



Longfellow Newsletter

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Dear Longfellow Families,

I have a few updates for you as we head into March. First, I want to congratulate Mr. Dahl, who was voted Longfellow's Golden Apple Award Winner for this year; his colleagues appreciate all of the great things he does for Longfellow students and the Longfellow community as a whole. The Eau Claire Public Schools Foundation created The Golden Apple Award to recognize excellence, and Mr. Dahl certainly fits that description!

Second, I want to take a moment to explain how we are using the Professional Development / Instructional Planning (PD/IP) days throughout the year. Have you ever had the sense that you are multi-tasking to the point that, though you are doing many things at once, you are not doing any one thing well? The challenges of setting goals and then developing and working on plans to improve student achievement has felt much like this in past years. We go through the process of reviewing student data, setting goals, and then trying to carve out blocks of time to engage in meaningful work around the goals. On these PD/IP days, staff are at school pouring over student learning data, determining which goals were met and which goals were not, setting new goals for learning, and planning instruction to meet those goals. This behind-the-scenes work translates into meaningful instruction that is specifically tailored to the students' needs. By devoting significant amounts of time to our own professional development and instructional planning, we have the opportunity to do critical work around our individual students and our school improvement plans. Having that time makes our work more focused and productive for adults and students alike!

All of that school improvement work is paying off in terms of student learning. We are making good progress on our School Improvement Plans: Reading, Math, Student Engagement, and Parent Engagement. We've worked hard in all four areas and are seeing positive results. I will include more specific updates in the newsletter on each in the next few months. Please feel free to stop in and ask if you'd like more information on any of that work.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 ♦ CLC	2 ♦ Adventure Kids ♦ CLC	3 Kid's Meals
6 ♦ CLC	7 ♦ CLC	8 ♦ CLC	9 ♦ Adventure Kids ♦ CLC	10 Kid's Meals
13 ♦ CLC	14 ♦ CLC	15 ♦ CLC	16 ♦ Adventure Kids ♦ CLC	17 Kid's Meals- Double Pack
20	21	22	23	24
No School ————— Spring Break				
27 ♦ CLC	28 ♦ CLC	29 ♦ CLC	30 • Grade 4 Fieldtrip to Ice Age Trail • Adventure Kids • CLC	31 Kid's Meals

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Public School Open Enrollment: February 6 – April 28, 2017

Wisconsin residents in grades 4K -12 may apply to attend school in a school district other than the one in which they live. For example: a child that lives in the Altoona School District could apply to attend the Eau Claire Area School District (ECASD). Students in pre-kindergarten may participate in limited circumstances; parents should call Sandy LaValley at 852-3003 to find out if their preschool-aged child(ren) qualify.

Students who are currently attending the ECASD through open enrollment DO NOT need to reapply.

The open enrollment application for the 2017-18 school year is February 6 – April 28, 2017. The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction no longer provides paper application forms to the school districts. An online application will be available to the public beginning Monday, February 6, and closing at 4:00 pm on April 28, 2017. For more information about open enrollment, please go to: <http://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>.

Have you moved outside of the Eau Claire School District this year? If so, you need to complete a **Tuition Waiver** form. Contact Sandy LaValley for more information at 715-852-3003.



**Don't Forget to
Move Your
Clocks Ahead
on
March 12th**



How Much Sleep Do I Need?

Although there is no 'magic number' as individual sleep needs vary, the CDC recommends that people time their sleep requirements according to the following chart. These estimates should put you in a ballpark range of whether or not you're getting enough sleep.

Age	Recommended Amount of Sleep
Newborns	16-18 hours a day
Preschool-aged children	11-12 hours a day
School-aged children	At least 10 hours a day
Teens	9-10 hours a day
Adults (including the elderly)	7-8 hours a day





The Jeanne Richie Memorial Puddle Jump

Mark your calendars! Saturday, April 22nd is Longfellow's 11th annual Jeanne Richie Memorial Puddle Jump 5k fun run/walk! The race begins at 9:00 a.m. at Phoenix Park and there is an un-timed children's race at 10:00 a.m. Proceeds from the Puddle Jump benefit Longfellow's 21st Century Community Learning Center (CLC) and student scholarships for community programs. Registration forms can be downloaded from: www.longfellow.ecasd.us, you may also register on line at www.zapovent.com. Advanced registration closes on Thursday, March 17th. Questions? Contact Holly Larson at 715-852-3800 or via email: hl Larson@ecasd.us. See you there!!

ARE YOU MOVING OR DO YOU HAVE A NEW/INCOMING STUDENT FOR NEXT YEAR?

If you change an address during the school year or over the summer and that change takes you out of the Longfellow area and your child will be attending a different ECASD school:

- On-line enrollment can be started through the District web site to enroll them at the new school.
- You must stop at the Board of Education (BOE), 500 Main Street, with proof of your new address to complete the change of address and/or the enrollment process.

If you want your child to remain at their current school:

- Request the "Alternate School Request" form and "Change of Address" form from their current school and return to the Board of Education or their school with proof of your new address to complete the change of address process.

For any new or incoming students (including 2017-18 kindergarteners who are NOT active in the EC4T program at the end of this school year), the enrollment process can again be started on-line but *will not be complete until you stop at the BOE* to complete the process. Feel free to call the enrollment office at 715-852-3063 with any enrollment or change of address questions!

