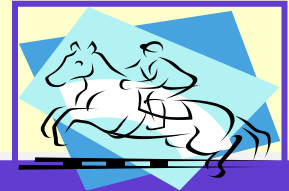




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CONGRATULATIONS KELSI OKUN!

Kelsi Okun qualified her pony, "Salty," to compete in the Pony Hunter division of the Devon Horse Show on May 27-28th. Devon is the oldest and largest outdoor horse show in the country, and only the top 30 ponies in the whole country qualify based on points earned at horse shows during a one year period. Kelsi and Salty racked up a lot of miles, and jumped jumps in rain and snow to qualify for this year's event in Devon, Pennsylvania.

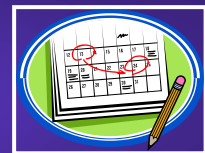


CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MCLEAN FIRE GREEN U14 SOCCER TEAM

The Mclean Fire Green U14 boy's soccer team won the Virginia State Cup tournament this past weekend in Richmond and will represent Virginia at the Region 1 tournament with teams from states from Virginia north to Maine. Longfellow students on the team include Seth Jaffe, Logan Legg, Jason Colliton, Cole Stinger, Griffin Otto, Stefano Proietti, and Michael Southern.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **May 17-31** – SOL Testing
- **May 27** – 2-hour Early Release 12:40pm
- **May 27** – Homework Club Closed
- **May 30** – Memorial Day Holiday-School Closed

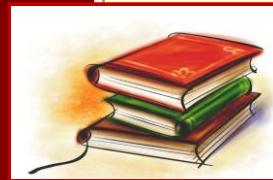


**FRIDAY, MAY 27TH HOMEWORK CLUB
WILL BE CLOSED**

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

SOCIAL STUDIES SURVEY FOR PARENTS

Dear Parents,

If your child is taking 7th grade history, he or she participated 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/8RHLY7K>

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

Thank you for your participation.



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE END OF YEAR LOCKER CLEAN OUT

Longfellow students strive to recycle and reuse whenever possible. To that end, a Locker Clean out is scheduled for June 17th. The Green Team will need a parent to help coordinate the clean out and volunteers to man the eleven sorting stations that will be located throughout school. They will help students sort their items into categories: binders, writing implements, paper/notebooks and miscellaneous.

Interested parents please email Donna Sabino at donna.sabino@fcps.edu. It should be one brief meeting, a few emails and a few hours the actual afternoon of the clean up, so not an overwhelming commitment, but certainly a worthwhile one. Go Green!



2010 -2011 SURVEY LINKS FOR THE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Parent Survey:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FCR9PPT>

Student Survey:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FMLPKBF>



*Surveys close June 21st

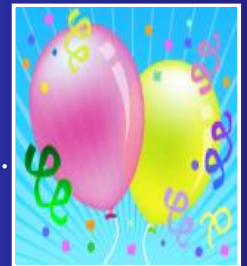


SEE THE STARS OF LONGFELLOW

The Longfellow Hollywood Nights party will be held on Friday, June 17. Every 8th grader is a star at this party. Invitations to this year's 8th grade party will be handed out during seventh period on Tuesday, May 31st. You don't have to wait. Admission reservations go on sale TODAY. Tickets are available for purchase online at <http://www.longfellowpta.org/8thGradePartyTickets>. There will be no admission payments at the door.

This fun event marks the end of our 8th graders years at Longfellow and is their first opportunity to attend a function at McLean High School, where many of them will spend the next four years. McLean HS will be turned into a red carpet celebration with something for everyone. Here's what awaits the party goers:

- Dance to Jimmy the DJ's tunes.
- Challenge friends in a bungee race or in the inflatable obstacle course.
- Be a star and get pictures taken in a photo booth.
- Test dexterity at ping pong, air hockey, Twister, and the Wii and Xbox stations.
- Chill out in the quiet games area.
- Refuel on Ledo's pizza, Chick-fil-A, and delicious desserts.
- Refresh with a frozen drink.
- Plus raffle drawings for fabulous door prizes all evening long and other fun surprises!



