



# Lancer Times

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## CONGRATULATIONS JENNIFER!

Jennifer Wang, 8<sup>th</sup> grader, was selected as a gold medal recipient in the Young Classical Virtuosos of Tomorrow Competition in Haverford, PA on May 1, 2011. She has been invited to perform at the Perelman Theater in the Kimmel Center, Philadelphia on June 19, 2011.

There were over 250 participants (ages of 5 to 25) from all over the country as well as some from Germany, Holland, and Bulgaria.



## LONGFELLOW KNOWLEDGE MASTERS TEAM

On May 7-8, 2011, in Chicago, IL, the Longfellow Knowledge Masters team consisting of captain Kate Salamido, Bobbie Sheng, Tajin Rogers, Ross Dempsey and Renee Wah competed at the first ever NAQT Middle School Nationals Tournament, a team vs. team quiz bowl tournament involving the 36 best middle school quiz bowl teams in the country. On the first day, Longfellow was 8-0 in round robin play and earned the #1 seed by having the highest points per game. In the double elimination bracket on day 2, Longfellow made it to the semifinals on a sudden death answer from Ross Dempsey. In the semifinal match against eventual national champion Kealing MS from Austin, TX, Longfellow took the early lead but eventually lost the match, earning 3<sup>rd</sup> place at middle school quiz bowl's most prestigious event. Impressing all the competitors and spectators, Tajin Rogers was the top scoring individual of the tournament.

### IMPORTANT DATES

- May 12, 13, 14 - Spring Musical Performance @ 7pm
- May 17-31 - SOL Testing
- May 27 - 2-hour Early Release 12:40pm



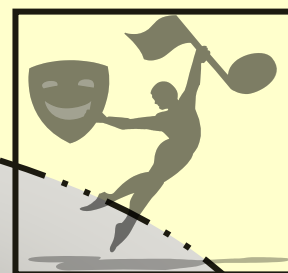
**MAY 27<sup>TH</sup> HOMEWORK CLUB WILL BE CLOSED**

### STUDENT SERVICES DATES

- Start to Success Program August 22-23 (Session I) & August 24-25 (Session II)

**Link to Information & Application:**

[http://www.fcps.edu/LongfellowMS/pages/STSAPP\\_2011.pdf](http://www.fcps.edu/LongfellowMS/pages/STSAPP_2011.pdf)



### SPRING MUSICAL

**If you are looking for something fun to do this weekend check out *Fiddler on the Roof Jr.* at Longfellow Middle School – Friday & Saturday @ 7pm and Saturday Matinee @ 2pm. The kids have been working so hard and it is going to be a really amazing show.**

**To order tickets online go to**

**<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/169537>**

**or you can purchase them at the door.**



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Dear Longfellow Community,

The school and the PTA need a lot of volunteer help in the next several weeks, starting with some urgent needs next week! Please read below to see how you and your family can contribute. We need "all hands on deck" to finish up this year with a bang!

## LUNCHROOM MONITORING DURING SOLS (MAY 17-27)

Starting next week our teachers and counselors who help monitor the cafeteria will be busy proctoring SOLs, so we need parent volunteers to cover the four lunch shifts for nine days. (An administrator will be present as well.) Please go to the link below and sign up for as many shifts as you possibly can!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/longfellow2>

Please contact [kehuber@aol.com](mailto:kehuber@aol.com) if you have any difficulties signing up via Sign Up Genius.



## HERITAGE/INTERNATIONAL NIGHT (FRIDAY, MAY 20, 7:00-9:00 PM)

**Talent Show Coordinator:** One parent is needed to work with co-chairs Alyssa Lee and Megumi Schlesinger to organize the talent portion of the evening.

**Event Support:** We also need lots of help the night of the event as follows:

- 1) Set up from 4:00-6:00 (students can also help for community service hours)
- 2) Monitor the doors through which people can enter and exit, one hour shift between 7:00 and 9:00
- 3) Clean up from 8:30-9:30 (students can also help for community service hours)

Please contact Alyssa ([alyssa.s.lee@gmail.com](mailto:alyssa.s.lee@gmail.com)) and Megumi ([meg.schlesinger@verizon.net](mailto:meg.schlesinger@verizon.net)) if you and/or your student can help.

**LONGFEST (SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 1:00 - 4:00 PM):**

Don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to help with the celebration of Longfellow's 50th anniversary!

