UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ♦ Mon, Dec. 3rd- 8-9am Donuts w/Dad
- ♦ Wed, Dec. 5th-8:30-11:15am—Field Trip-Hobby Center-2nd Grade Dance
- ◆Thurs, Dec. 6th—In-Class performance Dance-2nd Grade-9:50am-10-20am; 3rd grade 10:50am-11:20am
- ◆ Fri, Dec. 7th—Field
 Trip 4th/5th Grade
 Orchestra Band attends Peter and the
 Wolf Hobby Center
- ♦ Mon, Dec. 10th-Fri, Dec 14th— Longfellow Book Fair-7am-3:30pm
- ◆Tues, Dec. 11th-Seventies Day; 8am-9am-Bah Humbug Performance-1st Grade
- ◆ Thurs, Dec.13th-Christmas Caroling Enrichment Performance
- ◆Thurs, Dec. 13th-5pm -7pm—Winter Wonderland 4th/5th Magnet Performances
- ◆Tues Dec. 18th-Performance at Levy Park; Synergy Assembly 9am
- ◆ Wed, Dec. 19th— Magnet Winter Performance-9:30-11:30am

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Enchanted Forest Book Fair—December 10-14

By Samiyah Green, 5th Grade



During December 10-14, the Scholastic Book Fair will take place. The Scholastic Book Fair is an event where kids can buy endless amounts of books of different types of genres. Every year there is a different theme. This year's theme is Enchanted Forest. All Longfellow students and families are encouraged to attend. During the week of the book fair, there will also be fun activities taking place on Thursday, December 13th from 4:30pm-7:30pm. The books are as low as 50 cents. The purpose of the book fair is to help kids increase their reading level while engaging them in something they like. The book fair is a wonderful event

and I hope you are able to enjoy the event with your families.

** Our Librarian, Ms. Klusener, is also looking for parent volunteers to help with set up, book sales, take down and more. Please contact Ms Klusener in the library if you wish to volunteer.**

Longfellow Food Drive is being held from Monday, November 26th through Friday, November 14th. We are collecting non perishable items including food/ water (canned goods-fruit vegetables, tuna, etc,) boxed/packaged items-(macaroni, cereal, oatmeal,





Now through Friday, December 14th

rice, etc), **new and unopened hygiene products** (shampoo, deodorant, lotion, shaving cream, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper, diapers, wipes, etc), and **paper goods** (paper plates, cups, napkins, plastic utensils, etc.).

We are teaching our students to synergize with their community and to practice compassion and empathy. Each grade level's class that brings in the heaviest amount of food will receive an ice cream party or pizza party. The grade level with the highest food/supplies weight totals will receive a Free Dress Day and an extra recess period.

Please see our counselor, Garland Spiller with any questions.

EVENTS CONT.

- ◆Wed, Dec.19th -In-Class Performances for Orchestra, Band & Choir 2nd Grade-9:50am-10:20am; 3rd Grade -10:50am-11:20am
- ♦ Fri, Dec. 21st-NO SCHOOL- Teacher Prep Day
- ♦ Mon, Dec. 24– Fri, Jan. 4th—Winter Break-NO SCHOOL
- ♦ Wed, Jan 9th-Eighties Day
- ♦ Fri, Jan. 11—Report Card Day (K-5th)
- ◆Tues, Jan. 15 8am-9am-Coffee with Keafer
- ◆Thurs, Jan. 17— School Spelling Bee
- ◆ Fri, Jan. 18—Early
 Dismissal-Students
 leave at 11:30am
- ◆ Mon, Jan. 21—MLK Holiday-NO SCHOOL
- ♦ Thurs, Jan. 24— Nineties Day
- ◆ Fri, Jan. 25—Class Picture Day; Field Trip-Chamber Orchestra attends Chitty Chitty Bang Bang at St. Catherine's

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Every year, 5th grade students at Longfellow Elementary conduct a survey, analyze the data, and present the results to the news media at a press conference on the day before Thanksgiving break. Their aim is to make holiday shopping easier for anyone looking to surprise loved ones in PreKindergarten through 5th grade with holiday gifts.





Want to know what to get that elementary child in your life?

The top toys for all grade levels include slime kits and LOL Dolls for girls. The boys preferred superhero action figures and toy cars, including remote controlled vehicles. Squishies, Hatchimals, Legos, and Nerf Guns are still popular as well. "Plus, you can never go wrong with gift cards," the 5th graders remind us.

"We hope people get some good ideas for holiday shopping," says **Kaylyn Newcomb**. **Camille Shapiro** adds, "and avoid the hassle of having to think too much about what's popular."



"We are always surprised to see how many affordable options make the list," remarked **Katherine Keafer, Longfellow Elementary's principal.** "It just reminds you that more expensive isn't always better."

Special thanks to Target for sponsoring the toy survey. Thomas Goffney, manager of the Target store on Main, is always excited to participate. The store provides top toys for the press conference and then donates the toys to local charities.