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CONGRATULATIONS TO JENNIFER WANG!

On Jan. 29, 2011 in Arlington, VA, Jennifer Wang-8th grader, got the Honorable Mention in the Piano Concerto Competition of Northern Virginia Music Teachers Association (NVMTA).

On Jan. 30, 2011 Jennifer played Saint-Saens' Piano Concerto No.2 in G minor, Op.22 in the Music Center at Strathmore, MD and won the First Place of the Piano Senior Div. (Jennifer is 13. Senior Div age requirement is 15 to 18 but she had already won the First Place of the Intermediate Div in 2010)

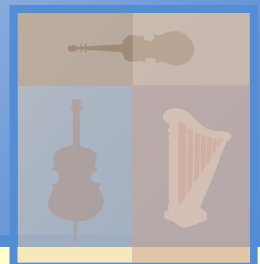
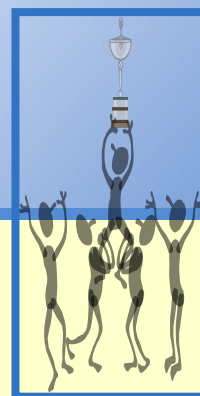
[Photo from the Cogen competition: Jennifer (4th from the right in the back row) with other winners of Strings, Winds and Piano in the DC Metropolitan Area)]



CONGRATULATIONS ALYSSA KATAHARA!

Alyssa Katahara, 8th grader, won the concerto competition at the Peabody Conservatory Prep School for her age group! This is huge news and very exciting. She is on the "new and events" of the Johns Hopkins Peabody Preparatory school website....

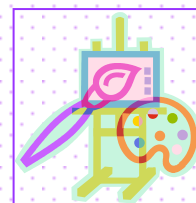
Alyssa will perform with the orchestra on May 14, 3:00pm in Baltimore...



2011 REGIONAL SCHOLASTIC ART AWARD

The following students' art works were entered into the Regional Scholastic Art Awards after being selected for entry by 3 artists:

Kiara Beg
 Justine Bendickson
 Hye Won (Alice) Choi
 Maya Chung
 Margaret Garland
 Jacqueline Green
 Nina Hankins
 Lindsay Hart
 Kyle Nguyen
 Elizabeth Radcliffe
 Jennifer Wang
 Emily Williams



Maya Chung won a Gold Key for her watercolor painting *"The Unseen"*.
 Kyle Nguyen won a Gold Key for his tempera painting *"The Key to the City"*.
 Margaret Garland won a Silver Key for her digital art *"Forever Connected"*.
 Nina Hankins won a Certificate of Merit for her watercolor *"Fractured Self"*.

Gold and Silver Key winners work will be on display at the following location. Also see the reception date.

Gold Key winners will go onto NYC for judging at the national level.

The remaining art works will be on display on the walls by the new LMS library.

Regional Celebration

Ceremony:

Tuesday, February 22, 2011
 Northern Virginia Community College
 Annandale Campus
 Ernst Cultural Center

Exhibition:

February 11 - February 24, 2011
 Northern Virginia Community College
 Annandale Campus
 Ernst Cultural Center
 8333 Little River Turnpike



ANTI-BULLYING DAY

Longfellow endeavors to be a caring community where students do not tolerate bullying and where students learn and utilize positive communication skills. We have planned some exciting events to help us move toward this goal. Friday, February 11 will be our "Stop Bullying Day". Students and staff are invited to wear the color pink as a message that we do not tolerate bullying at Longfellow. Also, during lunch students and staff will have the opportunity to sign a pledge indicating a belief that everybody should enjoy our school equally and that they will work to stop bullying.

Mary Reid developed our Anonymous Bullying Reporting System which has now been launched and can be accessed through 24/7. The site will be monitored daily and staff will follow up with all reports. It's our hope that by addressing bullying issues, staff can work with students to learn positive communication skills that will reduce bullying behaviors.

In the upcoming weeks, students will also be exposed to lessons that teach skills that will build tolerance, promote positive communication and enable students to intervene on behalf of the victim.

We are excited about the weeks ahead as we work as a community to become more caring towards one another.

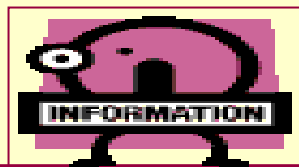
ANONYMOUS BULLYING REPORTING SYSTEM

We are pleased to announce that Longfellow Middle School now has an **anonymous** bullying reporting system. If you observe or are the victim of a bullying incident, we encourage you to report it. A Longfellow staff member will investigate situations. This is one way that we, as a community, can support one another to stop bullying in our school.

