



# LONGFELLOW PTO NEWSLETTER

*Together We Make A Difference*

**October 2015**

## Reminders:

- Half Day of School - 10/9
- No School - 10/12
- Book Fair Begins - 10/13
- Movie Night - 10/23
- Halloween Class Parties - 10/30

## Executive Board:

### Co-Presidents:

Staci Rusch

Denise Swanson

### Co-Vice Presidents:

Karen Conkle

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### Treasurer:

Kelly Beerheide

### Secretary:

Kim Wooden



## PTO Welcome!

Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year! We hope you enjoyed the Back to School Bash and are looking forward to another fun-filled year!

We will have a variety of fundraisers throughout the year, and we couldn't do what we do without your help! Please consider volunteering your time to help make our events a success. Volunteering is a rewarding experience, and it really does help our little Longhorns to have a wonderful school year! Every little bit helps.

If you would like to help out and don't know where to start, please contact the PTO board and we will help you get started. We look forward to working with you to continue to build a strong school and community!





## Thanks For Your Support!

Thank you to everyone who came out to our first restaurant fundraiser at Noodles and Company on September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. 25% of the total proceeds will be donated to the PTO! Stay tuned for another restaurant fundraiser coming up later this month! Thanks for your support!

Helene Josephson

Sarah Foutch

## Membership and Directory

Thank you to all of the Longfellow families who have submitted PTO membership forms. We are hard at work updating our membership directory and hope to get that out to all of our paid members very soon. Also, a big thank you to all the 5th graders that submitted entries for the Directory cover contest! The winners of the front and back cover will be notified soon.

## Scholastic Monster Book Fair Coming Soon!!

The Scholastic Monster Book Fair will be October 13-16 with evening hours during parent teacher conferences.

Change wars start October 6! Send that change in to earn books for your child's classroom and a school in need.

Want to get involved and volunteer? Have questions?

Please email:

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## Longfellow Savings Cards

Get your Longfellow Savings Card now! Cards are \$10 each and have some great restaurants, salons, dry cleaners, and much more! This card will save you money AND support our school at the same time! Send in cash or check made out to Longfellow PTO in an envelope with your child's name, teacher, and grade. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Weinberg ([jenniferweinberg@yahoo.com](mailto:jenniferweinberg@yahoo.com)) or Tiffany Larkowski ([tiffanylarkowski@aol.com](mailto:tiffanylarkowski@aol.com)).



Please be on the lookout for a flyer from Birthday Book Club in your child's folder for the month of his/her special day. If your child has a summer birthday, no worries we celebrate ½ Birthdays too! We hope you will join! Please fill out the information if you wish and send back to your child's teacher. Your donation will go directly and entirely to the Longfellow Library (LMC). Your child will then choose from a selection of new library books to donate in his/her honor and be the first one to check it out from the Longfellow Library! If you have any questions, please contact Gaby Gurtz (gngurtz@gmail.com or 847-590-5900).

We welcome the following Longfellow students to the Birthday Book Club for the month of September. Some of the books they picked out were: Good Night, Zombie, Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow, and Worst in Show.

### *Happy Birthday and Thank You to:*

Nicholas Clearwater  
Sofia Khandros  
Quinn Rowan  
Melissa Soderberg  
Charlie Wu



## **Kid Stuff Coupon Books**

Thank you so much to all of our volunteers who helped us with our coupon book fundraiser - Lauren Sherman, Kristin Damm, Denise Swanson, Meagan Kummerow, Stephanie Gleason, Jill Walton, Bomi Tunstall, Jen Lasek, Jodi Scharf, and Sarah Gord. This fundraiser would not be a success without all of your help.

We are wrapping up this fundraiser, but it is not too late to buy a KidStuff Coupon Book. Keep this book in your car and begin saving at your favorite stores, restaurants and activities in the Chicago area. The coupon book is a great holiday gift for family and friends. If you are interested in buying a coupon book (\$25), please contact Sarah Foutch ([sarahfoutch@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahfoutch@hotmail.com)) or Michelle Finn ([mfinn0905@yahoo.com](mailto:mfinn0905@yahoo.com)).

