



THE LIONS' TRACKS

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Principal's message

Greetings to all of our Longfellow families. Longfellow Elementary is off to a great start, and our students are growing and learning more each day. Our students have and are experiencing new and interesting educational opportunities. We have two new additions to our staff, and they are excited to be working with and teaching our students. We would like to welcome Mr. Bradford Ashton, our new Physical Education teacher. He has done a marvelous job thus far. We also welcome Mrs. Deanna Malone, our new Parent Volunteer Coordinator. We are very fortunate to have added such great additions to our family.

In addition to our newest family members, there are some other changes that I would like for you to be aware. During student dismissal, we have moved all our Kindergarten students from the foyer area of our entrance way into the front entrance and have seated them alongside the wall. We ask that all Kindergarten parents wait in the foyer area, and we will walk your child to you. Secondly, we have changed parent drop-off and pick-up procedures and ask that all parents utilize the far outside drive lane when dropping off and picking up your students. Signs are posted to help direct you. We also ask that you do not get out of your vehicle during this period of time; we will direct your child to you. If you need to park, please park alongside Elgin Street. This keeps everyone safe and expedites student drop-off and pick-up. Thanks for your cooperation.

As the school year progresses, there will be many opportunities for you to help and be part of the great and exciting events that will be taking place here at Longfellow. Mrs. Malone will be contacting parents and you may contact her as well. We look forward to working towards excellence in all we do and would love and welcome your input. Please log on to our website via the MCS homepage to stay informed to upcoming dates and events.

Sincerely,
Mr. Gerry Moore, Principal

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Attention Volunteers!

We LOVE when parents, grandparents, and other adults visit Longfellow and spend time volunteering in the classrooms and in our school! If you are interested in volunteering at Longfellow, please see the front office staff to complete a volunteer form. Also, if you plan on attending any field trips with your child(ren) this school year, you must have a volunteer form on file before attending. We look forward to seeing you soon!



Torianna Hill's grandmother, Donna Dean, visited Mrs. Hirons' second grade classroom. She and Torianna conducted science experiments for the class.

News YOU Need to Know!

We would like to remind everyone of a few important points to keep in mind:

1. Please be mindful of the dress code found in the Student Handbook that was given to each student at the time of registration. We adhere to this dress code, and if a student is not in compliance with the dress code, parents will be called for a change of clothes.
2. We have changed our student pick-up/drop-off method. Please ONLY enter the actual parking lot if you plan on parking and coming inside the building. If you are not parking, please get in line that by-passes the parking lot. Also, DO NOT leave your car unattended unless you are in a parking space. Thank you for your cooperation.
3. Fall Break is October 12-16, 2015. We do not have school on those days. Please plan accordingly.

October's Character Word: Cooperation

Longfellow's character word of the month is COOPERATION. While working with Mrs. Foster, our counselor, the students will learn the definition of this word and how it applies to each student as an individual. Students will also learn the 3 components of cooperation:

1. Listening
2. Following directions
3. Working well with others to complete a task

RED RIBBON WEEK 2015

October 23-31, 2015 is Red Ribbon Week. Longfellow, along with many other school across Indiana, will be celebrating being DRUG FREE! This year's theme is "TOO SMART TO START!" All students will receive a Red Ribbon Week bracelet and activity book that will earn them FREE treats from restaurants and businesses during that week. Students are also encouraged to wear red that week, and during lunch special "DRUG FREE" prizes will be given away daily for those students who wear red and/or their bracelets.



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PTO: We Need You!

***We strongly encourage parents to become active members of Longfellow's Parent/Teacher Organization. Meetings are held on the last Monday of each month at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Our October meeting will be held on October 26th. We hope to see you there!**

***Also, Longfellow collects Box Tops for Education. Each Box Top collected earns money for our school. All Box Tops are due to the school by October 23rd, and the class with the most collected Box Tops will earn a special treat from the PTO.**

***Our annual Abby Candle and Cookie fundraiser will be October 5th-23rd, 2015. Please support Longfellow selling these great items!**

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News From the Nurse



I hope you have had a great start to the 2015-16 school year! Flu season is just around the corner. Parents and students, please don't forget to get your flu shot! Also, I wanted to give a quick reminder regarding illness and school. **If your child has been sick at home with vomiting, has a fever of 100°F(or higher), or has diarrhea, please keep them at home. If**

they are sent home from school with an illness please keep them home the next day. Students MUST be symptom free for 24 hours BEFORE RETURNING TO SCHOOL.

By doing this, you are helping your child recover quickly with the rest he or she may need, and you are preventing the spread of illness among students, staff, volunteers and visitors. Thank you for your help! We are looking forward to a healthy school year!!

Mrs. Lash

Congratulations to our September 2015 Students of the Month!

The following students were chosen as Student of the Month for September. They will be having a special lunch on October 6th and receive a Student of the Month certificate and pencil.

Kindergarten

Miss Bridges: **Alaisa Stewart**

Mrs. Neckers: **Damien Lowrey**

Mrs. LaSpina: **Ayden Nguyen**

1st Grade

Mrs. Covault: **Brandon Schmeising**

Mrs. Myers: **Anson Hacker**

Mrs. Serf: **Michael Polmanteer**

2nd Grade

Miss Britten: **Alex Navarro-Cortez**

Mrs. Hirons: **Brian Leffingwell**

3rd Grade

Mr. Palmer: **Sariah Jones**

Mrs. Quinn: **Kyle Wentz**

4th Grade

Mr. Downs: **Abby VanWinkle**

Miss Stahulak: **Dalton Gardner**

4th/5th and 5th Grade

Mrs. Walker: **Arianna Fultz**

Mr. York: **Elijah Shah**

Specials, Library, Intervention, Office, Speech, Resource

Mr. Ashton: **James Gann**

Mrs. Carter: **Larry Rios-Lucero**

Mrs. Phelps: **Taylor Wright**

Mrs. Crain: **Amaria Evans**

Mrs. Foster: **A'Zaryanna Harris**

Mrs. Lash: **Jonathan Hale**

Mrs. Zoller: **Ronald Ray**

Mrs. Dearing: **Hershel Sailers**

Mrs. Brackman: **Jurnee Sims**

Mrs. Rodgers: **Jaycob Smith**

Mrs. Thomas: **Zada Barton**

Mrs. Whittemore: **William Meranda**

Mrs. Zirnheld: **Kayleigh Lazzell**