

News From Longcoy School

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Longcoy School Vision Statement

"All Longcoy students will learn...whatever it takes."

Dear Longcoy Parents and Students,

Happy Holidays from Longcoy! It is really hard to believe that I am writing the Principal's Message for the December newsletter! Time has really flown by here at Longcoy as we are approaching the half-way point in the school year.

I want you to know that when I think about December, I think about the word *BELIEVE*. Not only is it the *Season for Believing*, but it is the season for learning and for learning to occur, we must *BELIEVE* in our students! That means me, and you, and the Longcoy teachers and staff. In addition, did you know there is research by Dr. Robert Brooks, indicating that students need an adult who *BELIEVES* in them? Dr. Brooks says students need an adult from which they can gather strength. He calls this being a "charismatic adult" and so I ask you to please be a charismatic parent for your child.

This means: *BELIEVE* in them! Support them! Encourage them! Love them!

In closing, as you go about your busy days this holiday seasons, I ask that you remember to *BELIEVE*. I know I do! As always, if you have any questions or you would just like to share an idea or suggestion, please email me at ke_jswan@kentschools.net or call me at the school office.

Remember: Students + Parents + Teachers = SUCCESS!

kindest regards,

Janice Swan, Principal

Winter Music Programs

We hope you had or will have the opportunity to enjoy one of our wonderful winter musical programs. The Holiday Orchestra Concert was scheduled for last Tuesday evening at Roosevelt High School. Tonight, Thursday, December 10th, our 5th grade band students will perform in the Holiday Band Concert at 7:30 p.m. at Roosevelt High School. They should arrive at Roosevelt by 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 16th, at 7:00 p.m. will be Longcoy's Winter Music Program! Our 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade students, under the direction of Mrs. Tregoning, will perform at Roosevelt High School. Our 5th grade Chorus (38 members strong) and our Percussion group are also ready to entertain you! Bring the family and enjoy the show!

Outdoor Recess

Fresh air and a chance to work off excess energy are important ingredients to children who are in school all day. Therefore, all of our students are expected to participate in outdoor recess except in the most inclement weather. When the wind chill is above 20 degrees, we generally go outside. Please send children with a winter coat, gloves, and a hat. If there is snow on the ground, children need boots. **In most cases when children are too ill to go outside, they probably should be kept at home. In the few cases when they are able to attend school but must not go outdoors for one day, we require a note from parents. Should they need to remain indoors for an extended period of time, we request a note from a physician. Due to the lack of available supervision, these students will be assigned schoolwork during that time.**

Student Arrival

Students should arrive no earlier than 8:20 a.m. if they eat breakfast or 8:30 a.m. if they do not. Students arriving early must wait outside and there is no adult supervision until 8:20 a.m.

When dropping your child off, please do not let him/her out of the car until you have pulled all the way up to the door. Do not let your child crawl under the bars. A parent nearly hit a child because she did not see a child who got out on the passenger side of a car in front of her and the child was still in her pathway going under the bar.

No School

There will be no school during Winter Break, December 21st through January 1st. School will resume on January 4, 2010!

There will be no school on Monday, January 18th, in honor of Martin Luther King Day

Academic Awards Assemblies

Congratulations to the following students who received recognition for accomplishments made during the first nine weeks:

Honor Roll

**Denotes All A's*

Olive	Asare	Michael	Ihrig	*Abigail	Pease
*Sydney	Barnwell	*Thomas	James	Logan	Pfeiffer
Brecona	Bell	Bailey	James	*Madison	Powers
Jacob	B.	*Zachary	Jenkins	*Perkins	Pringle
Sarah	Briggs	Sarah	Jenkins	*Haley	Richards
Sarah	Bush	Charmaine	Johnson	*Avery	Richardson
*Hailey	Callaway-Frazier	Taijanae	Johnson	Daniel	Ripple
Ethan	Campbell	Dakotha	Johnston	*Gina	Rock
Austin	Canan	*Nathan	Jones	Sofia	Rosalez
Bryson	Carlton	*Finnegan	Kaine	*William	Rose
Ty	Chlad	Samuel	Kirbabas	Jessica	Saathoff
Michael	Coccaro	Montana	Kirby	*Nicholas	Schuler
Kaitlynn	Cook	Allen	Kline	Jessica	Sinn
Parker	Emanuele	Michael	Knight	*Alea	Sisson
*Sean	Fincham	Jacy	Kupfer	*Noelle	Smigel
*Kayla	Fischer	Alex	Labajetta	Kyle	Smith
Chase	Fitzgerald	Anna	Larison	Samuel	Smith
*Savannah	Franks	*Audrey	Larlham	*Noelle	Spence
*Mimi	Freeman	Brianna	Leclerc	Korrin	Spurlock
Kelsey	Gates	Evelyn	Lumpkin	Rebekah	Swango
Christopher	Gavriloff	Alva	Mao	Damon	S.
Jayden	Graves	*Dylan	Markham	Jenna	S.
Mariah	Graves	*Anna	Martin	*Valerie	Thrasher
Marquet	Graves	Garrett	Martinez	Christopher	Valetta
Anna	Gruber	*Blake	McClure	Lukas	Walter
*Vincent	Hancock	Cole	McDougal	*Gabrielle	Walters
Kamarhia	Hardy	Tyler	McKown	*Jenna	Welch
*Meredith	Hartsook	David	Mitchell	Jordan	Welch
*Barbara	Hickin	Cheyenne	Moodie	Timothy	White
Macara	Hitchcock	Colton	Moore	Zachary	Wight
*Garrett	Houser	Hannah	Mossor	*Elizabeth	Wiltanger
*Grant	Houser	*Nathan	Mudrak	Dalton	Young
*Joseph	Howell	*Carlye	Neaffer	*Samantha	Zeller
Allyson	Huettmann	*Benjamin	Neubert	Cody	Zink

