

Monthly Newsletter

October 2021



Alan Rodriguez Hernandez, 4th Grade, is delivery raspberries to classrooms throughout the building

Fresh Fruits and Vegetable Program

The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program partners the U.S. Department of Agriculture with local school and introduces students to a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables. The program tries to connect students with positive food choices by expanding their knowledge of healthy options. A secondary goal is to help combat child obesity and helping children love items that are not highly processed or high in saturated fats. The program also promotes farm to table items to encourage community connections.

For more information, please visit <https://www.fns.usda.gov/ffvp/ffvp-fact-sheet>



Important Announcements

Cooler Weather

The morning weather in October can be quite chilly in Nebraska. Please make sure students come prepared by having them bring a jacket or coat, hats, and gloves. We will continue being outside for recess, as weather permits, and it will be more enjoyable for students if they are well dressed for the Nebraska October temperature swings! Please be sure to put names on tags of clothing that can be easily lost.

Cell Phones and Pop-it toys

Students are reminded that toys, such as pop its and other fidgets, are not allowed. Such items need to be left at home or in backpacks. Teachers can collect these items if they are not put away, and parents can pick them up after school at 3:20pm-4:00pm.

Cell phones are also not allowed to be used on the school campus. Phones can be left in backpacks. If students use them in hallways, on the playground, or during the lunch time, teachers can collect them and parents can pick them up after school at 3:20pm-4:00pm.

Art, Music, and PE

Longfellow students get opportunities to experience wonderful teachers outside of their classroom. Students work on visual art skills in first and second grade once a week. In third through fifth grade, students have art class two times a week. Students connect with history and explore meaning in art, as well as practice techniques for craftsmanship.

Each student visits the music classroom twice a week for vocal and instrumental exploration. Students can also choose to join orchestra in fourth grade, and band in fifth grade.

Each student has Physical Education twice a week. Students learn about positive competition, gross body movement skills, and healthy habits for strong bodies.



Spelling Challenge

The spelling challenge will begin at the start of November, but planning is underway! This is one of Longfellow's favorite events and we don't want anyone to miss out. More information will come out soon, but the following dates have been established:

- November 3rd, Spelling Challenge Kick-Off
 - Flyers will go home
 - Videos for the event will be played at school
- November 12th, Packets return to their teachers
- November 17th, Quiz Day!
- November 30th, Donations and signed envelopes return
- December 3rd, Pig Races Day!



Restaurant Night Runza West October 6

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 October 6th, from 5:00pm to 8:00pm, Runza west (2101 West 2nd), has agreed to partner with Longfellow to help raise funds. Dine in or drive through, whichever works best for your family, and support our community!



Popcorn! October 22

Popcorn sales will begin on October 22nd. 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 on October 13th's Wednesday folder.

Future dates for popcorn will be November 19 and December 17.

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 October 5 at 6:30pm in the Longfellow Library.

Additional Information

Retake pictures 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.

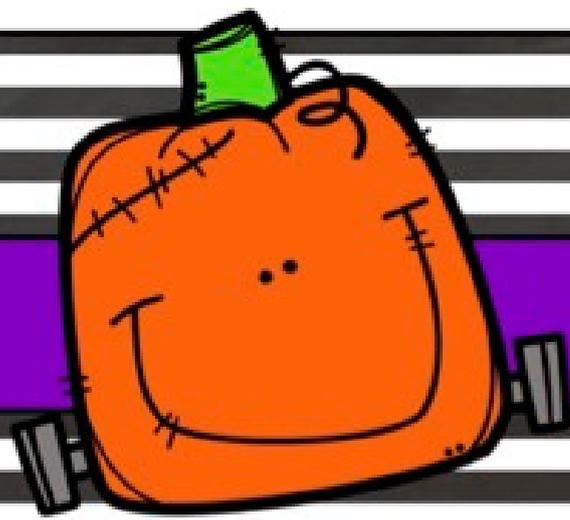


Student Handbook QR

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.**★



library news October

book suggestions

Fall, Autumn, Leaves, Pumpkins, Apples, and Halloween are just a few themes we cover in the library during this month.

Take a few minutes to chat with your child about what book they are currently reading. Sometimes it's an author, series, or certain theme they connect with.

