



# Lancer Times

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## THIRD QUARTER ALL A HONOR ROLL

Please add Mary Husk to the list of all A honor roll, her name was inadvertently left off of last week's list. Congratulations Mary for making all A's for the third quarter!

## SCOTT CLARK GOES TO 2011 TRIBECA FILM FESTIVAL

Scott Clark, 8<sup>th</sup> grader, plays a lead role in the film *Bunny* which was one of 60 short films selected from 2862 submissions for the prestigious 2011 Tribeca Film Festival. Scott auditioned and won the role of "Morgan" which is a Columbia University Graduate Thesis Film for the Director Robert Snow and the Producer Tobey List. The film *Bunny* tells the story of a young boy in a rough Philadelphia neighborhood who marches into the ghetto to retrieve his pet rabbit from the boy who stole him. The film also won a Faculty Select award, a FilmAid Award, the IFP Audience Choice Award, and the Best Producer Award at the Columbia University Film Festival.

<http://www.tribecafilm.com/filmguide/bunnyfilm32999.html?c=y&curView=browseDetail&3301=170131&sortBy=title&c=y&pageSize=25>  
[http://www.tribecafilm.com/festival/media2/2011\\_TRIBECA\\_FILM\\_FESTIVAL\\_ANNOUNCES\\_SHORT\\_FILM\\_SELECTIONS.html](http://www.tribecafilm.com/festival/media2/2011_TRIBECA_FILM_FESTIVAL_ANNOUNCES_SHORT_FILM_SELECTIONS.html)



## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALYSSA & JOE!

Congratulations to Alyssa Katahara (8<sup>th</sup> grade) and Joe Broom (8<sup>th</sup> grade) for their fine musical performances at the May meeting of the McLean Women's Club. Both students were awarded private lesson scholarships for their outstanding achievement in instrumental music.

## GREAT JOB TSA!

<http://commweb.fcps.edu/newsreleases/newsrelease.cfm?newsid=1706>

### IMPORTANT DATES

- **May 6** - Symphonic Band-Pyramid Concert @ 7pm McLean HS
- **May 12, 13, 14** - Spring Musical Performance @ 7pm
- **May 17-31** - SOL Testing
- **May 27** - 2-hour Early Release 12:40pm

### STUDENT SERVICES DATES

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

**Link to Information & Application:**

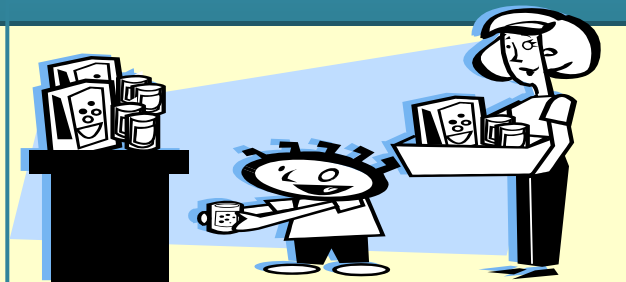
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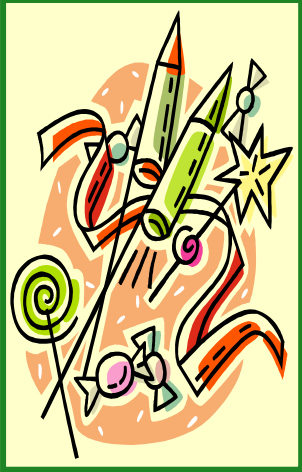
### NJHS SPONSORS FOOD DRIVE FOR HORTON'S KIDS

Horton's Kids is a non-profit, tutoring and mentoring program for children in one of Washington's most depressed areas. Horton's Kids also operates a community room in the housing project where moms can get food to feed their families. For more information about Horton's Kids go to [www.hortonskids.org](http://www.hortonskids.org)

The children in that neighborhood don't always get enough to eat, and, what they do eat isn't always particularly nutritious. **Specifically, they need: cereal, pasta, pasta sauces, rice, canned chili, canned veggies, mac and cheese, and instant, mashed potatoes.**

We will be collecting food near the library from May 2-13. Students may drop off donations daily when they get to school into their grade level box. Which class will donate the most food for this cause? 7<sup>th</sup> grade or 8<sup>th</sup> grade? Please help support Horton's Kids.



