

Monthly Newsletter

November 2021



The Longfellow Lending Library, replaced in October of 2021.

Read, Read, Read

Helping our students learn the basics of reading is one of Longfellow's most important goals. We teach how to identify letters and sounds, put those letters into consonant-vowel-consonant patterns, build into multiple syllables, and teach students how to understand the words in text.

Reading storybooks with children is one of the most important activities for developing knowledge which helps them build for future success. Reading at home is a wonderful use of time. It helps build imagination, an understanding of the world, and strengthen relationships within families.

Longfellow has a wonderful library, as well as a lending library which was recently replaced. The Hastings Public Library has countless opportunities to explore!

Important Announcements

Lunch Time

Lunches at Longfellow are a balanced way for students to eat! Longfellow lunches are free for all students for the 2021-2022 school year. We provide multiple lunch choices and a salad bar stocked with fresh vegetables and fruits.

If students bring their lunches from home, please send foods that are balanced, too. Proteins, fruits, vegetables, and a small treat is appropriate for dietary needs for growing bodies and minds. Please limit sugary sources of food as it can cause tummy and head aches.

Inclement Weather

Snow and cold weather days are not uncommon in our area. If weather creates an unsafe environment for students to travel to school, Hastings Public Schools may choose to cancel classes for the day.

Hastings Public schools will send automated phone calls out to families about school cancellations. Cancellations will also be posted on social media, our local television, and local radio broadcasts.

Typically, the office will not be staffed during these days.

Field Trips and Concerts!

Hastings Public Schools has approved outings and field trips for the 2021-2022 school year. Students get wonderful opportunities to learn about our local history, explore science exhibits, and perform in concerts. The 3rd-5th grade concert will be on November 23rd at 7:00pm.

In some cases, teachers may ask for assistance from parents. Parents are requested to fill out a background check and it is district policy that all adults finish through the process.



Watch Dogs

Watch dogs is officially in full swing! Longfellow connects with families by asking fathers and grandfathers to help. Watch Dogs patrol the school, help with small groups, and get to hang out with their student's classes. High fives are expected!

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:

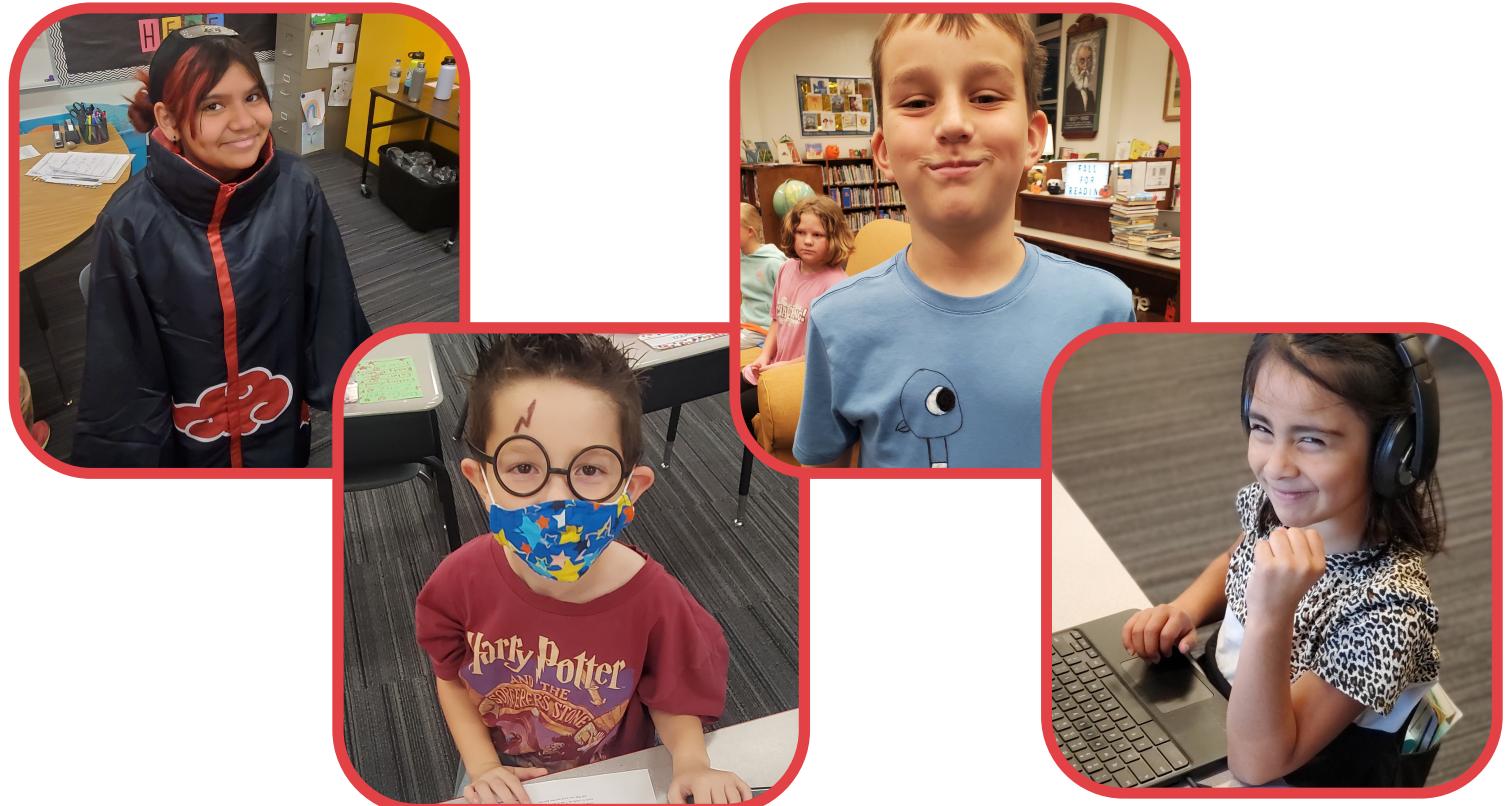
- November 3rd, Spelling Challenge Kick-Off
 - Flyers will go home
 - Videos for the event will be played at school
- November 12th, Packets return to their teachers
- November 17th, Quiz Day!
- November 30th, Donations and signed envelopes return
- December 3rd, Pig Races Day!



