



LONGFELLOW PTO NEWSLETTER

Together We Make A Difference

November 2015

Reminders:

- Lou Malnati's Restaurant Fundraiser - 11/24
- No School 11/25 -11/27
- Craft Fair and Kids Holiday Shoppe- 12/5

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Savings Cards!

We still have some more savings cards left! They are \$10, and you will be supporting your child's school while saving some money for yourself...a win/win!!! After a few times of using it, you will already begin saving money. The next time you are at Fox and Hound, All About Nails, or Dorflers, you will be glad you have it! A form went home with your child, so just fill it out and we will get your card to you. If you don't have the form, just send in a note stating you would like one with \$10, and your child's name and teacher on the envelope. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Weinberg (jenniferweinberg@yahoo.com) or Tiffany Larkowski (tiffanylarkowski@aol.com). Happy Savings!!!





Yum!

Thank you for coming out to Grande Jakes on October 12! We earned \$100 for the Longfellow PTO. **Please save the date for our next fundraiser on Tuesday, November 24th at LOU MALNATI'S!**

Helene Josephson
Sarah Foutch
Dana Rasof

Book Fair:

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Monster Book Fair a success! We couldn't have done it without all our wonderful parent volunteers.

Congratulations to all of the awesome Longfellow students for raising over \$2000 during Change Wars! Not only did that money buy new books for the classrooms, but Scholastic is donating over 2000 books to schools in need. Go Longhorns!!

Birthday Book Club

Eleven amazing kids joined the Birthday Book Club in October!! A HUGE Thank You to the following kids and for helping the Longfellow Library grow!

Allison Finn
Harah Gurtz
James Hanna
Shawn Hinrichs
Andrew Hoang
Aidan Knauf
Trevor Moodhe
Alexis Ro
Aathmika Sathish
Brayden Wong
Ethan Wright

Some of the books they picked out were: All the Answers, Catch That Cookie, If You Ever Want to Bring an Alligator to School, Don't!, Classroom Capers, Lost Cat, and The Book With No Pictures.

As a reminder, the \$15 Birthday Book Club donation goes 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).



Gift Cards!

Gift Cards are coming! Please keep your eyes open for the gift card flyers, along with the order forms, coming home in early November. You can purchase gift cards and use them to purchase dinner items or gifts. There is no additional cost to you. Every gift card purchase big or small will support our Longfellow PTO. Gift card pick up dates are November 18th and December 16th.

Craft Fair!

Save the date! December 5, 2015 will be our fifth annual craft fair from 9:00am to 3:00pm! We will be having over 30 vendors/crafters! So come on out and buy your holiday gifts! Entertainment and a bake sale will be there so make sure you stop by and support your PTO!



Bakers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to donate baked goods for our annual PTO bake sale on Saturday, December 5th at the craft fair. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Jen Whitson at jlwhitson@gmail.com.

Kids Holiday Shoppe!

Bring your kids to the Kids Holiday Shoppe at Longfellow. There will be plenty of merchandise from \$.25 to \$10 for everyone on their shopping list. Students will have an opportunity to bring money to school on December 3rd and 4th to shop during their lunch period. Only children with money will be allowed to shop. We are also looking to offer an opportunity to shop after school, but we need volunteers. Please contact Maria Jacobs at marjacobs@sbcglobal.net if you can help during lunch on 12/3 or 12/4 or after school on either of those two days. She is also looking for volunteers during the craft fair on Saturday the 5th.



Art Awareness:

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to facilitate the Art Awareness. Classes have already started their lessons and all volunteers have been assigned.



Teacher Appreciation:

A huge thank you to all of the parent volunteers that donated items for teacher conference dinners. We had an Italian night and a deli sandwich night and everything was devoured 😊



Way to go Longhorns! We will be receiving a check for \$321.60 for the last 2 months of the 2014-2015 school year and a check for \$431.40 for the first 2 full months of this school year! New sheets have been sent home and should be returned by November 20th. You can send in additional bags of box tops labeled with your child's name and teacher. And make sure to look for Box Tops when shopping for the holidays, too! Thanks for your support!

Kid Stuff Coupon Books



The KidStuff Coupon Book fundraiser was a great success! It is time for us to send back all of the extra books. If you have not returned your coupon book, please send in \$25 to pay for the book or send the coupon book back to school. If you are still interested in buying a coupon book, it is not too late. Please contact Sarah Foutch (sarahfoutch@hotmail.com) or Michelle Finn (mfinn0905@yahoo.com).

NOVEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Restaurant Fundraiser at Lou Malnati's	No School	No School 	No School	
29	30	Dec. 1	Dec. 2	Dec. 3	Dec. 4	Dec. 5
				Kids Shoppe During Lunch 12-1pm	Kids Shoppe During Lunch 12-1pm	Craft Fair and Holiday Shoppe

October 1, 2015 PTO Meeting

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer was in Germany, latest budget update was handed out.

Principal's Report: Introduced the teachers who were present and the topic of the Social and Emotional Learning block. There is a block of time in the schedules to teach the kids to be emotionally safe and to maneuver the social terrain. A positive behavior support system is how the kids behave moment to moment during the school day. There are times when there is direct teacher supervision and there is time of indirect supervision. We are not exactly using PBIS (Positive Behavior System) but using the concepts of PBIS to implement this based on what our students need. Question in the room: Based on what the state has mandated needs to be taught, how are we ensuring compliance and that the student is meeting the requirements? And how do we know as a parent that this is happening? The kids will not be 'graded', they are being taught. You will see the skills on the back of the student reflection sheet and there will be an x if there is an area of concern.

Teacher's Report on Social and Emotional Learning:

Maria Conlon and Julia Miller:

Kindergarten: Introduced at the beginning of the year and talked about what it looks like and feels like to be safe, respectful and responsible. They are partnering with some 3rd graders to have them connect on the Social Emotional skills with them.

1st Grade: Focused on practical skills to be responsible in their day-to-day activities.

One example – they practiced how to properly go through the lunch room, with coats, throwing away their garbage, etc.

2nd Grade: Using and reviewing the 3 B's (Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Safe) – practiced using the 3 B's in real scenarios.

3rd Grade: Understanding the learner qualities better. Help them know the expected and unexpected behavior (vs using the terms appropriate and inappropriate) in school. The new terminology has an impact on the discussion that is much more positive where the student is open to the discussion vs being defensive or feeling like they are a bad kid.

4th Grade: 2nd step program with Empathy – listen with intention. Be assertive, not passive or aggressive.

5th Grade: Same as 4th grade and also creating a classroom culture of kindness.

Vice President's Report:

Committee Reports:

Art Awareness: Square 1 art – emails getting out today and tomorrow. All volunteer forms completed and assigned. Volunteers will get started coordinating with teachers on Monday.

Needs to be completed by October 16th in order to get the order forms out and orders back by the holidays. Teachers have their instructions to complete these during the school day.

Box Tops: 2,600 tops collected for profit of \$260 for the first month, sheets sent out for October. Tyler Baker is the September winner!

1st place Mrs Cowan, 2nd place Swanson, 3rd place: Schlender

Coupon Books: 62 sold, \$775 profit, need 112 more. 152 have been returned.
Individual reminders going out next week

Bday Book Club: So far so good – a handful of kids did it in September, it's included in the October newsletter.

Bingo Night: Date confirmed 2/26/16, Cooper – tables confirmed. Request for donations started...Ellen Burnett still needs more help and another reminder will be sent out to get a team going.

Craft Fair: 4 confirmed vendors – pass along the information to anyone we know who creates/makes anything that might want to be included. Posters being created to be put up.

Restaurant Fundraiser: \$319 from Noodles & Company! Grande Jakes fundraiser coming up - 10/12.

Parent-Son night: October 2nd! 36 kids signed up! It was a great event!

Savings Card: New restaurants and stores – Giordano's, Salata, Fox and Hound to name a few! Cards were available at the back to school bash. Put it on FB and would like to do an e-blast. Could we have them available at the nights of conferences, book fair, craft fair?

Spirit Wear: 114 items – will be here in 3-4 weeks and delivered to students, \$300 estimated profit

Room Parent: Thank you everyone who volunteered for the class parties! Emails will be sent out this week for the names for each of the parties.

Movie Night: October 23rd – movie is 'Home.' Flyers will be sent out Friday or Monday and the movie night committee will be replacing the DVD player that was used last year and maybe getting a HD projector.

Book Fair: Still need volunteers! Evening hours are especially light – October 13th and 14th are the evening hours. Tues-Thurs are the daytime hours.

Old Business: None

New Business: Bus tags, Holiday Shoppe

We found a Chair and she just needs a co-chair – thank you Maria Jacobs!
Mr. Herrejon is looking into the bus tags – we had them last year.

Question in the room: A parent called the office and asked a question about the morning announcements. They recommended to the office that if there is an event coming up, they could announce it....she was told that they do not do that in the

morning announcements. We need to get the announcements to the right people to include.

Next PTO Meeting: 11/5/15 at 7:00 in Teacher's Lounge

Drawing for Free ticket to the Parent-Son event: Jen Lasek won!! Congrats!

Meeting adjourned!