

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,

Greetings, from the principal's office! The end of the first semester has come and gone, report cards have been sent home, and after-school tutoring has begun in preparation for the Ohio Achievement Assessments (OAAs) in grades 3, 4, and 5. This is a very academically intense time of the school year when students should be making the most gains in their skill development. The Longcoy teachers are working hard to provide differentiated instruction to their students. This means teaching different students differently, based on daily classroom performance and assessment data.

In addition, I ask that you continue to support the academic program provided here at Longcoy by taking an active role in your child's education: check the book bag daily, make sure homework is completed, read with your child each night, stay in touch with the classroom teacher, and provide your child with a good night of sleep and a healthy breakfast. We need your support so we can help your child be successful!

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

Market Day Pick Up

Market Day Pick Up will be tomorrow, Friday, February 12th, at 5:30 p.m.!

No School

There will be no school on Monday, February 15th, for Presidents' Day.

Spring Break will be the week of March 29th!

Late Start Days/Early Release

On Wednesday, February 24th, we will have our first ever Late Start Day! Students in Grades 1 – 5 will enter the building at 10:15 a.m. (Students will be considered tardy at 10:20 a.m.) 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.**

We will have two more Early Release Days this year. The Early Release Days are: 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.**

Academic Achievement Awards

Our Academic Achievement Awards will be presented to students in third-fifth grade on Wednesday, February 17th. Students will receive recognition for receiving all A's or all A's & B's on their report cards, academic improvements, and for community service performed during the 2nd nine week grading period. Parents are welcome to attend the assembly at the following times: 3rd grade-9:00 a.m.; 4th grade-9:20 a.m.; 5th grade-9:40 a.m.

Spring Pictures

Spring Picture Day will be held on Tuesday, March 23rd. More information will be provided as the date approaches

24 Math Tournament

Perkins Pringle, Nathan Mudrak, Noelle Smigel and Cody Zink will represent Longcoy Elementary School at the 24 Math Tournament on Wednesday, February 24th. The object of 24 Math is to manipulate four given numbers by adding, subtracting, multiplying and/or dividing the numbers to get the answer 24 (example 23, 24, 1, 1). Teams earn points for solving problems the quickest and advance in the competition. Our team will compete against Kent's other elementary schools, as well as schools throughout Portage County. The competition will be held at Maplewood Career Center. Good luck Perkins, Nathan, Noelle and Cody!

A Message from the Longcoy School Association

The Longcoy School Association would like to take this time to thank all of the volunteers that help to make so many events/programs successful. That being said, we are asking again for your help for the following:

1. **Family Dance Night, February 26, 2010, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** – This year's theme will be "A Day at the Beach." In order for this event to be successful, we need several volunteers to help with set up, raffle tables/gift cards, refreshment tables, providing cookies/brownies, clean-up, etc. We also need donations for the following four basket themes: Chocolate, Family Movie/Game Night, Beach/Swimming, and Reading/Crafts. Please send in your donations no later than Friday, February 26, 2010. Additionally, if you know of an individual or business that could provide a donation, a letter and form have been attached outlining our request.
2. **Yearbook** – Carrie Gavriloff and Deanna Sinn are co-chairing this project and could use some help with scanning pictures and coordinating the yearbook.
3. **Current Fundraisers** – Please remember that we have several ways to help raise funds/points for programs, events, and teaching aids through the following programs: Gift Cards, Market Day, Box Tops for Education, Tyson Project A+, My Coke Rewards, Labels for Education, Acme receipts, and Giant Eagle Apples for the Students. Additional details for these fundraisers are available at <http://www.kentschools.net/longcoy/longcoy-lsa/>. If you are unable to participate in the above fundraisers, and would prefer to make a monetary donation, please see the attached letter.
4. **New Fundraisers** – Although we realize that these are economically tough times, we may need to consider other types of fundraisers in order to continue providing events, programs, and teaching aids for the upcoming school year.
5. **LSA Board Members** – Nominations for Board Members will be accepted at the next LSA meeting on Thursday, March 4, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. At this point in time, Carrie Gavriloff and Deanna Sinn, Co-Presidents, will not be returning next year. Gail Neubert, Vice-President, Melissa Jenkins, Treasurer, and Kelley Labajetta, Secretary, have not indicated whether or not they would like to continue on in their current positions. If you are interested in a position, please plan to attend the next meeting or submit your intentions in writing by that date.

If you can help or are interested in any of the above items, please send either a note to school to LSA or an email to longcoyschoolassociation@hotmail.com. Thank you for your continued support.

Girl Scout Cookie Sale

Girl Scouts will be selling cookies at all of the elementary schools in Kent on Friday, March 19th, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Stop by and support your local girl scout troop!

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration for the 2010-2011 school year is fast approaching. Registration night will be on Wednesday, April 7th, at 7:00 p.m. You will need a copy of your kindergarten student's birth certificate, immunization records, social security card, and two forms of proof of residency. More information will be provided as the date approaches.

Intradistrict Open Enrollment

Renewal Applications have been mailed to the homes of Kent residents who currently have a child enrolled through "Intradistrict Open Enrollment." The "Intradistrict Open Enrollment" Policy for the Kent City School District establishes procedures for Kent residents to have their child attend an elementary school that is different from the neighborhood school in their assigned attendance area.

These Renewal Applications will be accepted through April 15, 2010. Approval is on an annual, first come-first served, basis and is dependent upon available classroom space and parental transportation to the requested school.