Additionally, we will sell tickets during C and D lunches Monday - Friday, June 13 -17. Make checks payable to Longfellow MS PTA in the amount of \$15.

Paper tickets will be not be issued; attendees will check-in at the registration table.

ATTIRE IS CASUAL and FUN

We need 8th grade parents help to make this party a success. Please consider:

- Monetary donations (checks payable to Longfellow MS PTA and returned to the front office);
- Sending in gift cards from Books a Million, Amazon, Chipotle, Cold Stone Creamery, Target, Best Buy or anywhere else the kids would love. We give these out as door prizes during the party.
- VISA or AMEX Gift Card donations in increments of \$10 or \$20 (for tips to custodians, DJ, etc.);
- Donations of water, fruit, and brownies. For a full list, please click <http://longfellow8thgradedance.eventbrite.com/>



Want to help decorate McLean High for our 8th graders? Interested in helping us clean up after the party? Have a question? Please contact Margaret Alessi at margialessi@yahoo.com.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

8th Grade Party Looking for a few good 7th grade parents. Want to check out how 8th graders behave? Interested in walking the halls of McLean High? Have we got a job for you... come help chaperone our 8th grade Hollywood Nights party on Friday, June 17. If you can volunteer, please contact Virginie Carey at pvjecarey@mac.com.



SAFE COMMUNITY COALITION PANEL DISCUSSION

The Safe Community Coalition (SCC), along with the McLean High School PTSA and Athletic Boosters, will present a panel discussion on "Success and the Student-Athlete" to be moderated by USA Today sports columnist, Christine Brennan, on Thursday, June 2, 2011 at 7pm at McLean High School located at 1633 Davidson Road in McLean, VA.

Parents and students from the entire community are invited to attend and discuss the benefits of participating in recreational and varsity sports; share tips on how to thrive as a student-athlete and how to curb the role that drugs and alcohol play in the sports culture, both in celebrations and in using so-called "performance-enhancing" drugs and supplements.

Panelists invited to share their perspectives and to engage the audience in a community conversation include: Moderator and USA Today Sports columnist, Christine Brennan; McLean High School student and Varsity Lacrosse player, Jacki Kleger; Langley High School student and Swimmer, Chuck Katis; Youth and Langley High School Football Coach and parent, Frank Kolencik; Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Personal Fitness Trainer at Starting Block Fitness, Kitty Phillips; and Fairfax County Public School Director of Student Activities and Athletics, Bill Curran.

In conjunction with this event, there will be a sports equipment exchange for gear that you would like to trade or sell. In addition, a collection activity will take place providing an opportunity for everyone to donate sports equipment for the tornado-damaged Page Middle School in Gloucester, VA. Both the exchange and collection will take place from 5:30pm until 6:30pm, immediately before the panel discussion.

This event has the makings of a winning combination with both community involvement and conversation. We hope that you will join us on June 2nd!



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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 if you have questions.



SALUTE TO DISNEY! **JUNE 2ND & 3RD**



Bring your family to share in the fun at the Langley Choral Spring Show. This year's extravaganza features songs from your favorite Disney shows including *Tangled*, *Toy Story 2*, *The Princess and the Frog*, *Mulan*, *Tarzan*, *The Lion King* and more.

Thursday, June 2nd and Friday, June 3rd at 7:30 p.m. in the Langley High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door.

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

LANGLEY PTSA JUNE 2011 NEWSLETTER

The Langley PTSA June 2011 newsletter is now posted online at www.langleyptsa.org

Highlights include:

- Message from Principal Matt Ragone
- Message from PTSA Presidents
- PTSA Committee Updates
- Class News
- Counseling Connection
- Department News
- Fine and Performing Arts, Sports and Special Announcements



NOTES:

The PTSA is looking for a co-chair for Reflections and a Grocery Receipt chair. Anyone interested should email Risa Sanders at sanders@early.com.

This is the last newsletter for this school year. Please check the Langley High School website and Langley Calendar during the summer for 2011-2012 scheduled events.

Langley Calendar:

<http://www.calendarwiz.com/calendars/calendar.php?crd=langleyhs&&jsenabled=1&winH=838>

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