



# Lancer Times

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## CONGRATULATIONS LMS MATHCOUNTS TEAM

Please offer your hearty **CONGRATULATIONS** to the Longfellow MATHCOUNTS team for winning the STATE competition held Saturday in Richmond. Tim Cha, Saroja Erabelli, Ross Dempsey, and Ildoo Kim defended the school's title against some very tough competition and gave Longfellow its 24<sup>th</sup> championship in twenty-eight years! All four Longfellow students at the competition placed in the Top-16-in-the-State to participate in the quiz-show format Countdown Round. Tim Cha eliminated Saroja Erabelli to earn a 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophy for that part of the competition, to match the trophies all the students took home for being the First Place team.

Saroja earned a spot on the Virginia State MATHCOUNTS team with a 4<sup>th</sup> place individual finish, and earned an all-expense-paid trip to the NATIONAL competition in May, to be held in Washington DC! (The two previous National Competitions were in Orlando, but Virginia has a home-court advantage when here. We won 1<sup>st</sup> in the Nation when it was held in Crystal City in 2006, and 5<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 1<sup>st</sup> when it was held in D.C.) Way to go Longfellow and **THANK YOU** to parent Mary Jo Clark for taking our students to #1-in-the-State for the third year in a row! Thank you Mrs. Kihm for going to Richmond to support our students.



## CONGRATULATIONS LMS CHESS TEAM

Come admire the new 3-foot **CHESS** trophy now displayed in the office. Teams for the State chess tournament are composed of ten players, but, with Saroja at MATHCOUNTS, Longfellow was represented by only four students but still nabbed Fourth-in-the-State! They also earned third in the speed-chess Blitz Round. Please congratulate Perry Feng (9<sup>th</sup>-Place Individual), Jessie Kai (16<sup>th</sup>), Andrew Makris (18<sup>th</sup>), and Winston Ou (23).

Wonderful, Longfellow; what a weekend!



## LMS MODEL UNITED NATIONS CLUB

On Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, Longfellow's Model UN club competed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Washington-Lee Model UN conference. Twenty eight Longfellow students participated and represented Longfellow with dignity and pride.

Of the participants, the following students were recognized for their excellence:

In DISEC (Disarmament and International Security Committee) verbal commendations were awarded to: Virginia Sun and Ava Lakmazaheri, representing Germany, and Shivani Saboo and Hannah Aronson representing Bolivia.

Honorable Mention was awarded to Yasmeen McGettrick

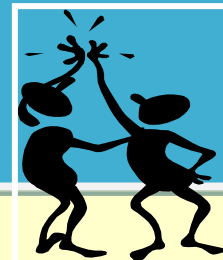
In SOCHUM (Social, Humanitarian, and Cultural Committee) Verbal commendation was awarded to Parsa Zand, representing Laos and Honorable Mentions were awarded to Lavanya Shukla representing South Korea and Arjun Dwividly representing Iran.

In the UN Security Council Committee, Paris Mitzelfeld received the highest honor, when she won the "gavel" representing France.

There were two crisis committees this year, Japan and the United States prior to 1941.

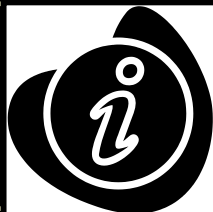
Representing Japan Longfellow earned the two highest awards, Outstanding to Ben Friedman, and the coveted "gavel" went to Jack Martin. Representing the United States, Hugo Kessler distinguished himself with an Honorable Mention and Connor Simpson earned the "Outstanding" delegate award.

It was a proud day for the Longfellow Model UN.



### IMPORTANT DATES

- **March 28 - PTA Meeting @ 7pm**
- **April 4 - Teacher Workday-No School**
- **April 7 - Staff Development Day w/McLean HS- Early closing @ 11:20am**



### HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework club will be closed  
Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

### STUDENT SERVICES DATES

- **Jump Start Program-August 8-12 & August 15-19**
- **Start to Success Program-students coming to LMS in the Fall:  
Session I – August 22, 23/Session II - August 24, 25**
- **Open Houses – August 31 & September 1**
- **Orientation for new students – September 2**
- **Back-to-School Nights – 7<sup>th</sup> grade-September 14  
8<sup>th</sup> grade-September 21**



## UPCOMING PARENT COFFEES

➤ **April 11** – Parent Coffee for current 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents 9am - Library



## "Parent Insider: Help Your Student Thrive at Longfellow"



Wednesday, April 6, 2011

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Longfellow Lecture Hall

This program is intended to give parents of rising 7<sup>th</sup> graders insights into the world of middle school and the teenage mind. Parents will hear information that will help them parent their teen; helping them to navigate this new world successfully. Please join us for this second annual program.