Did you know that the library is easy to navigate? We have pictures that show students where to easily find items. Such as: Dogs, Cats, Graphic Novels, Ghosts, Cars, Trains, Cooking, Hunting, Sports, Fairy Tales, just to name a few!

reminders

R.L. Stine author of the Goosebumps Series celebrates his birthday this month. Seems right that he should. (77 years old)

David Shannon also celebrates his birthday. He is the author of the No David picture books. (61 years old)

Little Engine that could is 91!

What we are learning

This month in grades 4 and 5 we are talking about the Golden Sowers. These are 10 books that your child can choose to read. If they read at least 4 they can be part of the sower club and attend a celebration at the end of the year. The club gets its name from the statute on top of the state capitol. Most of the time their teacher reads one aloud in the classroom so that means they only have 3 to read on their own. Mrs. Murray also visits the classrooms to give book talks about each one. This year they are taking a quiz on line instead of using paper and pencil.

hours, volunteer opportunities, contact info

We are excited to have Mrs. Marsh with us sharing stories!

We are blessed with a BIG SCREEN television in the library where we are able to share some of our reading Google classrooms filled with books, of course.



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



		<p>01</p> <p>Entree * Ham & Cheese Snackable * Pepperoni Pizza * Toasted Cheese Sandwich with Creamy Tomato Soup * Pizza Hut Pizza at Longfellow & Watson</p> <p>Vegetables Green Beans</p> <p>Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar</p> <p>Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk</p>
<p>04</p> <p>Entree * Turkey & Cheese Snackable * Chili Cheese Fritos * Crispy Chicken Sandwich</p> <p>Vegetables Golden Corn</p> <p>Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar</p> <p>Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk</p>	<p>05</p> <p>Entree * Ham & Cheese Deli Round * Hot Pepperoni Sub * Cheeseburger</p> <p>Vegetables Crinkle Cut Fries</p> <p>Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar</p> <p>Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk</p>	<p>06</p> <p>Entree * Turkey & Cheese Deli Round * Home-style Tater Hotdish with Dinner Roll * Chicken Nuggets</p> <p>Vegetables Baked Beans</p> <p>Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar</p> <p>Desserts Test Your Senses- Glitter Grapes</p> <p>Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Entree * Pizza Snackable * Original Beef Goulash * Pancake Sausage Bites</p> <p>Vegetables Golden Corn</p> <p>Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar</p> <p>Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Entree * Grilled Chicken Salad with Roasted Flatbread * Super Nachos * BBQ Rib Sandwich</p> <p>Vegetables Zesty Black Beans</p> <p>Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar</p> <p>Desserts Gelatin Dessert</p> <p>Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Misc. No School</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Entree * Pretzel Snackable * Italian Melt * Chicken Nuggets with Dinner Roll</p> <p>Vegetables Mixed Vegetables</p> <p>Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar</p> <p>Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Entree * Ham & Cheese Deli Round * Home-style Chicken & Noodles w/ Dinner Roll * Country Fried Steak with Dinner Roll</p> <p>Vegetables Mashed Potatoes with Country Gravy</p> <p>Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar</p> <p>Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Entree * Turkey & Cheese Deli Round * Home-style Spaghetti * Crispy Chicken Sandwich</p> <p>Vegetables Golden Corn</p> <p>Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar</p> <p>Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Entree * Nacho Snackable * French Toast Sticks with Eggs * Cheeseburger</p> <p>Vegetables Hash Brown Triangle</p> <p>Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar</p> <p>Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Entree * Ham & Cheese Deli Round * Traditional Beefy Lasagna with Breadstick * Mini Corn Dogs</p> <p>Vegetables Green Beans</p> <p>Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar</p> <p>Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Entree * Turkey & Cheese Deli Round * Italian Dunkers with Marinara Dipping Sauce * Breaded Steak Fries with Dinner Roll</p> <p>Vegetables BBQ Baked Beans</p> <p>Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar</p> <p>Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk</p>
		<p>28</p> <p>Entree * Nacho Snackable * Cheese Pizza * Home-style Scalloped Potatoes & Ham with Dinner Roll * Pizza Hut Pizza at Alcott, Hawthorn, Lincoln</p> <p>Vegetables Peas</p> <p>Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar</p> <p>Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk</p>