

May 7, 2014

LONGFELLOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA



Newsletter

From the PTA President

Thanks to all that attended our first-ever International Nite and especially to those who shared their culture with us through displays, traditional dress, food, music and more. The students completed passports and learned a lot. May gets even more fun with our biggest fundraiser of the year, our annual Spring Fair. Please commit to volunteering your time. Deserts are still needed for our luncheon on May 9 to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week. Sign up using hospitality's Signup Genius link: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0545ADAA2CA57-teacher2/8276171.

Dates to Remember

May 10– Spring Fair, 10am-2pm, Longfellow E.S.

May 14– PTA Meeting, 7pm, Media Center

May 21– Boys Nite Out, 6-8pm, CA Sports Park



The Longfellow Spring Fair

Saturday, May 10th
10am - 2pm

**At Longfellow
Elementary School**

Come out and enjoy a wide variety of fun activities for the entire family!

**Inflatables ★ Carnival Games
Face Painting ★ Silent Auction
Kona Ice Truck ★ Games
Raffles ★ DJ ★ Hair Braiding
Cupcake Walk ★ Larry's Pit Beef
Concessions ★ Photo Booth
and More!**

Cost: \$10 per wrist band for unlimited games and inflatables. Families of 5 or more kids will receive wrist bands at a discount. Tickets are \$1 each or 12 for \$10 and can be used for Face Painting, Cupcake Walk, Hair Braiding, Photo Booth and Raffle Items.

Consider Volunteering!

The volunteer signup form is on the PTA website. The link is <http://longfellowelementarypta.org/node/add/spring-fair-sign-up>. Please contact Jane Benfer at jmbenfer@gmail.com or 240-464-6830 for details.



Howard County Department of Citizen Services held the "Celebrating Successes" Award Nite to recognize individuals and programs that make a difference in the life of a child. Longfellow's PTA and Staff were among the nominees!

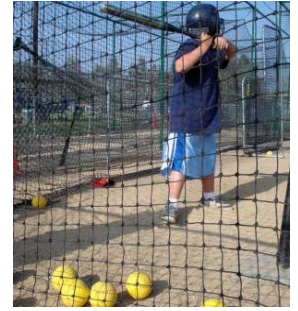
After two years of hard work, Longfellow was also certified as a Howard Healthy School. Great things continue to happen at our amazing school!

Next year's PTA needs you! We have lots of committees and board positions that need to be filled in order to continue the great work we are doing. Please plan to attend the next meeting on May 14 at 7pm in the media center.

Lisa Terry, PTA President



Boys Nite Out Sports Extravaganza!



Our Boys Night Out event this year will take place at the Columbia Sports Park! Boys (grades K-5) will be able to bring their Dad, Mom or significant adult to participate in this FUN event!

The pavilion will be open for picnic dinners and the sports park will have unlimited mini-golf, batting cages, and access to the CA field next to the park.

Don't Forget to turn in the form by May 8th!

When: Wednesday, May 21st (Rain date 6/4/14)

Where: Columbia Association Sports Park
5453 Harpers Farm Road
Behind Harper's Choice Village Center

Time: 6-8pm

Cost: \$5.00 per family. Package Plan Plus members will be able to enter the Sports Park for free.

Can't wait to see you there!



Harpers Choice Swim Team

- Looking for a fun activity for kids this summer. Attend the kick-off event on

May 17th from 2-4pm at the Longfellow Pool. This is a great time to meet the coaches, register, and get questions answered. Practice starts May 27th. All are welcome! For more details, email hcchallengemanagers@gmail.com.

PTA Website - Yes, Longfellow has an active website full of upcoming events, wonderful information and helpful links. Visit www.longfellowelementarypta.org Make sure to take a look!

Thank Teachers - Don't forget to remind your children to say thank you to their teachers and the rest of the staff for Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week!

International Nite Photos



All around the world at Longfellow's International Nite! A fantastic event!



Longfellow PTA Fundraising Opportunities... Easy ways to help!

