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STUDENT QUALIFIES FOR USASA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

All of Gilbert Le Floch's efforts in, and passion for, skiing paid off this year. He qualified for the USASA national championships to represent the Appalachian states in Copper Mountain CO. His event will be the half pipe competition. Congratulations Gilbert!



TEAM AMERICA ROCKETRY CHALLENGE (TARC)

Congratulations to the Longfellow Middle School team 'Dunder Mifflin Rockets' for earning a spot at the Team America Rocketry Challenge (TARC) 2011 Finals at Great Meadows on Saturday, May 14. The team of Tommy Rogers, Jeffrey Kim, Noah Flaxman, Riley Pfadenhauer, Reed Koser, and Elliot Kim qualified to join 6 other Virginia teams as the top 100 teams across the US compete. Teams will be vying for thousands of dollars in scholarships and prizes, as well as the grand prize of competing in a fly-off at the Paris Air Show in June. The team wants to thank their coach Mr. Aaron Clark and sponsor Mr. James Bradford for their time, enthusiasm and support. (Details may be found at www.rocketcontest.org)

Picture: Tommy Rogers, Jeffrey Kim, Noah Flaxman, Riley Pfadenhauer, and Reed Koser after their qualifying flight. (credit: Koser) (not pictured: Elliot Kim)



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THANKS TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS!

Our volunteers were honored on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 in a volunteer appreciation ceremony. Thanks again to all the wonderful volunteers for their hard work and dedication to Longfellow!



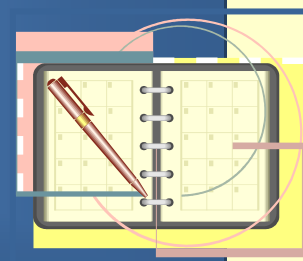
IMPORTANT DATES

- **April 18-22** – Spring Break – Office Closed
- **April 25** – PTA Meeting 7pm
- **April 28** – Governor's Award



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 – 7th grade-**September 14**
8th grade-**September 21**



HOW TO THRIVE PRESENTATION:

<http://www.fcps.edu/LongfellowMS/pages/ppts/2011ThriveatLMS.pdf>

LONGFELLOW INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

Hello Longfellow Families,

We are very excited to tell you about the planning for the 2011 Longfellow Middle School International Night!



WHEN: May 20, 2011 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

WHERE: Longfellow Middle School Cafeteria and Gym 1

This is the one of the biggest nights of the year for Longfellow, as we bring the community together to share our cultures, arts, traditions, foods, and talents, among other things. To make the event a success, **we need your help!** We highly encourage everyone to get involved in some manner. Lead Parents are needed to host a table for a country or state or heritage. For those who are interested in being Lead Parents, we would like for you to contact us As Soon As Possible. The more diversity the better at this special event. Then, we will also need volunteers to help set up tables in the cafeteria and gym, clean up, and provide security. Security for our children is a very important element of this event. There are four doors through which people could potentially enter during the event and we need a parent at each door at all times. Therefore, we need five parents for each door for a 30-minute shift (20 parents in all). To the extent you are interested and know when you can help throughout the evening for any of these tasks, please let us know now and we will begin making assignments. Please let us know what areas you would be interested in helping out with.

One very important and popular part of the evening is the Talent Show! We really need some parents to help organize this popular event! Again, we will need volunteers to help set up, clean up, and provide security for the Talent Show.

This will be a great, fun evening, and is assured of being a success if we have enough volunteers. The more the better. Please let us know as soon as possible of your interest and how you would like to help.

Thank you,

Co-chairs Meg Schlesinger meg.schlesinger@verizon.net Alyssa Lee
alyssa.s.lee@gmail.com

LongFEST

Save the date! Sunday June 12 will be a unique and special day in the history of Longfellow. The FEST is a fun, low-key celebration of the achievements of the Longfellow community. Featuring special guests, student presentations and talent, time capsule opening and dedications, faculty awards, an alumni lounge in the library, student music and snacks & drinks, it will be held on the school grounds from 1-4 pm. A few parents are needed to help student committees working on some fun aspects of the FEST (organizing talent, mini Quiz Bowl segments for example). Please email Beth Chung if you can spare a just a few hours to help starting after Spring Break. beth@mygreenexpert.com. Thank you, see you at the FEST!