## Room Parent Information:

Thank you to all the parents that volunteered to be room parents for the Halloween and Valentine's Day parties. The information is being organized, and emails will be sent out by the first week in October regarding who you will be working with. If you have any questions, please email me at [cindytempler@yahoo.com](mailto:cindytempler@yahoo.com)

## Spirit Wear!



Spirit Wear has been ordered and will be arriving in late October!

## Art Awareness!

Lessons should start this month! All volunteers have been contacted, teachers have been notified, and supplies are ready to go!



**Clip Box Tops and earn cash for Longfellow!**

**Every 10 box tops turned in will enter your student in the monthly drawing!**

**Prizes will be given to the class that collects the most Box Tops throughout the year!!!**

Clip Box Tops from hundreds of your favorite brands including Ziploc, Nestle, Pillsbury, Kleenex, Hefty, General Mills and more!

Tape (no staples) 10 box tops on your collection sheet and return it to school! Have more than 10 box tops to turn in? Put them in a plastic baggie, write your child's name and teacher on the bag and send it to school!

Every 10 box tops turned in will enter your student in the monthly drawing! Winners will be selected and prizes delivered to your student's teacher.

The classroom with the most box tops collected at the end of the school year will win a class prize!



\*For a complete list of participating products please visit [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com).

Box Tops are redeemed for cash to purchase educational items for Longfellow Elementary.

Thank you to the following students for donating Box Tops in the months of August and September!

Nathan Abend	Hailey Gordon	Jenna Pullega
Alexandrea Allmaras	David Graham	Scott Roser
Ben Alport	Owen H	Joe Rubino
Adam Azar	Isaac Helkowski	Ava Sander
Ryan Bahary	Preston Herda	Matthew Scharf
Hailey Barbakoff	Shawn Hinrichs	James Shiakallis
Courtney Beerheide	Albert Hoang	Colin Suchomski
Drew Beiersdorf	Nicole Howard	Noah Steele
Jack Berberet	Erin Josephson	Jenna Templer
Jacob Boumstein	Lexi Josephson	Rachel Templer
Johnnie Caldwell	Matthew Kaput	Michelle V
Taylor Camel	Chloe Kastein	John Valentin
Lucia Caringella	Sofia Khandros	Catalina Videlka
Benjamin Casteneda	Kora Kipley	Charleigh W
Joshua Chung	Jaclyn Klemm	Brennan Watson
Kayla Cichy	Blake Lasek	Kyan Watson
Gavin Cloniger	Gracie Lee	Sammy Watson
Kylie Collins	Jorge Lopez	Jake Weinberg
Jacob Colpaert	Artur M	Macey Weinberg
Daniel Dishchuk	Connor Malawski	Holden Wheeler
Elliot Drazin	Mackenzie Matsuda	Bella Whippo
Lia Drazin	Mallory Matuga	Laila Whippo
Jarret Dumlao	Amanda Moran	Mia Whippo
Connor Fitzsimmons	Kaitlyn Moran	Nathan Wight
Molly Fitzsimmons	Kyle Nguyen	Carter Wright
Cameron Follett	Carina Obrecht	Brayden Wong
Owen Foutch	Jack Omansky	Madison Wong
Maddie Glazer	Hayden Porterfield	Charlie Wu
Caleb Gleason	Arianna Pozniak	Alexander
David Gleason	Grant Preusker	Olivia
Lacey Gord	Jake Preusker	

Here are the current class standings:

1. Ms Cowan's class-345 box tops submitted
2. Ms Swanson's class-271 box tops submitted
3. Ms Schlender's class-208 box tops submitted

Also, the standings by grade!