To report a bullying incident, go to your "2010-2011 LMS Information" Blackboard page and click on the "Report Bullying" button on the left, or you may use the link in the announcement on the Blackboard page.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **February 7** – Report cards mailed home
- **February 8** – Langley HS rising 9th grade orientation 7pm
- **February 9** – Curriculum Night – 7-8:30pm LMS Cafeteria & LTh
- **February 14** - Three-Hour Delayed Opening-1st period starts @ 10:45am. The students can enter building @ 10:30am
- **February 15 & 16** - Elective Fair – 4-7pm Cafeteria & Gym 1
- **February 17** – McLean, Marshall, & Langley HS coming 1st & 2nd periods
- **February 17** – Marshall HS rising 9th grade discussion 7pm
- **February 25** – Spelling Bee 2nd & 3rd periods



SNOW MAKEUP DAY - FEBRUARY 21

Monday, February 21, will be a makeup day, since we have used our three snow days. Schools and offices will open.



LONGFELLOW'S ONLINE AUCTION



http://www.fcps.edu/LongfellowMS/pages/2011PTA_Auction.pdf

We have a box in the front office for your convenience, if you would like to contribute anything for the online auction.

2011 NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS (NAEP)

I am pleased to announce that our school has been selected to participate in the 2011 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), often referred to as the ***Nation's Report Card***. NAEP is a program of the United States Department of Education and is an ongoing assessment of what our elementary, middle, and high school students know and can do in various academic subjects.

The NAEP assessment will take place on **February 22, 2011**. A random sample of approximately 100 of our **eighth** grade students will be selected to take a reading, mathematics, **or** science assessment, and your child **may** be selected. The assessments will take only 90 minutes. Students do not need to study in preparation for NAEP; however, we do ask you to encourage your child/children to do their best on this important assessment.

Please click on the link below for more information regarding the NAEP assessment:

http://www.fcps.edu/LongfellowMS/pages/2011NAEP_Parent_Letter.pdf



RENOVATION NEWS

Moving into the new wing

Our teachers will be moving into our brand new three story wing February 11-14. On February 14th, we will have a Staff Development morning and a 3-hour delayed opening. First period begins at 10:45; students can enter building at 10:30am.



MCLEAN HIGHLANDERS 2011 WINTER CHEER CLINIC FOR GIRLS & BOYS GRADES K-6 AND 7 TO 8: - REGISTER NOW!



The McLean High School Cheerleaders will hold the annual Winter Cheer Clinic February 8, 9 and 11, 2011 at McLean High School. Clinic participants will train with MHS cheerleaders on Tuesday and Wednesday from 5-7 pm, and then perform for MHS fans at the Basketball game at McLean HS on Friday evening 2/11. The fee of \$80 per participant includes 2 Clinic sessions, admission to Friday's game for participant and one parent and a special T-shirt for the performance.

REGISTER BY 2/7 - the registration form is available at

<http://www.mcleanactivities.org/index.cfm?action=main.teamcamps&id=3784> (look in the Files and Links Section in the Varsity Cheerleading Section, under Camps and Clinics) or can be picked up in the front office at your local school. We will be separating ages this time with one group for K-6 and a separate group for ages 7-8.

Link to the flyer below:

http://www.fcps.edu/LongfellowMS/pages/2011MHS_CheerClinic.pdf

Bring your friends and feel free to forward this along to anyone you think might be interested in participating.

Questions: Call 202-459-1185 or email jeanine.drake.elgin@gmail.com



Thomas Jefferson Semi Finalist Update

Due to the snow days, the **student information sheets** are due to Ms. Wright by noon on **Monday, February 21**. Thomas Jefferson has posted **Tuesday, February 22** as the deadline. TJ Liaison Counselors are permitted to set internal deadlines. There are no exceptions to Ms. Wright's deadline.



**8TH GRADERS...
COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!**
Lemon Road ES Fun Fair
Saturday, March 26, 2011
9:45am to 4:00pm



4 hours volunteering + a baked good donation = 5 hours total and you're done for the quarter!

Time slots available are: 9:45-12:00pm (morning shift); 11:45-2:00pm (afternoon shift); 9:45-2:00pm (full day shift); 2:00-4:00 (clean-up)

To volunteer: E-mail Cheryl Ryan Cheryl.d.ryan@usa.net

Please provide your full name, your school, the times you are available, your parent's name, your home phone number and a **phone number where your parents can be reached during the Fun Fair.**

Community service hours for baking:

One hour of community service for two dozen cookies, one dozen cupcakes or brownies, or for one cake.

You must let us know ahead of time that you'll be baking!

**RIISING 9TH GRADE ORIENTATION AT
MCLEAN
(PARENTS ONLY)**

You are cordially invited to an informational meeting for the families of the McLean High School Class of 2014.

