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CALENDAR EVENTS

November 17, 18, 19 – Fall Theatre
Production: *The Kid Who Talked to Penguins*
7pm @ LMS

November 17, 18, 19 – VMEA Performance-
Symphonic Band @ Norfolk, VA

November 23 – Students 2-hour early
release @ 12:35pm

November 23 – No Late Buses

November 23 – No After School Activities
including Homework Club

November 24 & 25 – No School

PTA REFLECTIONS

Congratulations to all Longfellow students that turned in PTA Reflections entries this year. 48 entries were submitted for judging and the following students have been named the winners. First place winning entries have been submitted to the next level for judging at the Cluster level.

In the literature category, first place was awarded to Michelle Ma for her story titled Shades of Special. Second place goes to Maya Omais and third place to Laura Johnson. In the Photography category, first place was awarded to Fiona Do for her photo titled A Diversity Defined. Second place goes to Diana Zavela.

In the Visual Arts category, first place was awarded to Junyoung Hwang for his work titled The Wondrous Diversity of Science. Second place goes to Kiel Posner. Both Jae Won Chung and Margaret Kim received Honorable Mention.

Congratulations to the winners and to all students who worked hard to create their entries.



CENTER FOR TALENTED YOUTH 2011 GRAND CEREMONY

On November 13, the Center for Talented Youth held its Grand Ceremony at the Johns Hopkins University campus in Baltimore. The ceremony celebrated those students from across the country who, prior to their 13th birthday, took the SAT and scored above 700 in Math and/or Critical Reading or took the ACT and scored above 28 in Math/above 31 in Reading. The students honored today tested last year, while in 7th grade. Each honoree was called on stage individually by Dr. Elaine Tuttle Hansen, Executive Director of JHU Center for Talented Youth, and awarded an engraved medal. Students from states all across the US and Canada were in attendance. Many Longfellow students were there or were listed in the program for this outstanding achievement!

20 Students from Longfellow received highest honors from CTY at the 2011 Grand Ceremony:

Ryan Golant	Jesse Cai
Ross Dempsey	Julius Fan
Daniel Chae	Perry Feng
Bernice Wu	Allen Cheng
Ashley Kim	Minseok (Daniel) Kim
Joanna Gerr	Irene Kim
Tajin Rogers	Andrew Ko
Catherina Suh	Jeffrey Liu
Tarun Kamath	Ai Mochida
Yong Ju (Ray) Kwon	Tianrui Ren



Longfellow Robotics Team Makes Its Debut *(Sun Gazette)*

Longfellow Middle School's newly formed VEX Robotics team of Tina Chai, Eva Femia, Rojeen Kamali, captain Ava Lakmazaheri and Michelle Ma participated in its first robotics competition on Oct. 29.

THANK YOU PTA!

Thank you so much for giving our teachers \$100 checks for buying materials for their classrooms. We are so grateful to our PTA!

**COUNSELOR'S CORNER**

All Longfellow students recently had lessons in bullying and sexual harassment prevention.

In a sampling of 7th graders, 95% reported that after the lesson they knew what to do if they witnessed sexual harassment or bullying. 73% said there was at least one person they felt comfortable speaking with about bullying/sexual harassment.

As part of the 8th grade lesson, students were given a pre- and post-test to check their knowledge about the topic. In the pre-assessment Longfellow students had an average score of nearly 91%, showing that they already had quite a bit of knowledge prior to the lesson. After the lesson the average score was 96%.

Questions that had the most significant changes in student answers were:

- "If sexual harassment happens in school, the school district can be sued in court." – 35% increase in correct answer (True).
- "If you ignore sexual harassment, it will probably stop." – just over 8% increase in correct answer (False).
- "If no touching occurs, an action does not constitute sexual harassment." – just over 7% increase in correct answers (False).

Fairfax County takes the topic of bullying and sexual harassment very seriously. If your child is experiencing bullying or sexual harassment, please ask them to speak with their counselor or an administrator. They may also report bullying anonymously on the 2011-2012 LMS Information Blackboard site.

JR DISTRICT ORCHESTRA AUDITION RESULTS

Congratulations to the many Longfellow Orchestra students who worked diligently to prepare audition materials and put forth their very best efforts at the 2011 Jr District 12 Orchestra auditions held on November 14th at McLean High School. Ms. Kervick is extremely proud of all sixty-five Longfellow orchestra students who survived this grueling audition process!

A huge BRAVO is due the following orchestra students who earned 29 of the 82 seats possible in the District 12 Orchestra. (For statisticians, that means 35.37% of the entire orchestra is comprised of Longfellow students!)