Improvement Awards

Gregory	Boggs	Destiny	Jones	Miranda	S.
Miranda	Bowser	Christophe	Mays	Devon	Stahl
Damian	Cochran	Nathaniel	McCue	Nathan	Tichy
Stephen	Gruber	Isaac	Miles	Isabelle	Tilley
Bryce	Harvey	Corey	Neubert	Dillon	Vanderpool
Blake	Holcomb	Bri'on	Roberts		

Service Awards

Sydney	Barnwell	Alexa	Horner	Benjamin	Neubert
Samantha	Baron	Garrett	Houser	Corey	Neubert
Deklan	Barr	Grant	Houser	Zachary	P.
Duncan	Barr	Joseph	Howell	Lucas	Pierre
Madison	Bauza	Allyson	Huettmann	Sydney	Pryor
Jared	Bentley	Bailey	James	Haley	Richards
Sarah	Bush	Thomas	James	Daniel	Ripple
Adriana	Coffman	Sarah	Jenkins	Samantha	Robinson
Kaitlynn	Cook	Charmaine	Johnson	Gina	Rock
Owen	Cooper	Taijanae	Johnson	Sofia	Rosalez
Jacob	DiTomaso	Nathan	Jones	William	Rose
Sean	Fincham	Finnegan	Kaine	Jessica	Sinn
Savannah	Franks	Stockler	Keener	Kyle	Smith
Madison	Fried	Sydney	Kirbabas	James	Solomon
Kelsey	Gates	Allen	Kline	Noelle	Spence
Tyler	Grattan	Hayden	Kline	Korrin	Spurlock
Jayden	Graves	Anna	Larison	Rebekah	Swango
Mariah	Graves	Alaina	Marks	Damon	S.
Vincent	Hancock	Anna	Martin	Jenna	S.
Kamarhia	Hardy	Garrett	Martinez	Christopher	Valetta
Makanahel	Hardy	Cade	McDougal	Joshua	V.
Meredith	Hartsook	Cole	McDougal	Lukas	Walter
Bryce	Harvey	Megan	Moser	Elizabeth	Wiltanger
Macara	Hitchcock	Andrew	Neaffer	Takera	Worley

Longcoy's Generosity Reaches New Levels!

Thank you for your generosity during the month of November!

Student Council's Food Drive was another huge success! Year after year Longcoy's families truly show what "Community" means. This year we collected 2,503 items for the Portage County Food Bank. This was more than any other elementary school in Kent and only 500 less than Stanton Middle School, which has twice as many students! The top three classes were: Mrs. Tonelli's 1st grade class (376); Miss Pletzer's AM kindergarten class (321); and Mrs. Rosche's 4th grade class (286). The winner of our staff member contests was Mrs. Dietz (158). Thank you, every item makes a difference to those in need.

During our Blood Drive, our community members donated 24 units of blood. Each single unit donated can save up to four lives and those donating double reds can save up to eight lives. Our donations saved up to 100 people *in our community!* In addition we earned 24 credits for Longcoy. Longcoy receives \$500 for each 25 credits earned!

Congratulations Mrs. Horschler

Mrs. Horschler was one of nine featured artists in an art exhibit at Robinson Memorial hospital entitled "Smart Art: Showcasing the Talents of Portage County Art Educators". The gallery is part of Robinson's Art Reflections program that is dedicated to creating an artistic environment promoting stress relief, comfort and care to patients, visitors and staff. Mrs. Horschler teaches art at Longcoy and Holden Elementary Schools.