Square 1 Art

Square 1 Art will be online only for orders. The order catalogs will arrive by November 10th. Orders will need to be placed on November 26th online.

If families need help placing an order online, they can contact Kristi Rippe (PTO Co-Chair) at kristi.rippe@gmail.com or 308-520-2170.



Thanksgiving Lunch

Thanksgiving Lunch will be on Thursday, November 18th. The Longfellow PTO needs volunteers to help decorate the tables at 10:00 AM, then to help carry trays, clear tables and spread Thanksgiving cheer!

Help is appreciated for any, or all, of the meal time. We are usually finished by 1:00 PM. Please contact Steph Adam if you can help at steph.adam@hotmail.com.

Restaurant Night Burger King November 23

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 November 23, before the 3rd-5th grade music concert, Burger King 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! November 19

Popcorn sales will continue on November 19. 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 November 10th's Wednesday folder.

Future dates for popcorn will be December 17 and January 21.

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 November 9 at 6:30pm in the Longfellow Library

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 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.



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

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Book Suggestions

We love to hear what your child is reading. This happens every single time they visit the library. If we don't have what they are interested in we have a "book wish list" that we add their request onto. It is so fun to see their faces when the book they asked for actually arrives and we've held it back for them to read first!

Other book worthy news:

*Diary of a Wimpy Kid #16 came of 10/26

*This month we hi-light books about: Elections, Veterans Day, Native Americans, Fall, and Thanksgiving.

Reminders

This quarter is a new adventure for our Kindergartners. They finally are bringing library books home. They have done a wonderful job keeping books in their classrooms and now it's time to take them home. It is so exciting to see their faces when they are able to be a little more "grown up" and responsible!

What we are learning

We are talking about non-fiction books and the Dewey Decimal system. Libraries are organized to make it easy for all to find books that are interesting to us. So we have a video song about "Dewin' the Dewey." Students learn that books about cooking are located in the 641's, books about animals are in the 598's, books about Titanic are in the 910's. This system was invented by Melvil Dewey back in 1876.



Longfellow Elementary School

November 2021

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



November 2021

Longfellow Elem, Grades K-5
 2021-2022 Lunch, Grades PK-5

01	02	03	04	05
Entree * Nacho 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	Entree * Ham & Cheese Deli Round * Soft Shell Beefy Tacos * Fish Nuggets with Dinner Roll Vegetables Refried Beans Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Desserts Double Chocolate Banana Bars Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk	Entree * Fajita Salad with Tortilla Chips * 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 Strawberry Skim Milk	Entree * Turkey & Cheese Deli Round * Mega Meatball with Dinner Roll * Baked Pork Fritter Vegetables Mashed Potatoes with Brown Gravy Fiesta Corn Salad Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk	Misc. No School
08	09	10	11	12
Entree * Turkey & Cheese Snackable * Chili Cheese Fritos * Crispy Chicken Sandwich Vegetables Golden Corn Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk	Entree * Ham & Cheese Deli Round * Test Your Senses - Donut Cheeseburger * Hot Pepperoni Sub Vegetables Crinkle Cut Fries Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk	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	Entree * Turkey & Cheese Deli Round * Home-style Tater Hotdish with Dinner Roll * Chicken Nuggets Vegetables Baked Beans Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Desserts Rice Krispy Treat Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk	Entree * Nacho Snackable * Ham & Pasta Hotdish with Dinner Roll * Cheese Pizza * Pizza Hut Pizza at Alcott, Hawthorn, Lincoln Vegetables Mixed Vegetables Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk
15	16	17	18	19
Entree * Pizza Snackable * Original Beef Goulash * Pancake Sausage Bites Vegetables Golden Corn Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk	Entree * Turkey & Cheese Deli Round * Honey Garlic Glazed Chicken over Rice * Mozzarella Bosco Sticks with Marinara Dipping Sauce* Super Nachos with Breadstick Vegetables Steamed Broccoli Florets Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk	Entree * Grilled Chicken Salad with Roasted Flatbread * BBQ Rib Sandwich Vegetables Zesty Black Beans Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk	Entree * Ham & Cheese Deli Round * Roasted Turkey with Dinner Roll * Popcorn Chicken Bites Vegetables Mashed Potatoes with Chicken Gravy Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Desserts Frosted Pumpkin Bar Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk	Entree * PB&J Snackable * Cheesburger Macaroni Skillet with Breadstick * Pepperoni Pizza * 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
22	23	24	25	26
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	Entree * Ham & Cheese Deli Round * Home-style Chicken & Noodles w/ Dinner Roll * Country Fried Steak with Dinner Roll Vegetables Green Beans Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk	Misc. No School	Misc. No School	Misc. No School
29	30			
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 Strawberry Skim Milk	Entree * Ham & Cheese Deli Round * Traditional Beefy Lasagna with Breadstick * Mini Corn Dogs Vegetables Green Beans Fruit Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk 1% Unflavored Milk Chocolate Skim Milk Skim Unflavored Milk Strawberry Skim Milk			