Participants

Congratulations to our spelling bee participants this year: Halle Jacobsen, Stella Adam, Talan Maggart, Braelynn Boden, Zayne Bolling, and Jonah McCoy. Stella Adam placed 4th in her category. Thank you for showing how awesome Longfellow is at spelling!

Quiz Bowl Participants

Congratulation to our Quiz Bowl participants this year! For red team we had Silas Bartos as captain, Braelynn Boden, Ariaiah Hoshaw, Jayden Navarrete, Jonathan Pedraza Arizmendi, Aaron Raun, and Raegan Welsch. For yellow team we had Meredith Oliver as captain, Sophia Buller, Daniel Gallaway, Ivy Kelley, Ben Kuehn, Breck Pfeil, and McKenzie Vandeventer. Thanks for representing Longfellow!



Resilience

For the month of March, we will focus on the trait of resilience to L.E.A.P with good character.

What is resilience?

Resilience is bouncing back from setbacks and learning from failure.



This is how we will define resilience for our students: “When you have trouble, you bounce back and try again.” This definition comes from the book, *A Mindset for Learning*, by Kristine Mraz and Christine Hertz. These authors suggest that “resilience is essential to learning”. Without resilience, learning anything new is impossible.



Living with Integrity
Earning & Giving Respect
Acting Responsibly
Practicing Compassion

Stand up to the fury
Let the torrents rage
Keep things moving forward
Stand firm and turn the page

It's just part of the story
A challenge to be won
A dragon for the slaying
So as to meet the morning sun

Tomorrow brings another
And more each passing day
It's about how we get through it
It's how we find a way

This strength reveals resilience
To deal with what lies in store
Facing each days challenge
And coming back for more

- Robert Longley

Books About Resilience
After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again by Dan Santat
Rosie Revere, Engineer by Andrea Beaty
A Perfectly Messed-Up Story by Patrick McDonnell
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
The Thing Lou Couldn't Do by Ashley Spires

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 march

book suggestions

March has always been associated with the celebration of Dr. Seuss events and at school we have now expanded on this idea to a "Read Across America" theme. This allows all students to read favorites from previous years and share their LOVE of reading with others in their classroom and also in other grades.

Golden Sower Readers are almost finished in the K-3 grade level and we will be voting for our favorites shortly. 10 books are read through a selection process of the Nebraska Library Association and then voted upon for a winner. Grades 4 and 5 are still eligible to read 4 books and be part of a party planned for May. A chart on the 2nd floor shows their progress.

What we are learning

Library is one of the favorite subjects for students. Just like: Art, Music, and P.E. when we have a shortened week and library is missed students can't wait to get back. We are happy to have students stop by anytime they have finished a book to find another good READ.

In 4th and 5th we also read aloud. We are currently reading, "And then it happened" a series of short stories. Each one involves 3 grade school boys who are always into mischief that has a funny ending.

hours, volunteer opportunities, contact info

Every library in our Hastings Public Schools has a para professional to help students. We are fortunate to have this position available. As a librarian I am shared in three buildings so when I am at another school I know that students are still able to have access to this space!



