Longfellow Newsletter

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PTA Longfellow Staff Appreciation

May 1st—4th, 2017

Longfellow has 51 wonderful staff members who tirelessly help our children learn and be successful. Our principal, teachers, school assistants, cooks, custodians, guidance counselor, psychologist, social worker, secretaries, nurse, partnership coordinator – all of them are part of our students' day at school.

May 1st—4th is Staff Appreciation Week, our chance to thank them for what they do for our children. The PTA has planned treats and thank you's; details are being kept a surprise for the staff. Parents will have the opportunity to donate items; watch your child's folder for details.

Personal thank you notes from parents and students are treasured. During that week, please send thank you's to your child's teachers and other people who are part of their school day. You can send them in your child's folder.

Want to know more details or help with the treats/events?

Contact PTA President, Joy Weisner at 715-210-5227 or jjweisner2003@yahoo.com

See following page for a list of the Longfellow staff.

Last Day of School

The last day of school for students is Tuesday, June 6. Busses will run as usual and lunch will be provided.

LOST & FOUND

Please check the lost and found for any clothing items that you may be missing.

Also, check in the office for any small NON-clothing items, such as jewelry, glasses, keys, etc.

Breakfast Munchies, Math & Reading

Kindergarten-2nd Grade: Tuesday, May 16th (8:00-8:40)

3rd-5th Grade: Thursday, May 18th (8:00-8:40)

Parents, Special Friends, Family members,

Please join us for breakfast snacks, math & reading games. Longfellow students are encouraged to invite a special person(s) to join them for this event! This special person will have the chance to meet their student's friends, see their classroom, and learn games to play with their student. We hope to see you there!

May is Asthma Awareness Month

Asthma is a lung condition that causes difficulty breathing, and it's common among kids and teens. Symptoms include coughing, wheezing, and shortness of breath. Anyone can have asthma, even infants, and the tendency to develop the condition is often inherited.

Environmental Factors:

Indoor and outdoor environmental factors can trigger asthma attacks.

Common triggers include:

- allergens, including microscopic dust mites present in house dust, carpets, and pillows; animal dander and saliva; pollens and grasses; molds; foods; medications; and cockroaches
- viral infections, including the common cold and the flu
- irritants, including smoke, air fresheners, aerosols, paint fumes, hair spray, and perfumes
- exercise
- breathing in cold air
- weather changes

Asthma Can be Controlled:

With a plan that includes medical treatment and control of environmental triggers, people with asthma can lead healthy, active lives.

A medication form is required if your child has an inhaler at school, even if they plan to carry it and use it independently. Please follow the link below to access the district's Medication Management Form. A new form must be completed ***each school year.*** In order for your child to be able to carry their own inhaler, the physician/licensed prescriber must indicate that on the form.

http://www.ecasd.us/getattachment/District/Departments/School-Nurses/Medication-Management-Form-parts-A-and-B-revised-5-13.pdf

Parent Reminders

- Please remember that there is no supervision on the playground until 8:20 and students should not arrive until then.
- As always, even when raining, please direct your child to enter the school at Door #4 by the playground where a teacher will help them enter the school. Students should NOT be coming through the front door unless they are a patroller or in the EL Study Group.
- Please make every effort to discuss after school pick up or departure plans with your child either the night before or that morning. We need to refrain from interrupting classes near the end of the day with messages as this hinders the students' learning. Thank you for your help with this important matter.

Immunizations

To better meet family needs for flexibility, the **Eau Claire City-County Health Department is moving from scheduled walk-in immunization clinics to appointments**. To schedule an appointment for immunizations please call 715-839-4718 (press 6). Receptionists are available to assist clients with scheduling an appointment time that works with their schedule.

Persons eligible for immunizations at the Health Department include children through 18 years of age who are

* Medicaid eligible
* Uninsured
* American Indian or Alaska Native
* Underinsured (Child has health insurance, but the coverage does not include all vaccines or covers only selected vaccines. Contact the health department for specific eligibility requirements.)

Adults, aged 19 and older, who are uninsured or underinsured are eligible to receive some vaccines for no cost. Hepatitis B and influenza are available to adults for a fee regardless of eligibility. Adults interested in receiving immunizations at the Health Department, should contact the Health Department to determine availability of vaccine, eligibility and cost.

Please contact a nursing supervisor at the Health Department at 715-839-4718 if you have any questions or concerns. We appreciate your partnership in helping us increase the immunization status of our community!

Safety Patrol

The Longfellow Safety Patrol team has been working hard all year. They are a dedicated group and will be rewarded with a special trip to Action City/Chaos Waterpark on May 18th from 9:00-2:00.

Puddle Jump

A great big THANK YOU to all who helped and participated in this year's Puddle Jump. There were about 1,600 participants! Way to go Longfellow Lions.

Longfellow Spring Mile

The Longfellow Spring Mile is soon approaching. The 4th and 5th grade students have been training hard to prepare for this event and are eager to go. Please show you support by coming and cheering on our students.

Please note that the race location has changed and the event will not take place at McDonough Park. The students will run 3 times around Longfellow School instead. The start times are listed below.

