

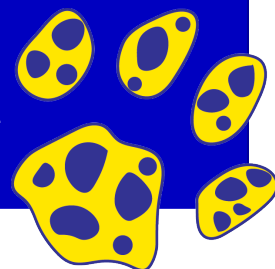
UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ♦ **Monday, August 27th-FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**
- ♦ **Friday, August 31st-ALL PAST DUE Leopard's Den balances from 2017-18 Due** (must be paid for child to continue in program)
- ♦ **Monday, September 3rd-Labor Day -NO SCHOOL**
- ♦ **Tuesday, September 4th-Deadline for Leopard's Den Families to join PTA** (must be PTA member to utilize program)
- ♦ **Friday, September 7th-Grandparents Lunch-Times TBA**
- ♦ **Monday, September 10th-Fall Holiday-NO SCHOOL**
- ♦ **Tuesday September 18th 8am-9am Coffee with Keafer-** Get the inside scoop on what's going on at school and form new relationships
- ♦ **Wednesday, September 19th 5:30-7pm-OPEN HOUSE All Grades**
- ♦ **Friday, September 21st -12:30pm-Early Dismissal**

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Welcome to Longfellow!

We are so excited to have everyone back at Longfellow for the 2018-19 school year! It's going to be a great year! A few reminders: we have a different start and end time this year—**School starts at 7:30** (students can arrive as early as 7am) and releases at **2:50pm** (dismissal procedures end at **3:10pm**).

Please remember to review drop off procedures and obey traffic signs so our morning carpool line goes smoothly. Morning can be a stressful time but kindness and patience go a long way in creating a positive experience for everyone. For afternoon car riders remember to place your pick up card on your dash and for parent walk up remember to bring your dismissal card with you. If you lose your card you can pick up more at the front desk. Our website is a great resource for school information. You can find out detailed dress code information, upcoming events and more!



Join the PTA-Earn a Class Ice Cream Party!

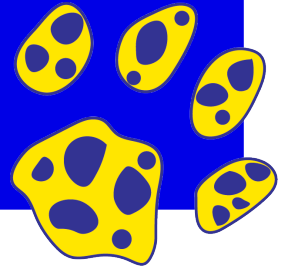
We would love to have 100% of our families and staff join our PTA. You can be involved at any level! If you don't have time to volunteer, but just want to support the school, you can purchase a \$10 membership that will go towards funding great programs, activities, and resources for our children. If you would also like to volunteer we would love to have you—whether you have an hour a month or a week there are many ways to get involved! You can purchase a PTA membership online through this link <http://www.joinpta.org/> or you can grab a membership envelope outside the PTA office at the front of the school and put it in the dropbox with your payment enclosed. If you are interested in learning more about how to volunteer please contact president@longfellowhisdpta.org or vicepresident@longfellowhisdpta.org. Any class that has 100% membership in the PTA will earn an ice cream party!!



EVENTS CONT.

- ♦ Monday, September 24th-Tutorial and Enrichments Begin
- ♦ Thursday, September 27th-Individual Fall Picture Day-Appropriate Free Dress
- ♦ Thursday, September 27th 3:30-4:30pm -SDMC Meeting

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Leopard's Den After School Program

Looking for an afterschool program? Longfellow offers an onsite program called Leopard's Den. Leopard's Den provides supervision on the Longfellow campus from **2:50pm to 6:00pm** every school day, not including early dismissal days. **Supervision is provided by Longfellow teachers.** The PTA uses proceeds from this program to support and improve our school. Parents may **choose from four options**; *Full Time (3 or more days a week, 2:50pm to 6:00pm), Part Time 1 Day (1 day a week, 2:50pm to 6:00pm), Part Time 2 Days (2 days a week, 2:50-6:00pm),* **New!** *Late Pick-up (2:50pm to 3:50pm).*

Leopard's Den uses Brightwheel, a tool that significantly helps teachers & administrators manage their classrooms, observe & track the children, communicate with you, and share photos and videos. If you decide to utilize Leopard's Den for your after school needs, you will receive an invite to join Brightwheel after your student's registration is received and processed. To create a Brightwheel account all you need to do is create a parent account through either a web browser or mobile app. Once you create an account with the same email address that the Leopard's Den Program has on file, you should see your child's profile. Shortly thereafter you will begin receiving updates.

DAILY SCHEDULE: (may change depending on weather or upcoming school events)

- 2:50pm DISMISSAL from School and released to Leopard's Den; Students separated by grade level
- 3:00pm - 3:15pm Students checked-in on Brightwheel App, Restroom and Handwashing break
- 3:15pm - 3:50pm Snack and Social Time
- (3:40pm - 3:50pm Late Pick Up Option Dismissal Time)
- 3:50pm - 4:50pm Homework Assistance
- 4:50pm - 5:50pm Free Play (Playground, Outdoor Games, Indoor Art & Games, Story Time, etc)
- (5:50-6:00pm Dismissal time)

To participate in the program you must be a PTA member—this will be enforced starting Tuesday September 4th

New! *10% Sibling discount—If you have multiple children enrolled in Leopard's Den you will receive a 10% discount for each additional sibling!*

Important!!! *Past Due Leopard's Den Balances from the 2017-18 school year MUST be paid by **Friday August 31st** or your child will not be able to participate in the program after that date.*

Handbook and forms available on Longfellow's Website

Do you have the Longfellow App??? Download it on your smart phone today for quick access to the school calendar, photos, links to join PTA, Leopards Den and more!