- **BJ's Fundraiser-May 12 through May 23**– Are you are a BJ's member? Renew or sign up through the school and you will get \$10 off the \$50 annual membership fee or \$20 off the \$100 Rewards membership fee. Each membership includes a FREE household card (so you get two cards) and 15 months = 3 months FREE. **IMPORTANT** If you renew ahead of time to support our school, BJ's will add the 15 months onto the end of your current membership. **THE BEST NEWS** - BJ's will donate \$5 of your membership fee back to our school! This offer will be available once a quarter next year. Check our Web page for the dates. We will also alert you by email if you provide us with your email address. Please forward the information to your family and friends (even out-of-town). **SEE ATTACHED INSTRUCTIONS & FORM.**
- **Viridian Energy**– Longfellow PTA is excited to announce our continued partnership with Viridian Energy, an affordable greener energy supplier. Viridian's Everyday Green supplies electricity that is at least 50% renewable and their Pure Green is 100% sourced from the wind. When you choose Viridian as your energy supplier, you can save money over time and do something good for the environment while still receiving the same delivery, service and billing from BG&E. For more information or to enroll, go to www.Viridian.com/longfellow. Our Associate ID is 7998.
- **AmazonSmile**– Our newest fundraising venture is a simple and automatic way for you to support LOES every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to our school. Go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7111263> to select Longfellow as your choice charity. Please note that our name is listed as PTA MARYLAND CONGRESS OF PARENTS & TEACHERS INC.
- **COKE Rewards**- Thank you to everyone who donated Coca-Cola points to Longfellow. We have over 1,000 now! A very special thanks to Avi Rhodes and family who have filled the container in the lobby twice!! Please look under caps or inside packaging of twelve packs of any Coca-Cola products (including Dasani water, Minute Maid juices and all sodas) for code numbers. Go online to MyCokerewards.com. Enter the code, then press donate points. Find & select Longfellow Elementary. We can use points to buy equipment, school supplies and more. If you'd like to collect the lids but don't have time to enter codes, send them into school with your child. There is a place in the lobby next to the Box Tops where they can be dropped off for collection.
- **Box Tops**- Please continue to submit your box tops labels. Each label is worth 10 cents. Make sure to include your child's name, grade & teacher on the bag/envelope. Our collection bin is located on a table near the front office. Points are redeemed for equipment, books, field trips and more. For a list of participating products, visit <http://www.boxtops4education.com/products/participating-products>
- **Labels for Education**- Please send in your participating UPC's and beverage and sauce caps from the participating partner's with your child's name, grade and teacher marked on the bag.
- **Target RED Card**- Save money and help earn money for Longfellow while shopping at Target. Target donated over \$700 to Longfellow as of August 2013! Please register your Target RED card (Debit or Credit) and Target will donate money to our school. If you do not have a RED card, consider getting one to automatically get **5% off whenever you use your card in Target stores in the United States and on Target.com, free shipping and 30 extra days for returns.** To sign up online, visit Target.com/tcoe or call the Target offices to register your card.



APPLICANT INSTRUCTIONS

DO NOT SEND THESE INSTRUCTIONS – KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

- 1) Each renewing or new member will receive **\$10 off** the \$50 annual membership fee or **\$20 off** the \$100 Rewards membership fee, 15 months = **(3 months Free)** and a FREE household card!
- 2) Pay \$20 for each additional household member. New household members can be added only if the account is expired or expiring the month of the renewal. Write the name(s) in under the second card member.
- 3) **Verify the number of people on your account so that you send the correct fee.**
- 4) **Even if it is not time to renew**, the 15 months will be added to the current months at the discounted rate.
- 5) **IMPORTANT:** Renewing members **cannot upgrade** to the Rewards membership or **downgrade** unless their membership has expired or will expire the month they are renewing.
- 6) **New members or expired card members can request a temporary shopping letter to shop right away by emailing jturpin@bjs.com.**

***Forward the information to family & friends - even out-of-town !**

\$5 OF EACH MEMBERSHIP FEE WILL BE GIVEN BACK TO OUR SCHOOL

Complete the application and return it with (1) form of payment in a

sealed envelope by May 23, 2014 to:

LONGFELLOW ELEMENTARY PTA

Attn: Ms. Amelia Mullican (BJ's)

5470 Hesperus Drive

Columbia, MD 21044

(Make checks / money orders payable to **BJ's Wholesale Club)**

Taxes are not applicable to Maryland

BJ's accepts Checks, Money Orders, MasterCard®, American Express®, Discover/Novus®, and Visa® Cash is not accepted for this program.

Your envelope will remain sealed and sent directly to the BJ's Representative

NEW MEMBERS Include your personal email address

Primary applicants will receive a confirmation by email within 3-5 business days after BJ's receives the applications. Take the form to any BJ's to receive your membership cards.

RENEWING MEMBERS Include your personal email address

Renewing members do not get new membership cards. Updating their accounts will take 3-5 business days after BJ's receives the applications. Renewing members will be notified by email (if provided) when the account is updated and/or will see the new expiration date on the store receipt.

BJ's accepts all major credit cards and regular coupons. We carry smaller pack sizes and carry the largest variety of products. BJ's members enjoy travel & car rental discounts, optical discounts, car purchase discounts, home improvement discounts, jewelry discounts and more!

For more information and to shop online please visit www.bjs.com