The Longfellow Spring Mile is going to be held on **Tuesday, May 9th** by the rear parking lot near the gym. There will be no rain date. The first of four runs will begin promptly at **1:45 p.m**. Parents are encouraged to watch the race on the playground.

ORDER OF EVENTS

5th Grade Boys – 1:45 pm

5th Grade Girls – 2:00pm

4th Grade Boys– 2:15 pm

4th Grade Girls – 2:30pm

Medication Pick-Up Procedures

If your child has medication at school, please pick up this medication in the main office on the last day of school or **before June 14, 2017.** There will be a form to sign at the time that the medication is picked up.

As stated in the ECASD "Guidelines for Administration of Medication to Students" Policy/Rule, any medications not picked up by this date will be disposed of through approved means. This includes all prescription and non-prescription medications (including epi-pens, glucagon, rectal diastat, oral seizure medication, and inhalers).

If your child will need to have medication at school during the 2017-18 school year, please complete a medication management form and return it to your child's School Nurse or principal before the start of the school year. **Forms and medication information can be downloaded from the School Nurse's webpage:** http://www.ecasd.us/District/Departments/School-Nurses

5th Grade Track Meet

Parents of all 5th graders are welcome to attend the All-City 5th Grade Track Meet at South Middle School on May 12th from 9:30-12:00.

All Student Library Books Are Due Wednesday, May 24th

All library books must be returned by **Wednesday, May 24th**. Now would be a good time to help your child search for misplaced library books. Remember to also **look in your child's folder for a print out of their account** with missing library books. Any books not returned by the due date will need to be paid as soon as possible so your child does not miss out on the end of the year celebration. Please contact the librarian, Mrs. Nord.

Registration for Fall, 2017

All enrollments and address changes take place at:

Eau Claire School District

500 Main Street

Enrollment Department—Room 122

Please contact the Enrollment Office at 715-852-3063 for more information.

If you plan on moving out of the ECASD, please contact the school you will be moving to immediately so that records can be requested from us and sent to the new school.

Family Orientation Day

Tuesday, September 5th

Open House From

9:00—1:00 or 2:00—5:00

This day is for all students and parents. Student attendance is ***required*** or the student will be marked unexcused for the day.

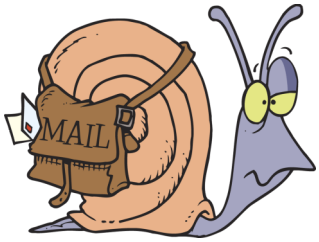
Classes begin Wednesday, September 6th

8:40 a.m.—3:40 p.m.

Please look for a letter to come in the mail in August with more information.

REPORT CARDS, MAILINGS & ADDRESS CHANGES

Report Cards will be mailed June 8-9 to the address we currently have on file. If we do not have your current address or you are making plans to move, please remember go to the enrollment office at the Board of Education building at 500 Main Street with proof of your address to get it updated. (This change can be made at the schools ONLY if you DO NOT have children in other buildings within the District.) Please **complete this process as soon as possible** so you don't miss receiving your child's year-end report card or any critical information mailed over the summer regarding summer school or the start of the 2017-18 school year. Feel free to call the school office at 715-852-3800 or the enrollment office at 715-852-3063 if you're not sure if we have your current address on file.



May/June 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 ♦ Grade 1 to May's Floral ♦ CLC Staff Appreciation Week : May 1st-5th	2 ♦ CLC	3 ♦ Staff Appreciation Lunch ♦ CLC	4 ♦ Adventure Kid's ♦ CLC	5 **NO SCHOOL** Staff Development Day
8 ♦ Grades 4 & 5 Safety Program ♦ CLC	9 ♦ 8:20 Blazing Lions ♦ 1:30 Grades 4 & 5 Spring Mile Run ♦ CLC	10 ♦ CLC Year End Celebration	11 ♦ 8:20 Blazing Lions ♦ Adventure Kid's Last Day of CLC	12 ♦ 9:30 5th Grade City Track Meet at SMS ♦ Kid's Meals
15	16 ♦ 8:00 Grades K-2 Family Breakfast ♦ 8:20 Blazing Lions	17 ♦ 4th Grade River Boat Cruise	18 ♦ 8:00 Grades 3-5 Family Breakfast ♦ 8:20 Blazing Lions ♦ 9:00 Safety Patrol Party at Action City/Chaos Water Park	19 ♦ Kindergarten Orientation Day ♦ 9:00 Grade 2 Art Walk Field Trip ♦ Kid's Meals
22	23 ♦ 8:20 Blazing Lions ♦ 2:30 Movin' Up Day	24 ♦ Grade 3 to Cemetery to replace Flags	25 ♦ 8:20 Blazing Lions	26 ♦ Grade 2 to Irvine Park ♦ Grade 1 Author's Tea ♦ Kid's Meals
29 NO—SCHOOL MEMORIAL	30	31 ♦ Grade 5 to Science Museum	June 1	June 2 ♦ Last Kid's Meals ♦ Grade 2 Author's Tea
June 5 ♦ 2:30 Celebration of learning in Gym	June 6 AM = Track & Field Events PM = Classroom Activities **Last Day of School!**			