



# Longfellow Newsletter

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## Dreaming Big

Now that conferences are over, we can take time to think about our children's Hopes and Dreams and how they will lead to post-secondary success. I know it may seem strange for an elementary principal to be talking about post high school learning options, but this is a Hope and Dream I have for every single child at Longfellow. A child's post-secondary options begin with learning at the elementary level where we lay the foundation for all later learning. Not only do we set the corner stones for academic learning, but we also have a chance to build the walls by establishing healthy study and work habits and good attendance patterns. The house would not be complete without the roof and this comes with striving to reach our highest potential. Students today have more post high school options available than ever before; however, they have to believe they can attain this level of education and training. The beliefs begin with shaping how children think about the future. Their thoughts then become their words and eventually their actions.

Research has shown that parents who talk to their young children about post high school options have children who are more likely to pursue higher goals and related learning. So, when you talk to your children about the future be sure to include such comments as, "When you go to college . . ." or "How about putting some of your money in a savings account for technical college . . ." and so forth. There are scholarships and different types of financial aid that are available to students who qualify. It is never too early to start having these conversations; in fact, the earlier the better so our children truly believe that the sky is the limit.

The dream of each generation hoping that their children have a better life than those who came before them is still a reality, but only if we as a school and community do our part by instilling the belief!



## Veteran's Day Program



Please join the Longfellow students and staff in honoring our veterans. The Veteran's Day Program will be on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. We will gather in the gym at 10:30 for a patriotic program. Join us as we sing patriotic songs and honor our nation's veterans. Please extend the invitation to our Longfellow neighbors and area veterans. Help us honor our heroes.

**Scout parents:** Please have your Boy or Girl Scout wear their uniform. The scouts will be flag bearers for the program.

## Start Your Day the Healthy Way! Breakfast is FREE for all Students at Longfellow



Feeling rushed in the morning? Too much to do in too little time? Are your students too tired to eat or just not ready to eat breakfast before they leave for school? Some days it's hard to get your students to school, let alone having enough time for a nutritious breakfast.

On the other hand, we all know that eating breakfast is critical to starting the day out right. Your student(s) might go 14 hours between dinner and breakfast. When students "break" their "fast" with a healthy meal, they pay better attention in school, behave better, participate more and perform better in the classroom.

Let us help get your mornings off to a smoother start. Breakfast is served at Longfellow from 8:20 - 8:40 and is **free** for all students. We encourage all students to eat a nutritious breakfast. In order for your child to have enough time to enjoy their breakfast please have them to school **NO LATER THAN 8:30.**

### Get Movin' Marathon



Thank you for your support of the Longfellow PTA's Get Movin' Marathon!

The money raised will be used for Longfellow field trips, safety patrol end-of-the-year reward trip, the last-day-of-school carnival, and classroom supplies.

Details will soon follow with the amount raised.

### "Fall Back"

Daylight savings time ends on  
Sunday, November 6th

Don't forget to turn your clocks  
back!



## Emergency Weather Information



The weather in Eau Claire and across Wisconsin is famous for its changing conditions. The Eau Claire Area School District, in consultation with Student Transit, will use a two-hour delay in school start times when inclement weather requires time to promote safer travel to school.

Decisions about whether to close school due to inclement weather or to use a two-hour delay are typically made by 6 a.m. If the schools are closed because of bad weather, all athletic, after-school, and evening events are also canceled. Announcements of these decisions are made by local television and radio stations, on the District's website, via the District's Facebook and Twitter accounts, and an email is sent to those parent(s)/guardian(s) who have provided email addresses.

When a TWO-HOUR DELAY is announced, the following changes will be made to the school day:

- Busses will run two hours after their normal schedule.
- Buildings will begin classes two hours after the normal start time.
- Cold breakfast will be served at all schools and school lunch will be at or around the normal time.

As we know, weather conditions can change rapidly. In the event that a two hour delay must be reconsidered, the decision to close schools for the full day will be made no later than 8 a.m. The same process will be used if bad weather or a peak energy alert develops after school has started for the day. You, as a parent, may decide that the weather is too severe to send your child to school (especially a younger child). The School District will respect your decision.

## Be Aware, Wash With Care



There are many types of germs (viruses, bacteria, parasites, fungi) that cause many types of illnesses. These germs can spread easily from one person to another and have wide-reaching effects.

One of the most common ways people catch colds is by rubbing their noses or eyes after touching someone or something that's contaminated with the cold virus. Nearly 22 million school days are lost annually due to the common cold.

A study involving Detroit school children showed that scheduled handwashing, at least four times a day, can reduce gastrointestinal illness and related absences by more than 50%.

Handwashing with soap and water is the most effective and inexpensive way to prevent illness.

As winter season is approaching, remember the importance of handwashing. Please remind your children and model good habits.

<http://www.itsasnap.org/snap/handwashing.htm>



## Odyssey of the Mind – Looking for the Creative and the Dramatic and the Mechanic



This year the Gifted Education Department will once again provide students the opportunity to participate in programming to help develop the creative, dramatic, and artistic talents for students in all grade levels within the Eau Claire Area School District. Students have the option to participate in an after school program called Odyssey of the Mind.

Odyssey of the Mind is the original creative problem solving program and one of the largest and most successful worldwide! It was founded 36 years ago and has been active in Wisconsin for over 30 years.

Odyssey of the Mind in the Eau Claire Area School District relies heavily on parent volunteers to provide coaching for elementary teams. If you are interested in forming and/or coaching a team at your elementary school, contact me for more information. I can coordinate a parent night to help recruit more coaches and students for teams.

All teams attend the state competition in Madison on March 18, 2017. Transportation is provided and the celebration is awesome.

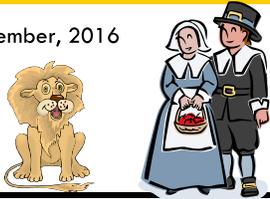
District training for Odyssey of the Mind coaches will be held November 5 from 9 – 11:30 a.m. at Northstar Middle School.

Contact Pam Cernocky, District Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator, for more information at 715-852-3110.

## Community Announcements

The Eau Claire Area School District offers a Community Announcements section on its web site. Families and students may go to <http://www.ecasd.us/District/About/Community-Events/Community-Announcement> to view flyers for upcoming events in our community that apply to school-age students and families. If provided by the organization, paper copies for events may also be available in common areas of our buildings.

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# NOVEMBER 2016



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CLC</li> <li>• Hearing Re-Checks</li> </ul>	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CLC</li> </ul>	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00 4th and 5th Grades Field Trip to Children's Theatre</li> <li>• CLC</li> </ul>	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12:00 3rd Grade Field Trip to Children's Theatre</li> <li>• Kid's Meals</li> </ul>	
7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CLC</li> </ul>	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CLC</li> </ul>	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CLC</li> </ul>	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CLC</li> </ul>	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:30 Veteran's Day Program</li> <li>• Kid's Meals</li> </ul>	
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21 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Staff Work Day	22 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Professional Development Day	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">           23 <b>THANKSGIVING BREAK</b> No School         </div>			25
28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CLC</li> </ul>	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CLC</li> </ul>	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CLC</li> </ul>			