Thursday, February 10, 2011 @ 7:00pm

The Burks Theatre, McLean HS

1633 Davidson Road

McLean, VA 22101

- Planning for September 2011 and beyond
- Curriculum information
- Meet McLean HS teachers
- Plenty of time for you questions



For additional information call (703)714-5740 or visit us at <http://www.fcps.edu/McLean HS/>

CALLING FOR STUDENT VOLUNTEERS!

TIMBER LANE INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

February 18th 6:30~8:00pm

Looking to do some community service? Well, your help is very much needed! Timber Lane Elementary School is celebrating International Night and it is looking for students volunteers to give us an extra hand with various activities.

If you are available to come and help, please send an email to: elisameara@yahoo.com or call 571 499 8378 as soon as possible.

*Don't forget to bring your community service form!

Thank you!

Elisa Meara
Timber Lane International Night Committee



UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA 2011 SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

On-line Application & more program information available at: <http://curry.virginia.edu/sep>
Applications are also available in the Longfellow MS Counseling Office. Deadline is February 15, 2011 for all applications.

**2011 Program Dates: Session I-June 26th-July 7th;
Session II-July 10th-July 21st; Session III-July 24th-August 4th**

***Application deadline is February 15, 2011.**

RESPONSIBILITY....IT'S A GOOD THING FOR OUR KIDS

Do you struggle when your child:

- Forgets homework?
- Doesn't follow through on commitments?
- Is consistently late?
- Doesn't give himself/herself enough time to complete an assignment?
- Misses curfew?



Are you trying to "fix" these problems? Cooper MS and Longfellow MS are presenting a parent education session to talk about strategies parents can use to encourage responsibility.

Date – Tuesday, March 22, 2011

Time – 7 pm – 8:30 pm

Location – Cooper MS

Topics will include:

- Helping children learn from mistakes; turning them into teachable moments
- Setting boundaries and sticking to them
- Helping your child learn how his or her actions affect everyone else
- Understanding why consistency matters
- Letting consequences work

The program will feature a group presentation and then break-out sessions for small group discussions. Presenters are Marge Bleiweis and Estelle Brauer. Both are retired school counselors with 15+ years of parent education experience in the McLean community. This is a free program, open to everyone in the McLean/Langley/Falls Church community

For more information, you can email Estelle Brauer at: esbjewels@verizon.net or Marge Bleiweis at: mlbleiweis@fcps.edu.

Longfellow Spelling Bee

The Longfellow Spelling Bee will be held on **Friday, February 25**, during 2nd & 3rd periods, in the new Lecture Hall.
Snow Makeup Date: Tuesday, March 1.



Registration Applications for the Spelling Bee are available in the Library. Please note that participation in the Bee is limited to the 1st 55 students to register.

2011 TV & RADIO SUMMER CAMPS



Summer camps for teens ages 12-18
 Fairfax Public Access (FPA)
 FPA-2929 Eskridge Road
 Suite S Fairfax, VA 22031
www.fcac.org



571-749-1102 - jerausquin@fcac.org

For copies of our camp registration forms you can download from our website: www.fcac.org/

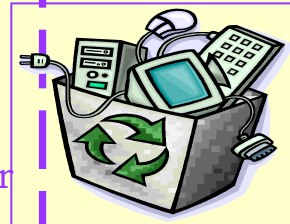


PTA ESCRIP GROCERY PROGRAMS

eScrip: Please look out for redemption code printed on your Safeway receipts from January 29th-February 28th. Shop at Safeway and drop off your receipts in a collection box located at the cashiers area, or you can redeem these codes at the website www.escrip.com. Longfellow will receive cash from the receipts. eScrip supporters who are registered in the program will automatically earn contribution.

Recycling Program: Please donate all your recycle ink cartridges, Laser / toner for additional contribution to our school. We can earn at least \$1000 dollars just by collecting these recycle items.

eScrip Dining: This coming Valentine's Day, dine out with our eScrip supporting restaurants in the area. While dining out, please don't forget to use your eScrip registered visa/debit card. Log on to www.escrip@rewardsnetwork.com for more details to this program.



Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services**PROJECT SUCCESS**

Project SUCCESS is an inclusive service learning program for middle school and high school students who want to have fun and make new friends while working on projects that help the community.

- Earn community service hours
- Increase work experience
- Gain volunteer experience
- Help your community
- Build lifelong relationships with peers
- Become a responsible, resourceful citizen
- Participate in fun social events with peers



Project SUCCESS has an upcoming event on February 11th and needs volunteers. We are looking for volunteers to help escort residents to the dance, set up/clean up, and of course dance and have a good time! This is a fun way to earn between 2-3 hours of community service!

For Registration, Questions, Comments or Concerns? Contact Robyn Mitchell:

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