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



<p style="text-align: center;">01</p> <p>Entree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Popcorn Chicken Bites * Loaded Hash Browns with Dinner Roll * Ham & Cheese Deli Round <p>Vegetables</p> <p>Candied Carrots</p> <p>Fruit</p> <p>Fruit and Veggie Bar</p> <p>Milk</p> <p>1% Unflavored Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk Chocolate Skim Milk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">02</p> <p>Entree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Roasted Turkey with Dinner Roll * Mozzarella Bosco Stick & Cheese Platter * Grilled Chicken Salad with Roasted Flatbread <p>Vegetables</p> <p>Zesty Black Beans</p> <p>Fruit</p> <p>Fruit and Veggie Bar</p> <p>Milk</p> <p>Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">03</p> <p>Entree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Super Nachos * BBQ Rib Sandwich * Turkey & Cheese Deli Round <p>Vegetables</p> <p>Steamed Broccoli Florets</p> <p>Fruit</p> <p>Fruit and Veggie Bar</p> <p>Grains</p> <p>Fresh Baked Breadstick</p> <p>Desserts</p> <p>Brownie</p> <p>Milk</p> <p>1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">04</p> <p>Entree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Pizza Hut Pizza at Longfellow & Watson * Pepperoni Pizza * Cheeseburger Macaroni Skillet with Breadstick * Dual Cheese Snackable <p>Vegetables</p> <p>Green Beans</p> <p>Fruit</p> <p>Fruit and Veggie Bar</p> <p>Milk</p> <p>1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">07</p> <p>Entree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Italian Melt * Chicken Nuggets with Dinner Roll * Pretzel Snackable <p>Vegetables</p> <p>Mixed Vegetables</p> <p>Fruit</p> <p>Fruit and Veggie Bar</p> <p>Milk</p> <p>1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">08</p> <p>Entree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Home-style Chicken & Noodles w/ Dinner Roll * Country Fried Steak with Dinner Roll * Ham & Cheese Deli Round <p>Vegetables</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes with Country Gravy</p> <p>Fruit</p> <p>Fruit and Veggie Bar</p> <p>Milk</p> <p>1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">09</p> <p>Entree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Beefy Taco in a Bag * Oven-Roasted Hot Dog * Chef Salad with Roasted Flatbread <p>Vegetables</p> <p>Refried Beans</p> <p>Fruit</p> <p>Fruit and Veggie Bar</p> <p>Desserts</p> <p>Fresh Baked Chocolate Chip Cookie</p> <p>Milk</p> <p>1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>Misc.</p> <p>No School</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p>Misc.</p> <p>No School</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p>Entree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * French Toast Sticks with Eggs * Cheeseburger * Nacho Snackable <p>Vegetables</p> <p>Hash Brown Triangle</p> <p>Fruit</p> <p>Fruit and Veggie Bar</p> <p>Milk</p> <p>1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <p>Entree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Cowboy Beans over Biscuit * Mini Corn Dogs * Ham & Cheese Deli Round <p>Vegetables</p> <p>Green Beans</p> <p>Fruit</p> <p>Fruit and Veggie Bar</p> <p>Milk</p> <p>1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p>Entree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Classic Beefy Chili with Crackers and Dinner Roll * Grilled Chicken Sandwich * Crispy Chicken Salad with Roasted Flatbread <p>Vegetables</p> <p>Golden Corn</p> <p>Fruit</p> <p>Fruit and Veggie Bar</p> <p>Milk</p> <p>1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p>Entree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Italian Dunkers with Marinara Dipping Sauce * Breaded Steak Fries with Dinner Roll * Turkey & Cheese Deli Round <p>Vegetables</p> <p>BBQ Baked Beans</p> <p>Fruit</p> <p>Fruit and Veggie Bar</p> <p>Desserts</p> <p>Test Your Senses- Chocolate Shamrock Crumble Bar</p> <p>Milk</p> <p>1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p>Entree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Pizza Hut Pizza at Alcott, Hawthorne, Lincoln * Tuna Noodle Casserole * Pepperoni Pizza Stuffed Sandwich * Turkey & Cheese Snackable <p>Vegetables</p> <p>Peas</p> <p>Fruit</p> <p>Fruit and Veggie Bar</p> <p>Milk</p> <p>1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p>Entree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Pizza Pasta Bake * Popcorn Chicken Bites * Pizza Snackable <p>Vegetables</p> <p>Steamed Carrots</p> <p>Fruit</p> <p>Fruit and Veggie Bar</p> <p>Milk</p> <p>1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">22</p> <p>Entree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Soft Shell Beefy Tacos * Fish Nuggets with Dinner Roll * Cottage Cheese & Fruit Platter <p>Vegetables</p> <p>Zesty Black Beans</p> <p>Fruit</p> <p>Fruit and Veggie Bar</p> <p>Desserts</p> <p>Frozen Fruit Slush</p> <p>Milk</p> <p>1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>Entree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Creamy Macaroni & Cheese with Dinner Roll * Oven-Roasted Hot Dog * Fajita Salad with Tortilla Chips <p>Vegetables</p> <p>Calico Beans</p> <p>Fruit</p> <p>Fruit and Veggie Bar</p> <p>Milk</p> <p>1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p>Entree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Mega Meatball with Dinner Roll * Baked Pork Fritter * Turkey & Cheese Deli Round <p>Vegetables</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes with Brown Gravy</p> <p>Fruit</p> <p>Fruit and Veggie Bar</p> <p>Milk</p> <p>1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p>Entree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Pizza Hut Pizza at Longfellow & Watson * Toasted Cheese Sandwich with Creamy Tomato Soup * Ham & Cheese Snackable * Pepperoni Pizza <p>Vegetables</p> <p>Green Beans</p> <p>Fruit</p> <p>Fruit and Veggie Bar</p> <p>Milk</p> <p>1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p>Entree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Chili Cheese Fritos * Crispy Chicken Sandwich * Turkey & Cheese Snackable <p>Vegetables</p> <p>Golden Corn</p> <p>Fruit</p> <p>Fruit and Veggie Bar</p> <p>Milk</p> <p>1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p>Entree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Hot Pepperoni Sub * Cheeseburger * Ham & Cheese Deli Round <p>Vegetables</p> <p>Crinkle Cut Fries</p> <p>Fruit</p> <p>Fruit and Veggie Bar</p> <p>Milk</p> <p>1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p>Entree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Chicken Ranch Pasta with Dinner Roll * Corn Dog * Asian Salad with Roasted Flatbread <p>Vegetables</p> <p>Peas</p> <p>Fruit</p> <p>Fruit and Veggie Bar</p> <p>Milk</p> <p>1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">31</p> <p>Entree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Home-style Tater Hotdish with Dinner Roll * Chicken Nuggets * Turkey & Cheese Deli Round <p>Vegetables</p> <p>Baked Beans</p> <p>Fruit</p> <p>Fruit and Veggie Bar</p> <p>Desserts</p> <p>Rice Crispy Treat</p> <p>Milk</p> <p>1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk</p>	