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BUSINESS TEACHER OF THE YEAR

The Business Education Association of Fairfax County is pleased to announce this year's Award recipient. Please join us in congratulating Helene Safford.

Middle School Business Teacher of the Year

Helene Safford, Longfellow Middle School/McLean High School



MODEL UNITED NATIONS

On March 25 and 26, Longfellow students competed in the Thomas Jefferson High School of Science and Technology's annual TechMUN conference. Our students performed exceptionally well and received the following awards:

Parsa Zand and Mia Chand earned a verbal commendation as the delegation of Japan in the SPECPOL committee

Yasmeen McGettrick and Chris Allen earned honorable mention as the delegation of Iran in the SOCHUM committee

James Hughes earned a verbal commendation as the delegate from India in the UN Security Council

Hugo Kessler earned honorable mention as the delegate from China in the UN Security Council

Jack Martin earned an outstanding commendation as the delegate from South Africa in the UN Security Council

Longfellow Middle School's entire group won the Secretary General's award for Research and Diplomacy; this was a great honor and highlighted the skill of all MUN participants.

Thanks to Kayne Miller and Stephanie Haley, the Model UN sponsors!

CONGRATULATIONS!

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM TAKES SECOND AT STATE TOURNAMENT

On March 26, Longfellow's Science Olympiad Team competed against 18 other middle and elementary school teams for the State Division B title. The team earned first, second, or third place in 15 of the 23 events, and captured first place in 7 events. First place medals went to Tara Abrishami, Phil Carr, Allen Cheng, Maya Chung (3), Tai Kao-Sowa (2), Billie Malès, Tajin Rogers, Mira Sridharan (2), Tiger Zhang, and Derek Zhou. While the Longfellow team had an amazing showing, Kilmer Middle School edged them out of first place, based on the total team scores.

Science Olympiad is a club for kids interested in science at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. At Longfellow, team members attended afterschool sessions at least twice a week and often met with event partners and mentors on weekends. The national (www.soinc.org) and state (www.virginiaso.com) organizations sponsor competitions between schools. The 23 events range from academic events such as anatomy and fossils, to engineering events such as bottle rockets and catapults. Tryouts for next year's Longfellow team will be announced in the fall. There are high school (Division C) Science Olympiad teams at Langley, McLean, and Thomas Jefferson.

Congratulations to Longfellow's 2010-2011 State team members for their outstanding commitment, teamwork, and passion for science and technology: Tara Abrishami, Phil Carr, Allen Cheng, Maya Chung, Tai Kao-Sowa, Billie Malès, Emily Moschella, Tajin Rogers, Kate Salamido, Mira Sridharan, Peter Suzuki, Anna Venetianer, Gerry Wan, Alex Wendt, Tiger Zhang, Derek Zhou, and Kyle Zhou; and to head coach Katherine Wendt, assistant coach Eric Malès, and faculty sponsor Susan Boomer. And thank you to the many parent mentors who put in many hours to help guide the team's studies.



STAR STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Each month we recognize our Star Students who have exhibited specific, positive character traits. The following students have been recognized by their teachers for their Diligence. These students will have their picture taken so they may be recognized on our “Star wall” in the front hall of the building. Diligence was defined as:

- Always does their best
- Strives for excellence.
- Willing to risk failure for a worthy goal
- Self-disciplined
- Makes sure to learn from mistakes and failures.
- Sets goals and stays focused.
- Doesn't give up just because things seem difficult
- Doesn't procrastinate



7th grade:

- POLARIS- Daniel Ducic and Michelle Ma
- EXPLORERS – Aylar Banafshe and George Shields
- SIRIUS – Cory Madison and Isabella Todaro
- LIONS – Fiona Do and Abdel Hammad
- EAGLES – Julianne Stratton and Blake Daniels
- ESOL- Yundong Lee

8th GRADE:

- SPARTANS – Ana Malhotra and Santiago Alfonzo Meza
- BEARS – Jeffrey Kim and Mia Chand
- PIRATES – Sophie Huffman and Arda Arslan
- DRAGONS- Abby Clayton and Brian Jordan
- YAGOTTAWANNAS – Alexina Haefner and Trevor Scanlon
- ESOL – Quyen Tran

LONGFELLOW RECEIVES GOVERNOR'S AWARD

Please join us at Luther Jackson MS on Thursday, April 28 at 7:00pm, Longfellow will be recognized by the School Board for receiving the Governor's Award.



THANK YOU FROM LEMON ROAD PTA!

Lemon Road PTA would like to thank all the 8th grade students at Longfellow that helped make our annual Fun Fair a HUGE success. From the students that came to set up on Friday night to the kids that volunteered their Saturday, the PTA appreciates your hard work. A huge thank you also goes out to all the students that donated baked items for our cake walk and bake sale. Our parent and teacher volunteers were very impressed with all



LMS STUDENTS TO COMPETE AT MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGE TOURNAMENT

Saturday, April 2nd, French teacher, Christine Barrau will take the following group of students to compete in the Modern Foreign Language Tournament: Yoo Jin Chung , Amir McGettrick , Jameson O'Donnell , Brigitte Park , Rose Saydahmat, and Madeline Shaw. Nancy Kazakos, Department Chair, will be a volunteer at the tournament, and Ms. Barrau will be a judge.

The students will recite a French poem, in French, in front of judges and other students. It is a FCPS competition among Language students in middle school and high school. The students have been practicing every day after school, and they are very excited about representing Longfellow and participating in the Tournament with students from all over the county.



IMPORTANT DATES

- **April 1** – Orchestra Solo & Ensemble Festival @ Kilmer MS 4:00-9:00pm
- **April 2** – Band Solo & Ensemble Festival @ Kilmer MS 8:00am-6:00pm
- **April 4** – Teacher Workday-No School
- **April 7** – Staff Development Day w/McLean HS- Early closing @ **11:20am**
- **April 18-22** – Spring Break – Office Closed
- **April 28** – Governor's Award Recognition @ Luther Jackson MS 7:00pm

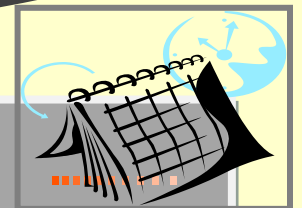


HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework club will be closed
Thursday, April 7th.



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**



UPCOMING PARENT COFFEES

- **April 11** – Parent Coffee for current 6th grade parents 9am – Library
<http://www.fcps.edu/LongfellowMS/pages/Coffee/4-11-11parentcoffee.pdf>

"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 7th 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

Jennifer Salopek 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 8th 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 27th 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

- \$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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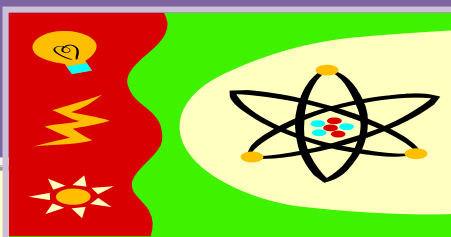
TECHSTRAVAGANZA

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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