Early Release/Late Start Days

Mark your calendar. We will have three more Early Release Days this year. The Early Release Days are: Friday, January 22nd, Monday, March 22nd, and Tuesday, April 13th. (At this time we do not know if Extended Day Kindergarten classes will be held on the Early Release Days. More information will be provided).

This year we will also have one LATE START DAY. On Wednesday, February 24th, students in Grades 1 – 5 will enter the building at 10:15 a.m. (Students will be considered tardy at 10:25 a.m.) Buses will pick up students exactly 1 hour & 35 minutes later than normally scheduled. A breakfast snack will be served to students on late start day. Miss Pletzer's morning kindergarten will not have school. **THERE WILL BE NO MORNING OR AFTERNOON EXTENDED DAY KINDERGARTEN CLASSES ON LATE START DAY.**

Please mark your calendars. We hope that sharing this information with you now will help in making arrangements for your children. Car riders need to be picked up promptly on early release days as teachers and staff will be participating in in-service activities.

Before/After School Child Care Program

Are you a working parent who needs care for your child before or after school? Kent Parks and Recreation offers childcare for students right here at Longcoy in room 136. No transportation needed! Daily activities, snacks, homework help, games, crafts and outside play are all a part of the fun! We offer reasonable pricing and accept county vouchers. Call Megan at 330-673-8897 to set up a tour of the program or just stop by our office at 497 Middlebury Rd. to register. Be at ease knowing your child is a part of an award winning Step Up to Quality site!

LSA News

The next LSA meeting will be Thursday, January 7, 2010, in the Library. Hope to see you there!

Check out the LSA web site at: <http://www.kentschools.net/longcoy/longcoy-lsa/>. There is information on the Committee Members, Fundraisers, Flyers/Forms, and Meeting Dates. If you have any suggestions about information you would like posted, please send an email to: longcoyschoolassociation@hotmail.com.

Care with Coats

Longcoy continues to collect coats for "Care with Coats". For over 20 years the Portage County Realtors have been collecting gently used or new coats, gloves and hats for the winter season for those less fortunate. These can be adult, teen, children and baby sizes. Marshalls Dry Cleaners of Ravenna has volunteered to clean the items before redistributions. A box has been set up in the lobby Longcoy. We hope to fill the box several times so that Portage County Realtors can exceed their goal of 1,500 coats collected.

Character Education In Kent City Schools

"Self Control" is the character trait being emphasized during the month of December. The goal is for students to be able to establish short-term and long-term goals and exhibit continuous self-motivation in striving for goals. Gaining the ability to control one's actions, emotions, or behavior, often in order to improve oneself, is a key part of self-control. Students with self-control will not seek revenge but instead realize the motivations for their actions and give priority to duties and responsibilities rather than to conflicting impulses and desires. Self-control is also being willing to sacrifice present satisfaction in order to receive long-term benefits.

Related ideas include: self-discipline, restraint, self-directing, moderation, and self-evaluation. Practical applications of self-control are evident in these examples:

- Sets aside time for homework, in spite of distractions.
- Does not retaliate when provoked.
- Resists those things not good for you.
- Sets goals and works towards them.
- Avoids participation in hurtful things - gossiping, cheating, name-calling, using putdowns.
- Controls temper.
- Waits turn.
- Sets goals and works towards them.
- Does the right thing without being told.
- Uses conflict management techniques/peer mediation.

We hope many families, classes, and community groups will find opportunities to exercise self-control and experience positive outcomes. With instruction in a meaningful context, practice, and good examples, students will discover the intrinsic benefits of self-control.

Important Dates

12/10/09	7:30 p.m. – Winter Band Concert at RHS
12/15/09	7:00 p.m. – Board of Education Meeting at Central
12/16/09	Concert Practice at RHS (8:45-3 rd Gr.; 9:30-4 th Gr.; 10:15-5 th Gr.) 7:00 p.m. – Winter Music Concert at RHS – Gr. 3, 4, & 5
12/18/09	8:50 a.m. – 2 nd Grade to Stanton Middle School 2:15 p.m. – Classroom Winter Parties
12/21/09-01/01/10	Winter Break – No School for Students or Staff
01/04/10	School Resumes
01/08/10	2 nd Grade Dental Sealant Application
01/11/10	2 nd Grade Dental Sealant Application
01/18/10	No School-Martin Luther King Jr. Day
01/22/10	1:00 p.m. – Early Release Day – Gr.1-5, No Afternoon Kindergarten End of 2 nd Nine Weeks; 1 st Semester 6:00 p.m. – Family Movie Night at Stanton Middle School