

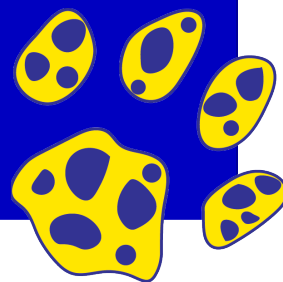
## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◆ Friday, November 2nd  
-Report Card Day-  
First Nine Weeks
- ◆ Sunday, November  
4th-Daylight Savings  
Ends-Change your  
clocks!
- ◆ Tuesday, November  
6th-Election Day
- ◆ Tuesday, November  
6th-Synergy  
Assembly at 9am
- ◆ Thursday, November  
8th-Field Trip to  
Dewberry Farm-1st  
Grade; Field Trip to  
Children's Festival-  
2nd Grade
- ◆ Thursday, November  
8th-STEM NIGHT  
from 5:30pm-7pm
- ◆ Friday, November 9th  
-EARLY DISMISSAL  
All Students leave  
school at 11:30am
- ◆ Monday, November  
12th-Veteran's Day;  
Fall Food Drive  
Starts
- ◆ Monday, November  
12-Friday, November  
16th- Student Led  
Conferences- Check  
with teacher for  
specific times
- ◆ Wednesday,  
November 14th-  
Turkey Bowling

# Longfellow PTA Newsletter

November 2018

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## Fun and Fundraising at Fall Festival!

**Thank you to everyone who came out to support our Fall Festival on October 19th!** We had a great turnout and **raised over \$6,500 dollars for our school!!** These funds will be split evenly among our grade levels and magnet departments to **fund field trips for our students.** Kids enjoyed fun booths and games, delicious food from food trucks Mama Anne's BBQ, Muiishi Makirritos, and Kona Ice. **Teachers and staff worked hard to create fun booths, parents volunteered to organize the festival and help run the booths, and Redemption Church contributed volunteers and funds to make the festival happen**—what a great way to synergize! Overall, it was a fun festival, a great community building event and a terrific fundraiser for our school. A Win-Win!



## Leadership Day

**Longfellow Leadership Day is scheduled for Thursday, November 15th.**

Leadership Day is a great way to see the *Leader in Me* in action. Ask the students how they utilize the eight habits in their classroom. Leadership Day is put on by our Student Lighthouse Team. You can visit your student's classroom and also take the opportunity to visit the grade above them to get a sneak peek at what they will be doing the following year. Student led conferences, where your student takes you through their leadership notebook and tells you about what they have been working on this year, will also be held this week (Nov 12-16). Check with your child's teacher for specific times. We hope you can join us!



## How to Volunteer at School

Do you want to **volunteer on Field Trips or in the School?** HISD has a new Volunteer Registration program called RAPTOR. After registering online and undergoing the **ANNUAL** background check, volunteers can work in any HISD school for the school year. This registration must be done **EACH YEAR.**

Step 1: Register Online and complete the entire Online Application in RAPTOR and submit your application. [WWW.HOUSTONISD.ORG/VIPSLOGIN](http://WWW.HOUSTONISD.ORG/VIPSLOGIN)

Step 2: Once your application is completed you will see Pending Review on the screen.

Step 3: An email regarding your approved status will be sent to your email address within 2-3 weeks. If you do not receive an email, please follow-up with your designated school's VIPS Coordinator.

Step 4: Once you are APPROVED to volunteer, you are eligible to volunteer in any HISD school(s) for the current year.

**This volunteer registration is REQUIRED to attend FIELD TRIPS, Volunteer IN THE CLASSROOM or any other volunteering that involves interacting with students.**

## EVENTS CONT.

- ♦ Wednesday, November 14th-  
**Field Trip –Miller Outdoor Theater- 9am-1:30pm-**  
Orchestra and Dance Enrichment
- ♦ Thursday, November 15th-  
**Leadership Day**
- ♦ Thursday, November 15th-  
**Thanksgiving Luncheon/Potluck**
- ♦ Friday, November 16th-**No Turkey for Perky Performance -9am-9:30am-**Pre-K and Kinder
- ♦ Friday, November 16th-**HISD Toy Survey 10am-10:30am**
- ♦ Monday, November 19th-Friday November 23rd-  
**THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY-NO SCHOOL**
- ♦ Tuesday, November 27th-**Coffee with Keafer from 8am-9am**

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## Community Circle Time Comes To Longfellow

**Circles are a safe community time where you can share and talk freely with your fellow classmates.** Students and their teacher gather in a circle with a given topic. Most circles start with a quote or poem and then the teachers ask a few questions that everyone has the opportunity to answer. Circles usually have a talking piece to pass around and items to put in the middle of the circle that represent the students and the teacher. Some of the rules of Circles are: Be honest, Don't judge, No laughing at others, Be respectful, and Don't talk without the talking piece. The purpose of circles is to build community and trust within the classroom, to allow students who may be more shy or quiet to express themselves, and to address issues that may arise. "It can feel hard or scary to share in circles sometimes, but it has gotten easier over time," says 5th grader, Samiyah Green. "For me circles can be difficult because it's hard for most students to share real stuff," says 5th grader Kaylyn Newcomb. The hope is that Circles would help build relationships and create a more positive environment.



## Newsletter Going Digital and New Student Contributors!

Starting with this issue **two of our Longfellow students, Samiyah Green and Kaylyn Newcomb, will be assisting with the creation of our newsletter** and contributing their own writing. **Samiyah Green** came to Longfellow in 2nd grade. She participates in Choir and her homeroom teacher is Ms. C. Smith. She loves to write mysteries and listen to music. **Kaylyn Newcomb** came to Longfellow in 2nd Grade. She is in the Art Magnet Program and her homeroom teacher is Ms. Alvarado. She enjoys writing realistic fiction and she loves cats. Also starting in **January, 2019 the newsletter will be going digital-no more paper copies—you can find it on the Longfellow website or app.**

## Pershing Prospective Parent Coffee

**Pershing Middle School's principal, counselors, and current parents invite you to an informational coffee** to learn more about your zoned middle school and why it may be the best choice for your child.



**When:** Tuesday, November, 13th at 9:00am

**Where:** Pershing Middle School Auditorium, 3838 Bluebonnet Blvd

**Why:** Meet Pershing's principal, Dr. Steven Shetzer, and have your questions answered regarding everything Pershing has to offer.