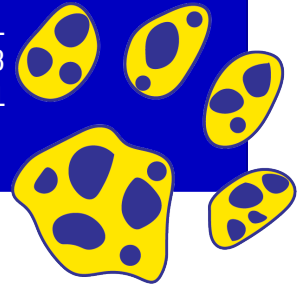


Longfellow PTA Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◆ Saturday, February 2nd-UIL Competition -Selected Students
- ◆ Monday, February 4th-Friday, February 8th-National Counselor's Week
- ◆ Monday, February 4th-Friday, February 8th—MOY High Frequency Word Exam (Grades 1-2)
- ◆ Tuesday, February 5th—Field Trip - Houston Museum on Natural Science (4th Grade only) 8:45am-1:30pm
- ◆ Tuesday, February 5th-Chinese New Year- Lion Dancers Performance-1-2:30pm
- ◆ Field Trip-Hobby Center (5th Grade Dance) 8:30-11:15am
- ◆ Thursday, February 7th-the 100th Day of School
- ◆ Thursday, February 14th-Valentine's Day
- ◆ Friday, February 15th- Early Dismissal-11:30am
- ◆ Field Trip-Children's Museum of Houston (PALS and Life Skills only) 1-2:30pm

Longfellow Celebrates Black History Month

By Samiyah Green, 5th Grade Contributor

Every year, during February, we honor the importance of black history by **celebrating Black History Month**. People from all ethnicities can take part in learning about black culture that is celebrated and known throughout the country. We need to celebrate black history because it has influenced who we are as a nation today. For example, if it weren't for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., you might not have friends of a different color. If it weren't for Rosa Parks, blacks and whites might never have shared the same transportation to school or home. As we study and understand black history, we learn about the causes and effects that paved the road toward change. Black, white, Latino, or Asian—we all have the privilege of celebrating this important month.



Apex Fun Run Coming in March!

We're excited to tell you about our only major fundraiser this semester, the Apex Leadership Co. Event! Apex is a local company and will be on campus the week after spring break teaching our students about leadership and fitness. During the Apex program, students will be challenged to get pledges for the units they will complete on the event day. The final event is a fun upbeat mix of running and exercises. Funds raised this year will be used to pay for school improvements and technology. Please look for more info about the program and ways to support our school as we get closer to the event!



Spotlight on our Spectacular Students!

Congrats to our hardworking **Spelling Bee Winners!** 1st place-**Dre'Lynn W**; 2nd place-**Kaidence D**; 3rd place-**Kaylyn N**

Shout out to our **UIL team** for their impressive showing at the last competition-Congrats **Jackson T, Mason W, Jack E, Samuela A, and Arie K!** The next competition will be Saturday, February 4th at Washington High School. Congrats to **Drew E** for performing with the **All-City Elementary Band** on January 26th!

Way to go **Longfellow basketball and cheer teams** for an awesome season! We are proud of your hard work and team spirit. A big thank you to our dedicated teacher coaches! We are proud of all our amazing leaders!

EVENTS CONT.

- ◆ Tuesday, February 19th-Coffee with Keafer-8am-9am
- ◆ Friday, February 22nd-Field Trip to Moody Gardens-1st Grade
- ◆ Friday, February 22nd-Spring Musical
- ◆ Friday, February 22nd- Instrument Festival at Downtown Aquarium
- ◆ Monday, February 25th- Friday, March 1st-Read Across America
- ◆ TELPAS Window Opens (2nd-5th Grades)
- ◆ Wednesday, February 27th-Spring Individual Picture Day
- ◆ Thursday, February 28th-Black History Living Wax Museum Presentation-2nd Grade-1:30-2:30pm
- ◆ Thursday, February 28th-SDMC Meeting-3:30pm-4:30pm
- ◆ March 1—GT Expo

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Field Day & Pre-K/Kindergarten Round Up



Mark your calendars and spread the word about Longfellow Pre-K and Kinder Round Up! **PreK Round Up will be held on Tuesday, April 16th from 8am to noon. Enrollment will be on a first come, first served basis-limited spaces available. Kinder Round up will be held Wednesday, April 17th at 9:30am. Tell your family, friends and neighbors!**

Field Day will be held on Friday, March 8th from 8am-2:50pm and we need parent chaperones! Volunteers will be needed for 2.5 hour shifts. Prek-2nd will have their activities in the morning and 3rd-5th in the afternoon. **If you can help please contact our PE teacher, Mr. Sosa, or let your child's teacher know.**



Looking for new PTA board members

Many **PTA positions are open for the 2019-20 school year.** If you are **interested in being part of the PTA board and taking a more active role in helping our school please contact our current PTA president at president@longfellowhisdpta.org** to express your interest and your name will be passed on to the nominating committee. **There will be a general PTA meeting held sometime in February or March where the nominating committee will be elected. If you are interested in being on the nominating committee, please attend this meeting.** The date will be announced soon.



Also, if you are interested in writing this newsletter, we are looking for a new newsletter person for the 2019-20 school year. Please contact outreach@longfellowhisdpta.org if you are interested.

There are lots of ways to be involved for every type of schedule-so we hope anyone interested will get involved!