

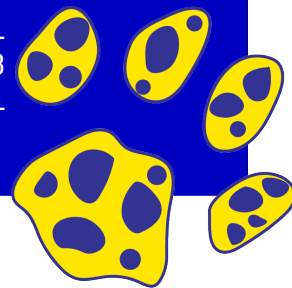
UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ♦ **GT Expo—Thursday,**
March 7 from 1:30-2:30pm
- ♦ **Field Day—Friday,**
March 8th We need volunteers! See our app or website to sign-up!
- ♦ **Third Nine Weeks Ends—Friday,**
March 8th
- ♦ **Daylight Savings Time Ends—**
Sunday, March 10th (Spring Forward!)
- ♦ **Spring Break Holidays—Monday**
through Friday, March 11-15
- ♦ **Coffee with Keafer—**
Tuesday, March 19th
- ♦ **Children's' Theatre Visits Longfellow—**
Wednesday, March 20th from 8:00-9:45am
- ♦ **Pre-K Round Up—**
Thursday, March 21st at 8:00am
- ♦ **Report Card Day (K-5) - Friday,** March 22nd
- ♦ **Rice University Mentor Program—**
Friday, March 22nd from 3:15-4:30pm

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Thank you, Longfellow PTA!

Written by Kaylyn Newcomb, 5th Grade

The PTA for Longfellow Elementary is probably the best! They have provided things such as, uniforms, rugs, school supplies, tables, and also have organized many events for the school. So, on February 12th, the Synergy Assembly team, band, and dance did a performance for the PTA! The Dance team started off with a spectacular routine of 'Be Our Guest,' then moved on to an amazing performance, yet again! Afterwards, the Synergy Assembly team showed a sign of appreciation by giving Ms. Lee, Mrs. Evans, and Mrs. De La Cerda a gift from our school to them! Band also played an astounding performance which was awesome! They did another splendid job of playing Seven Nation Army to celebrate our counselor, Mr. Spiller. Awesome job, leaders!



Our school also hopes that if you haven't joined the PTA yet, that you join! Not only will you be helping our school with supplies and different classroom materials, but you will also be greatly impacting the students as well. Plus, knowing that you've done something for the school will also be an amazing feeling! I hope that you find it in your heart to join and help our school!

Here is where you can join: www.joinpta.org. If you would like to pay by check or cash, you can use the membership envelope outside the PTA office and drop it in the PTA dropbox.

Basketball Shorts Written by Bryce Bloom-Timmons, 5th Grade



The Longfellow Leadership Basketball Team had their last game of the season against Grissom Elementary this past weekend. The final score ended up being 27-17, Longfellow's victory. The starting five for Longfellow were Bryce (myself), Kaden, Rashaun, Lemarion, and Daniel who did well in holding Grissom to only 7 points in the first half. Longfellow's coach, Coach Garner was subbing people in and out of the game. The only reason Grissom got that high of a score against Longfellow's defense was that they were just chucking up shots, and miraculously, about fifty percent of their shots went in. Grissom got a couple more lucky shots in, but it wasn't enough to hold back Longfellow's killer offense which scored more than ten points in each half thanks to amazing passing and great shots! Using the momentum and hype from the last two victories, Longfellow hopes to enter the playoffs as a contender for the championship of the Kate Bell Basketball League.

EVENTS CONT.

- ♦ **PTA General Meeting—Tuesday, March 26th from 6:00-7:00pm** A PTA Board Nominations Committee will be chosen! Please be there if you can!
- ♦ **Watch D.O.G.S. Meeting—Wednesday, March 27th at 1:30pm**
- ♦ **Faculty Meeting—Wednesday, March 27th from 3:30-5:00pm**
- ♦ **APEX Fun Run! - Friday, March 28th**
- ♦ **National Read-Aloud Month Ends (Parade)—Friday, March 29th at 1:30pm**
- ♦ **HISD Choral Festival—Saturday, March 29th**
- ♦ **Marvelous Mom's Event—Wednesday, April 3rd**

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Chinese New Year Celebrated at Longfellow

Written by Samiyah Green, 5th Grade

Chinese New Year, also known as Lunar New Year or Spring Festival, is the most important Chinese holiday. While we celebrate our New Year's on January 1st, the Chinese New Year falls between January 12 and February 20. This is because the people of China depend on the lunisolar calendar. So every new moon tells the date of Chinese New Year. This year Chinese New Year is on February 5 and is the year of



the pig. Have you noticed that every Chinese New Year also represents an animal? That's because of the Chinese zodiac calendar. Whereas we use the months to represent the zodiac signs, they use every year to represent their Zodiac signs. The background of Chinese year is amazing and can be traced back thousands of years.

Gung Hay Fat Choy. These are the words that introduced us during an amazing performance on February 5, 2019. The colors, the movement, the tradition is what made the performance great. The dancers did an amazing job at bringing the culture to Longfellow Elementary. Dragons dancing to the move of the master was definitely something that caught us off guard. All the jumps, moves, and acrobatics were probably the best part about the experience. It was all great, but the main reason why it was enjoyable was definitely because of the cultural message to it. Therefore, let's celebrate the culture.

We Need You!
JOIN
the **PTA**
BOARD

PTA General Meeting -Tuesday, March 26th

Our PTA General Meeting on Tuesday, March 26th (from 6-7 PM) will include our election for the **Nomination Committee**. We will elect 3 members and one alternate for the committee. This committee will be responsible for collecting all nominations for the 4 board positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. 2019-2020 board member terms will begin July 1st.

Any staff member, teacher, administrator and/or parent can either nominate themselves or someone else to be on the Nomination Committee. You must be present at the PTA General Meeting, be a current PTA Member and be VIPS Approved in order to be elected and/or vote.

Please help spread the word! We are hoping for a big turnout!