

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 New Year and welcome back! Goodbye to 2009 and Hello to winter! With all the snow and the cold temperatures there is no doubt that it is January in northeast Ohio. Hopefully, the kids are getting outside and enjoying playing in the snow. Speaking of playing outside, please know that in the Kent City Schools we have outdoor recess every day unless it is extremely cold or rainy and children must have a doctor's excuse to stay indoors. This translates to a windchill lower than 20 degrees at recess time. Let's hope everyone stays healthy and enjoys a fun winter in Kent!

Next, it is almost the end of the second grading period and the report cards will be sent home on Friday, January 29. This means we will be half way through the school year! Can you believe it? I encourage you to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. Last, thank you for your continued support of the Longcoy teachers and the academic program provided to your children.

Remember: Students + Parents + Teachers = SUCCESS!

Kindest regards,

Janice Swan, Principal

Market Day Pick Up

Don't forget to pick up your Market Day order this evening between 5:30-6:30 p.m.!

No School

There will be no school on Monday, January 18th, in honor of Martin Luther King Day or on February 15th, for Presidents' Day.

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. Students in grades 1-5 will be released at 1:00 p.m. All students in morning kindergarten will be released at 11:30 a.m. Miss Pletzer's afternoon kindergarten will not have class. **THERE WILL BE NO MORNING OR AFTERNOON EXTENDED DAY KINDERGARTEN CLASSES ON EARLY RELEASE DAYS.**

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. Students in Miss Pletzer's afternoon kindergarten class will start school at 12:30 p.m. (just like they do on Fridays). **THERE WILL BE NO MORNING OR AFTERNOON EXTENDED DAY KINDERGARTEN CLASSES ON LATE START DAY.**

Family Movie Night

Longcoy School Association will be hosting Family Movie Night on Friday, January 22nd, at Stanton Middle School. The show, *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*, will begin at 6:00 p.m. at Stanton Middle School. Admission is free so plan on attending!

End of 2nd Nine Weeks/1st Semester

The end of the 2nd nine-weeks/1st semester is Friday, January 22nd. Report cards will go home with students on Friday, January 29th. Report cards will be held for students who have not made a payment toward his or her school fee. Report cards are also held if students owe any past school year's fees. The fees for the grade levels for 2009-2010 are as follows:

Kindergarten:	\$24.00	3 rd grade:	\$20.00
1 st grade:	\$20.00	4 th grade:	\$15.75
2 nd grade:	\$20.00	5 th grade:	\$11.25

Students who enter Kent City Schools at any time during the first semester owe the entire fee amount. If your child receives free lunch, he or she receives an automatic fee waiver. Students who receive reduced lunch receive an 80% reduction of the fee amount.

Student Council News

The Ronald McDonald House of Akron really appreciated the decorated placemats Student Council members made and donated. The placemats were made at the December Student Council meeting.

Over 1,000 families use the Ronald McDonald House of Akron each year. These families experience the trauma of having a loved one hospitalized with a serious illness. The House allows these families to maintain some semblance of family unity during a time of crisis and to stay close by at all times.

LSA News

The next LSA meeting will be Tuesday, February 2, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. Hope to see you there!

Character Education In Kent City Schools

The character trait for January is "TOLERANCE". Students should accept individual differences, be able to negotiate and compromise, strive to discover and learn about people who are different from themselves and about cultures different from their own, recognize that we are fallible and therefore make mistakes.

Related words include: open-mindedness, impartiality, endurance, acceptance, and compromise. Practical applications of tolerance are exhibited when a student:

- Appreciates similarities and differences of others.
- Knows how to balance personal needs with needs of others.
- Negotiates and compromises.
- Recognizes that mistakes are a normal part of existence.

The character trait for February is "TRUSTWORTHINESS". Students should be worthy of the confidence of others, be truthful, honest, and trustworthy in their relationships with others, acquire sound values and thereafter seek to live up to them in a consistent manner, model moral courage through truthful behavior, and be depended upon to do what's right.

Related words include: honesty, integrity, sincere, dependable, and truthful. Practical applications of tolerance are exhibited when a student:

- Never steals someone else's possessions or ideas (cheating).
- Is consistently truthful to earn trust.
- Helps others maintain honest standards.
- Gives criticism only when it is constructive.
- Follows the strength of convictions in spite of what peers are doing.
- Has unselfish motives.
- Gives praise only when it is sincere.
- Tells the truth regardless of the consequences.

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!

Important Dates

01/15	5:30 p.m. – Market Day Pick Up in Gym
01/18	No School-Martin Luther King Jr. Day
01/22	1:00 p.m.– Early Release Day – Gr.1-5, No Afternoon Kindergarten, No Extended Day Kdg End of 2 nd Nine Weeks; 1 st Semester 6:00 p.m. –Family Movie Night at Stanton Middle School (<i>Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs</i>)
01/29	Report Cards Issued
02/02	9:15 a.m. – 1 st Grade to Portage County Recycling Center 7:00 p.m. – Longcoy School Association Meeting in Library
02/11	9:30 a.m. – 1 st Grade to Kent Stage (<i>Seussical Jr.</i>)
02/12	2:15 p.m. – Valentine’s Day Parties
02/15	No School – Presidents’ Day
02/24	Late Start Day- Buses will pick students (Gr. 1-5) up 1 hour 35 minutes later than normal. 8:10-10:00 - Staff Attending Meetings - Building will be Closed to Students 9:55 – Safety Patrol May Enter Building 10:00 – Safety Patrol on Post 10:05 – Breakfast Students May Enter Building for Light Snack 10:15 – All Students May Enter Building 10:25 – All Students (Gr. 1-5) Must be in Classroom (Tardy Bell) 12:30 – Afternoon Kindergarten Begins
02/26	6:00 p.m. – Longcoy Family Dance at Stanton Middle School