1. Fifth grade
2. First grade
3. Second grade
4. Third grade
5. Fourth grade
6. Kindergarten

# October 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 PTO Meeting	2 Parent - Son Event	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Half Day	10
11	12 No School	13  Book Fair Evening Hours: 3:30-8pm	14  Book Fair Evening Hours: 3:30-8pm	15 	16 	17
18	19	20	21	22	23  Movie Night!	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Class Halloween Parties!	31 

## September 3, 2015 PTO Meeting Minutes

**President's Report:** Staci Rusch called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. She also asked any committee chairs that still needed their binder to please come up to the front table to retrieve it.

**Treasurer's Report:** Reviewed budget from previous year and confirmed that we came in under budget last year.

Highlights from this year's budget thus far: Some expenses have come in from last year that will hit this year's budget. Some membership dues have already been received. A deposit from last year's plant sale came into this year's budget. An expense went out this year for Yankee candle. Taxes have already been prepared and a check will be going out for Illinois charities. We have also paid insurance for the year, for our directory and the back to school bash against this year's operating budget.

**Principal's Report:** One of the changes made that is working out great is the pick-up procedure. It has been a good improvement to ensure safety for our children this year. We also have a new food service company this year and it has been a huge success with the children and the staff. We are in year 2 of a positive behavior support system – there are 8 areas within the school and behavior expectations for each of the 8 areas. The school improvement team is also addressing after school release to eliminate some areas that need improvement.

Kelly Cook introduced herself and explained her role as the learning coach. Bill Harrison (President of the school board) and Pamela Becker Dean (Vice President of school board) were in attendance and introduced themselves.

### **Vice President's Report:**

#### Committee Reports:

Art Awareness: 3 artists chosen, books chosen and forms sent out. Also took over square 1 art. Waiting for volunteer forms to come in to get the first one scheduled.

Back to School Bash: Success! Thank you to Vicki Herda for her awesome magnet sales and to all who attended and volunteered at the event!

Birthday Book Club: Chair not present – Karen explained the club

Coupon Books: Chair not present

Directory: Chair not present – informed the group that we will again have a paper directory as well as an online directory. Notice sent home with the 5<sup>th</sup> graders for the artwork for this year's version.

Membership: Kelly Cook asked us to send a reminder to the staff to submit their membership dues. The staff is shooting for 100% membership!

Newcomer/Kindergarten Welcome: Success!

Parent-Son event: Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, K-5, Lifetime Fitness, still confirming time but will be either 6:30-9 or 7-9:30. No dinner- just an event with snacks, dessert, water. Event will be rotations of rock climbing wall, kickball, dodgeball, etc. \$15/person. Will need parent volunteers.

Restaurant Fundraiser: Noodle & Co. Sept 24-25<sup>th</sup>. Noodles is wanting a min of 150 people to attend.

Room Parent: Chair not present, Halloween/Valentines Day party volunteer forms went out today.

Savings Card: Chair not present – A flyer will be going out soon to purchase your card for \$10.

School Supply Kit: Looking into potentially adding \$1-2 to the price of the kits to make PTO some money next year. This past year, PTO did not add any profit to the costs.

Spirit Wear: Chair not present

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Still need chairs for several of our committees: Bingo Night, and Book Fair are our two largest fundraisers and we do not yet have chairs. (By the end of the meeting we had our Bingo chair!! Thank you Ellen Burnett!) Also still open: Holiday craft fair, Parent-daughter event, Bulletin Board, Gift Cards, Ice Cream Charity, Yankee candle, School Supply Kits, Parent University

**Ideas to get PTO meeting attendance**

Feature a teacher topic each month – include student report outs

Put start and end time on email invite: 7-8:00 so people know when it ends

Table tents with the PTO board member names

Longfellow FB – use it for recognizing people

Raffle gift cards/front row at school concerts out for attendance

Have a conference call-in option

Snacks

**Next PTO Meeting:** 10/1 at 7:00 in Teacher's Lounge

Meeting adjourned!