- **Student Tour Mentor:** One parent is needed to work with students who will be running 30 minute tours (3 total) on the half hour leaving from the library. Develop 'script' and ensure students are appropriate in their presentations to alumni/visitors/prospective students.

1 hour in advance, 1 hour supervising on the 12th.

- **Tech Crew:** One parent is needed to provide troubleshooting support to the Alumni Guest Comic Host with his sound system in Gym One, and to the student DJ. 30 min. advance training and 2.5 hrs on the 12th.

- **Snow Cone & Cotton Candy Pros:** We are also looking for anyone with "Fun Fair food machine experience" who can help train our volunteers on the snow cone and cotton candy machines, starting at 12:30 on the 12th.

Please contact Beth Chung ([mygreenexpert@gmail.com](mailto:mygreenexpert@gmail.com)) if you can help with any of these key roles. And stayed tuned for more opportunities to help on June 12th!

**8TH GRADE PARTY (JUNE 17)**

- **7th Grade Parent Chaperones:** We need 7th grade parents to serve as chaperones during the party, which will be on Friday, June 17th from 7:00-10:00 pm at McLean High School. Please contact Virginie Carey at [pjcarey@mac.com](mailto:pjcarey@mac.com) if you can help during this time.

Please think about how you and your family can contribute your talents to these fun end-of-year events. We can't do it without you!

Thank you!



**MHS PREP FRESHMAN SUMMER INSTITUTE**  
**Helping Rising Freshman Transition to McLean High School**  
**August 22-25, 2011 at McLean High School**

**The MHS Prep Summer Institute welcomes rising ninth-graders**

Overview of the Summer Institute Program: McLean High School is pleased to present our Summer Institute for rising freshmen. McLean teachers will be working with students in August to jump-start the year with fun and engaging sessions designed to help rising ninth-graders at McLean succeed in high school. Students will become acclimated to a new level of learning through sessions on topics like note-taking and study skills, time management, organization and high school life. While the goal is to learn how to be successful at McLean High School, there will also be many ice-breaker activities to meet other students. All rising ninth-grade students are invited to register for this institute.

**An exceptional value.**

The registration fee for the four-day summer institute is \$60, payable to McLean High School. Financial assistance is available. If you are in need of financial assistance, please contact your child's current counselor.

Your \$60 registration fee will cover:

- Expert and engaging instruction from members of the McLean faculty
- Bus transportation each day if necessary
- All necessary supplies and materials
- Mid-Afternoon Snacks

Registrations must be received at the McLean High School Main Office by Friday, June 10.

**Please do not return registration forms and fees to Longfellow!**

Questions? Contact Mike Zook (Michael.Zook@fcps.edu) or (703) 714-5700



**COLLEGE ADMISSIONS:**

Is it really a “The Race to Nowhere” or is it “A Journey to Find Your Place in World?”

*A Conversation with Don Fraser,  
 Director of Education and Training*

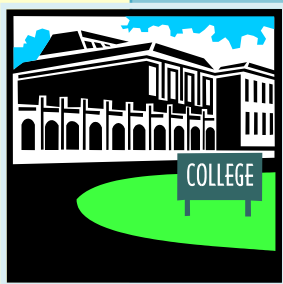
*National Association for College Admission Counseling*

**May 17, 2011**

**7 – 8 pm**

**McLean High School Auditorium**

**1633 Davidson Rd., McLean, VA**



Students and parents are invited to join the McLean High School PTSA and the Safe Community Coalition (SCC) on May 17 from 7 – 8 pm for an informal and informative discussion with Don Fraser of the National Association for College Admission Counseling. In part a response to the concerns about “hyper-achievement” raised in the film, “Race to Nowhere,” Mr. Fraser will guide us through emerging trends in college admissions and explore ways in which families can ease the process for their teens.

Put this event on your calendar and join us for this important discussion. For more information, contact Julie Murphy, SCC Liaison for McLean High School's PTSA at juliemurphy1@verizon.net or 703-893-6522.