1st VIOLINS – 9 seats (40% of the 1st Violin section)

Jee Eun Hong (2nd highest Longfellow score)

Troy Baban
Michael Tang
Ashley Zhang
Jenny Zhu
Sophie Zhao
Steven Pyon
Sean Lim
Tanya Yoon

2nd VIOLINS – 6 seats (27% of the 2nd Violin section)

Shannon Chu (3rd highest Longfellow score)

Jillian Khoo (4th highest Longfellow score)

Alex Fan
Kevin Zhou
Christopher Saenz
Andrew Visocan

VIOLAS – 5 seats (31% of the viola section)

Jennifer Steele (highest Longfellow score & 2nd highest score of all 151+ students who auditioned!)

Stephan Min
Min-Soo Choi
Tyler Larkworthy
JJ Foster, alternate

CELLOS – 6 seats (43% of the cello section)

Emilio Sison
Elizabeth Kim
Cliff Yang
Junyoung Hwang
Jack Posey
Elliot Kim

BASSES – 2 seats (25% of the bass section)

Jing Waid
Tristan Liu
Justin Yun, 2nd alternate

Congratulations on your outstanding achievements orchestra students!

SPRING BREAK TRIP TO FRANCE

Greetings everyone!

Thank you for your interest in our trip over Spring Break. We are pleased to inform you that the trip is now open for registration. You can access the site by going to the following link:

<http://www.acis.com/studentsparents>

Where it says "Find Your Trip" you can enter the following information:

Group Leader ID: 85498

Group Leader Last Name: Culp



Once you locate our trip site, you can read all about the itinerary, ACIS policies and procedures, and begin the registration process. You can set up a payment plan, reserve your spot, or pay the whole fee upfront.

Anything you need to know, it's at your fingertips on the site!

On this site, the itinerary refers to "under own arrangements." Your student will be staying with a host family and all meals and lodging are included in the \$2,093 amount.

For those of you who would prefer to complete the registration process on paper, those forms are available to pick up at Longfellow.

The deadline for registering for the trip is December 1. After that date, if space is still available at all, you will have to pay a late registration penalty.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to direct them to Ms. Kihm. She will be glad to assist you. As we get closer to our departure date, we will have more information available, so make sure that we have the easiest email address to reach you.

Thanks again for your interest, and we will speak with you again soon!

Your group leaders,

Richard Culp, Carole Kihm, and Nancy Kazakos



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With the holidays just around the corner,
please remember to do your Amazon shopping through our link below.

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ATTENTION ALL CURRENT 8TH GRADERS AND THEIR PARENTS!
McLean High School proudly invites you to attend an Open House meeting
"What makes McLean an outstanding high school?"

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

McLean High School Cafeteria

Featuring a panel of McLean Students
 who will share their experiences and answer your questions on
 innovative curriculum opportunities, athletics, music, after-school activities,
 and much more!

Facilitated by Principal, Dr. Deborah Jackson

We hope you will join us for a very informative, insightful session!
 Sponsored by the McLean PTSA Networking Committee



1633 Davidson Road, McLean, VA 22101 Phone: (703) 714-5700

**THOMAS JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
 ADMISSIONS INFORMATION**

Important Dates:

- December 3, 2011 Test Day at McLean HS
- December 10, 2011 Snow Day Test Day
- January 20, 2012 Letters postmarked regarding semifinalist pool
- February 14, 2012(noon) Information Sheets and recommendations due to Ms. Wright
- March 31, 2012 Final Admissions decisions postmarked



**IB INFORMATION NIGHT
 GEORGE C. MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL**

*For middle school students, freshmen, and sophomores –
 and families*



Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Wednesday, March 14, 2011

Both sessions will be 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Marshall High School Auditorium

7731 Leesburg Pike

Questions? Contact Matthew Axelrod (MDAxelrod@fcps.edu)

or

Carlota Bernal Shewchuk (CBSheWchuk@fcps.edu)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Colvin Run Mill Historic Site
10017 Colvin Run Road
Great Falls, VA 22066
Phone: 703-759-2771

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/crm

What: Children's Holiday Shopping

When: Saturday, December 3, 9:30am—2:30pm
Sunday, December 4, 11:30am—4:30pm

Duties: Help young shoppers pick out & wrap gifts for everyone on their lists

What: Santa in the Mill

When: Saturday, December 10, 2:30-6:30pm

Duties: Help children with craft activities

Sign up by November 20.

Contact Dawn Kehrer at:

dawn.kehrer@fairfaxcounty.gov
703-759-2771



**VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FALL CLEAN-UP DAY AT COLVIN RUN MILL

Saturday, November 19, 9 am – 1 pm

- A great group or family project
- Work outdoors in a beautiful park setting
- Help clean up the grounds, gardens and trails
- Earn service hours for school or scout requirements

Call 703-759-2771 to sign up or for more information
Colvin Run Mill

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**DECEMBER 22ND – NO LATE
BUSES OR AFTER SCHOOL
ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING
HOMEWORK CLUB**

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