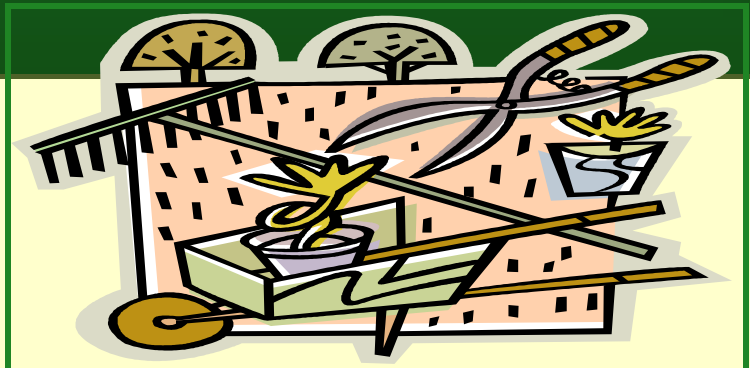


## LongFEST

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 just a few hours to help starting after Spring Break. [beth@mygreenexpert.com](mailto:beth@mygreenexpert.com). Thank you, see you at the FEST!

## ORGANIC SOIL COMES TO THE RAIN GARDEN: HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN!

Do your kids need community service hours?! This Saturday, May 7th, between 8 am and 11 am at LMS we need student and family assistance to help move soil into the new rain garden & outdoor classroom. It's just a short distance from the front of the school to the courtyard, but many hands make light work. This organic soil will form the living heart of the garden, fixing nitrogen and phosphorus and helping to keep it out of local streams and the Bay. Be among the first to see our unique water-harvesting cistern and learn how it works. The weather looks great, and the PTA will provide water and snacks. Please come help, stay as little or as long as you like. Bring shovels and a wheelbarrow or buckets if you have them. Meet out front by the Lecture Hall at the big pile of rich soil. THANK YOU! Question or to rsvp, email [beth@mygreenexpert.com](mailto:beth@mygreenexpert.com).



## 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](mailto:meg.schlesinger@verizon.net)

Alyssa Lee [alyssa.s.lee@gmail.com](mailto:alyssa.s.lee@gmail.com)

## 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARTY

The annual 8th grade party is scheduled for Friday, June 17. All 8th grade students are welcome to attend this fun event being held at McLean High. There will be an inflatable obstacle course, a bungee run, beach volleyball, DJ Jimmy, carnival games, frozen drinks, popcorn and lots of pizza.

We are still looking for 7th grade chaperones for the event.

Please contact Virginie Carey at [pvjecarey@mac.com](mailto:pvjecarey@mac.com)

if you can be a chaperone from 7pm to 10pm at the party.



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](mailto: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

## 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](mailto:juliemurphy1@verizon.net) or 703-893-6522.

## CONSIGNMENT SALE ON SATURDAY MAY 7TH

**Join our community's premiere consignment event...**

Annandale United Methodist Church-AUMC Kid's Stuff Consignment Sale

**DONATE** items to the school. 100% of the sale price benefits the AUMC Early Learning and Weekday Preschool programs.

**VOLUNTEER** your time before, during, or after the sale in a number of exciting ways! Volunteers earn increased commission and get to shop the sale early!

**CONSIGN** your items and receive a generous commission while providing revenue for the school!

**SHOP** the sale for quality kid's items. A portion of each sale benefits the school!

\*\*\* Find out more at our website: [AUMCConsignmentSale.com](http://AUMCConsignmentSale.com) \*\*\*

## 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.

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