**STOP HUNGER NOW**  
**JOIN YOUR COMMUNITY IN AN ACT OF CARING**  
**Saturday, June 11, 2011**  
**1 Day 1 Goal = 150,000 Meals**

**WHY:** Each day 30,000 people die from hunger related causes. We cannot ignore this ongoing tragedy.

**WHO:** Local organizations: American Legion Post 270; Langley, McLean, & The Potomac Schools; The Rotary Clubs of McLean, Tyson's, & Dunn Loring  
 A broad gathering of faith-based communities including: Islamic Community of McLean; Lewinsville Presbyterian Church; Redeemer Lutheran Church; Temple Rodef Shalom; The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints  
 Corporate sponsorship provided by: Chain Bridge Bank; Deloitte; West Financial

**GOAL:** Package 150,000 meals to feed starving people worldwide

**HOW:** With YOUR help. We are striving to raise \$37,500 (25¢ per meal), and recruit 500+ volunteers to donate 2 hours of their time on June 11<sup>th</sup> to meet our goal. Ages 8 to 80+ welcome.

GET INVOLVED! E-MAIL [McLean.StopHunger@gmail.com](mailto:McLean.StopHunger@gmail.com)

Link to form:

<http://www.fcps.edu/LongfellowMS/pages/June2011StopHungerNow.pdf>

### DOLLEY MADISON LIBRARY TIME CAPSULE CONTEST

On behalf of the Dolley Madison Library, I am inviting McLean students to become contemporary historians by recording their impressions on life in McLean today, which will be reviewed by McLean residents 50 years from now. How? A time capsule will be part of the newly renovated Dolley Madison Library and I'm encouraging students in grades 1 through 12 (as of fall 2011) to participate in a contest to describe what life is like in McLean nowadays. **A total of eight contestants from among the age groups** will be selected to have their **written or art** entries enclosed in the time capsule, which will be opened in 2061. The contest theme is: ***What would you want people in 2061 to know about life in McLean today?***

All students -- either attending school in McLean or students who are residents of McLean and attend school elsewhere or are home schooled -- are eligible to participate. This is a great opportunity for McLean students to be a part of history in the making. We hope all our students in all age groups will be fired up about participating in the contest and will work on their entries over the summer months. Final submission deadline is **5PM on Monday, September 12, 2011**.

You can also find the contest rules on my web site <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dranesville/> and will be posted as well on the Dolley Madison Library web site <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/dm/>.

If you wish more information on the Dolley Madison Library Time Capsule Contest, please contact Cheryl Patten in my office at 703-356-0551.

John W. Foust

Supervisor, Dranesville District

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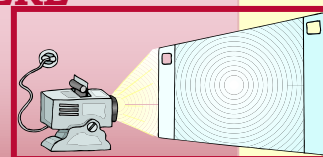
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This is a great fundraising source for LMS and it requires nothing more than using our link whenever you shop at Amazon.com. Do the math....If 1000 Longfellow families spend \$200 a year, Longfellow will earn about 7% of purchases or **\$14,000!** There is no limit on our earnings! Please participate! **Please share this link with everyone in your family and at work.** E-mail [freemoney@longfellowpta.org](mailto:freemoney@longfellowpta.org) if you have questions.

**SCREENING OF THE FILM "RACE TO NOWHERE"**

**St. Luke's Catholic School  
7005 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA  
May 19th - 7pm**



This film continues to generate hundreds of conversations and follow up events. To purchase tickets, please visit the Race to Nowhere website, [www.racetonowhere.com/state-screenings/VA](http://www.racetonowhere.com/state-screenings/VA).

**TWEEN SCENE AT LAKE ACCOTINK**  
**Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia**  
**Sunday June 5, 1:30pm – 4:30pm**  
**7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield, VA 22150**

Come enjoy the sights, sounds and activities of spring at a new program for 6th, 7th and 8th graders in Northern Virginia. Join us at Lake Accotink Park to spend the afternoon relaxing outdoors, playing Mini Golf, riding the antique carousel, enjoying a private boat tour of the lake while meeting new friends and catching up with old ones. Snacks provided.



**All faiths welcome!**

**Cost:** \$15 JCCNV members / \$20 nonmembers

**To RSVP and for more information:** Joelle Kelenson, coordinator of school-age services, (703) 537-3091 or [joellek@jccnv.org](mailto:joellek@jccnv.org)

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Churchill Road Elementary  
 Backyard BBQ -- Friday, May 20th

Volunteers are needed to help set up, assist with games, serve food, and cleanup. Shifts are available between 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm. If you are interested in helping, please contact Tracy Williams at [canadianfaces@cox.net](mailto:canadianfaces@cox.net).

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