RAIN GARDEN

The ground has been broken on Longfellow's new Rain Garden & Outdoor Learning Classroom. This exciting and beautiful new space off the Library Hall will be a valuable site for teaching science and environmental stewardship for many years to come. Generous support from foundations, parents, the PTA, FCPS Facilities Management and three businesses (Transurban Fluor, Luck Stone, and Greenscape) totaling \$43,000 have made it a reality. Hardscaping and rainwater cistern hook-up will be done in April, and students will plant the trees, shrubs and perennials in May. Two parent volunteers are needed for 50 minute time slots after school on Thursdays in May and at 11 a.m. on Saturday May 21. If you'd like to lend the students a hand with planting, please send an email to Joanne Hardison at dhvienna@verizon.net.



PARENT FEEDBACK FOR ONLINE PILOT SURVEY

Dear Parents,

Your child is participating in a social studies class this year that is piloting the use of an online textbook with related resources. We invite you to share your thoughts regarding this pilot program and would appreciate you completing the 11 question survey. The survey can be accessed by clicking on this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8RHLX7K>

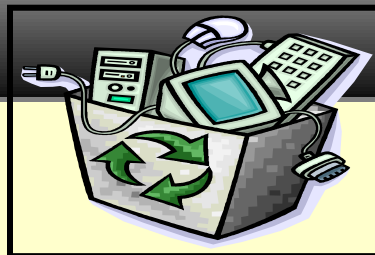
The survey will be available during the month of April. We look forward to your feedback.

Thank you for your participation.



PTA RECYCLE PROGRAM

The PTA Recycle Program is still accepting recycle items. Please help collect the following items; Laptops, Cell phones, iPods, Digital cameras, GPS devices, Tone/Laser, and Ink cartridges. Recycle items that are not mentioned above are NOT accepted. Please drop off recyclables at the school office (a collection box will be on site). Thank you!



“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*



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.

Fairfax County Public Schools and
Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood & Community Services
TEEN SUMMER PROGRAM 2011



V.I.P

July 5 – August 5, 2011
Monday-Friday
(Program time 8 am-4 pm)



Your teenager is a *Very Important Person*. Sign them up for a summer of fun and leisure at one of our VIP camps!

The V.I.P. summer program is designed to encourage teens to develop healthy and positive recreation interests and features a wide variety of leisure activities and services.

Registration begins on April 18 and ends June 3 at 5:00pm.

Space is limited to only 70 kids per site!

(Each site will have an unlimited waitlist after the first seventy teens that are registered on a first come, first serve basis)

Please contact Kevin Webb, After-School Specialists, for more information:

Kevin.Webb@fcps.edu

For students attending Poe, Kilmer, Glasgow, Jackson, Longfellow, Thoreau, Holmes, your camp is at:

Glasgow Middle School
4101 Fairfax Parkway
Alexandria, VA 22312



DRESS CODE

All students are expected to dress appropriately for a K-12 educational environment. Any clothing that interferes with or disrupts the educational environment is unacceptable. Clothing with language or images that are vulgar, discriminatory, or obscene, or clothing that promotes illegal or violent conduct, such as gang symbols, the unlawful use of weapons, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or drug paraphernalia, or clothing that contains threats is prohibited. (See page 17, chapter II.A.2.1, for additional information regarding gang-related clothing.)

Clothing should fit, be neat and clean, and conform to standards of safety, good taste, and decency. Clothing that exposes cleavage, private parts, the midriff, or undergarments, or that is otherwise sexually provocative, is prohibited.

Examples of prohibited clothing include, but are not limited to: sagging or low-cut pants, low-cut necklines that show cleavage, tube tops, halter tops, backless blouses or blouses with only ties in the back, studded belts, chain belts, clothing constructed of see through materials, and head coverings unless required for religious or medical purposes.

*Students who are dress coded will be given loaner gym shorts and/or shirts. Please make sure to wash and send them back the following day. Thanks.



LANGLEY BOYS BASKETBALL SPRING CAMP

Space is still available for Langley's Boys Basketball Spring Camp. Monday-Thursday, April 18-21, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Click on this link to download brochure.

<http://www.langleysports.org/index.cfm?action=main.teamcamps&id=4499>



Langley High School
invites all rising
9th graders to attend an
Activities Fair
Friday, April 29
Club fair and school tours
begin at 5:00pm



- Take a tour of the school (5:00-6:30pm)
- Get information about clubs and sports
- Cheer on the Langley Saxon baseball, softball, and soccer teams

Website: www.langleysports.org

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