No preregistration is required. This program is sponsored by the Longfellow PTA. If you have any questions about this program, please e-mail one of the parent coordinators:

Kristen Huber [KEHuber@aol.com](mailto:KEHuber@aol.com)

Jennifer Salopek [jjsalopek@cox.net](mailto:jjsalopek@cox.net)

*Don't miss this great opportunity to give your student a leg up at Longfellow!*

## Eighth Grade Parents

On Wednesday, **April 27**, the 8<sup>th</sup> graders at Longfellow Middle School will be going on a field trip to Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. Students, traveling in small groups, will participate in a scavenger hunt throughout the area which will include visiting Grant's Memorial, the Capitol Visitor Center, Supreme Court, Library of Congress, Russell Senate Building and the Cannon Office Building. In order to assure that the students are supervised in these small groups, we are asking for one parent chaperone for every 6 students. You will need to arrive at Longfellow on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April by **7:30**, be available to walk around the Capitol Hill area for the remainder of the day and arrive back at Longfellow by **2 PM**. If you are available, please send an email to your child's civics teacher.

Thanks,

The Eighth Grade Teachers



## “Parenting the Adolescent”

Do you have a teen in your house?

This six part class will be offered for parents of 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th graders in the McLean/Langley Pyramids starting *Wednesday, May 4, 2011* at Longfellow Middle School *from 7:00 to 9:00 pm*. Class dates are:

May 4th

May 11th

May 18th

May 25th

June 1st

June 8th



A fee of \$85 includes the cost of the text, STEP TEEN PARENT MANUAL and additional materials.

The class will be facilitated by Estelle Brauer, retired counselor at Longfellow Middle School and Marge Bleiweis, former Churchill Road counselor and retired Conflict Resolution Specialist, FCPS.

*To register, please email Estelle Brauer at:  
esbjewels@verizon.net*

*\*Sponsored by the Safe Community Coalition*

### **MCLEAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION (MCA) OUTSTANDING CHARACTER AWARD FOR TEENAGERS**

Nominations are now being accepted for the annual MCA Teen Character Awards. This award recognizes teens (ages 13 – 19) with exceptional ethical and compassionate character who have “contributed significantly to the welfare of a family or community member and who inspire other teenagers to demonstrate exemplary behavior toward their families and neighbors.” The award certificate will be presented at McLean Day on Saturday, May 21, 2011. Names of the award winners will also be provided to local newspapers to highlight recognition of the teens’ achievements.

Nomination forms can be picked up at the McLean Community Center. The deadline for submitting nomination forms is April 23, 2011.



**UNIFIED PREVENTION COALITION  
OF FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
2011 CONFERENCE-“LIFE IN THE MIDDLE”  
WHAT STUDENTS AND PARENTS FACE IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS  
SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2011**

Our second prevention conference will provide an opportunity for middle school students and their parents or guardians to engage in interactive, small group round table discussions with high school students and adult facilitators following brief presentations by county experts.

**DISCUSSION TOPICS:**

In an effort to facilitate open discussion, parents and their students(s) are encouraged to attend the event together. Round table conversations will enable participants to share their ideas, concerns, or recommendations on each topic.

- Bullying/Cyber-bullying
- Substance Abuse Hot-Button Issues
- Youth and Parent Communication

**LOCATION:**

Lake Braddock Secondary School  
9200 Burke Lake Road  
Burke, VA  
Located in the Cafeteria

**SCHEDULE:**

8:15-9am - Check-in

9am-1pm – Small and large group discussions and briefings



**REGISTER ONLINE:**

[www.unifiedpreventioncoalition.org](http://www.unifiedpreventioncoalition.org)

- \$10 Registration fee per family (financial assistance available upon request)
- Translation services available upon advance request

**CONTACT:**

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\*Brought to you by the Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax County Public School. The UPC is dedicated to promoting prevention and early intervention for violence and drug use in our community.

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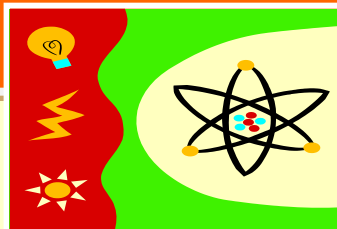
## TECHSTRAVAGANZA

Each spring, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology hosts Techstravaganza, a science, technology, math, and engineering exploration day sponsored by Tomorrow's Women in Science and Technology (TWIST). This event is intended for upper elementary and middle school students and their parents, who will have the opportunity to conduct hands-on science experiments as well as witness demonstrations and speak to scientists.

Techstravaganza is free and everyone is welcome! This year, Techstravaganza will be held on April 9th from 12:00 to 4:00 PM at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology.

\*Link to flyer:

<http://www.fcps.edu/LongfellowMS/pages/TechstravaganzaFlier2011.pdf>



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