New Applications will only be accepted after April 15, 2010. If you are a Kent resident and are interested in applying for "Intradistrict Open Enrollment" for the next school year and receiving a copy of the specific guidelines, please contact the elementary principal in your neighborhood attendance area: Davey Elementary School, Linda Walker, (330) 676-7400; Franklin Elementary School, Todd Poole, (330) 676-8450; Holden Elementary School, Julie Troman, (330) 676-8400; Longcoy Elementary School, Janice Swan, (330) 676-8350; Walls Elementary School, Sandi Goodrich, (330) 676-8300, or the Kent City School's Director of Instructional Program, Lori Slattery, at (330) 676-7600.

Character Education In Kent City Schools

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!



Counselor's Spot: A Parent Newsletter

“Bucket-Filling”

(A school-wide awareness program on being kind.)



HAVE YOU FILLED A BUCKET TODAY? This wonderfully simple book written by Carol McCloud has been read to every classroom at Longcoy and has become the basis for a school-wide awareness program on treating others with kindness. It encourages positive behavior as children begin to realize how much what they say or do affects others.

The visual concept is a simple one. Every day all of us walk around carrying an invisible bucket. The only job of this bucket is to hold all the good thoughts and feelings that you have about yourself. We feel happy when our buckets are full and feel somewhat sad and lonely when our buckets are empty. All of us feel this way. We need other people to help fill up our buckets. It is easy to fill another person's bucket. You do it when you show love or kindness to someone through a kind word or deed, by helping them, or even just giving someone a smile. Whenever you make someone feel special, you are being a “BUCKET FILLER.” A “BUCKET FILLER” is a kind and loving person. When you fill someone else's bucket the good news is that you also fill your own. That is a win/win situation.

On the other hand, a “BUCKET DIPPER” is a person who dips into someone's bucket and takes out some of that person's good feelings. They do this when they say or do mean things, ignore others, use a mean tone of voice, roll their eyes, or anything that makes others feel bad. It is a lose/lose situation because when you dip into someone else's bucket you also empty your own even more. You can never fill your own bucket by dipping into another's bucket.

Each classroom received a bucket for their classroom along with hearts to fill it up whenever the teacher notices that they are filling someone's bucket. Their goal is to at least get 5 hearts a day in their bucket with a goal of 25 for the week. They can earn bonus hearts too. Each week, they are going to try and beat their own record of “bucket filling”! Daily announcements offer a “Daily Bucket Filling Challenge” like giving compliments to three people they usually don't talk to or to give a smile to everyone they see.

Longcoy is always a wonderful place to be---but with everyone in the school working on trying to be a “Bucket Filler” we will be beyond amazing. NO DIPPING!

Try to be “bucket fillers” in your own home by making an effort to say or do kind things to make everyone in your home feel special. A smile is a sure sign that you have filled someone's bucket. “When you are a bucket filler, you make your home, your school and your neighborhood a better place to be.”

Have a bucket-filling day,
Mrs. Romeo, Counselor.



Important Dates

02/11	4:00-7:00 p.m. – Kindergarten Parent-Teacher Conferences (by appointment)
02/12	2:15 p.m. – Valentine’s Day Parties 5:30 p.m. – Market Day Pick Up
02/15	No School – Presidents’ Day
02/16	3:15-4:30 p.m. – Art Club – Gr. 2
02/17	Academic Awards Assembly – Grades 3-5 9:00 a.m. – Grade 3; 9:20 a.m. – Grade 4; 9:40 a.m. – Grade 5
02/23	3:15-4:30 p.m. – Art Club – Gr. 2
02/24	Late Start Day 8:10-10:00 - Staff Attending Meetings - Building will be Closed to Students 9:50 – Safety Patrol May Enter Building 9:55 – Safety Patrol on Post 10:05 – Breakfast Students May Enter Building for Light Snack 10:15 – All Students May Enter Building 10:20 – 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
03/04	7:00 p.m. – Longcoy School Association Meeting in Library
03/15	5:30 p.m. – Market Day Pick Up
03/17	7:00 p.m. – Board of Education Meeting at Roosevelt High School
03/19	5:00-8:00 p.m. – Girl Scout Cookie Sale at all Kent Elementary Schools
3/22-26	Spring Book Fair
03/23	Spring Picture Day
03/25	6:30 p.m. – Kids Expo/Root Beer Floats
03/26	End of 3 rd Nine Weeks
03/29- 04/02	Spring Break

Dear Longcoy School Association,

Please accept the following donation(s) for the Family Dance Night:

Description of Item(s) _____

Please submit a tax-deductible receipt to the following:

Business or Individual Name _____
Attention to (if applicable) _____
Address (including city, zip) _____
Telephone Number(s) _____

Longcoy School Association
1069 Elno Ave.
Kent, OH 44240

To Whom It May Concern:

On February 26, 2010, the Longcoy Student Council and the Longcoy School Association (LSA) will be hosting a Family Dance Night. We will be providing entertainment and refreshments for students and their families.

Since the business community has always been a great source of support for our children who attend Kent City Schools, we are asking for donations that can be raffled in baskets. Any proceeds raised will be used to purchase items classroom teaching aids.

Items that might be particularly useful include:

- Gift Cards
- Gift Certificates
- Books
- Movies
- Family Friendly Craft Supplies
- Family Games
- Sports Memorabilia
- Tickets to Special Events
- Monetary Donations

No donation is too small and we will put every donation received to the best possible use for our children and this event. Thank you in advance for your continued support and generosity towards the students at Longcoy Elementary School.

Sincerely,

Longcoy School Association
Tax ID #34-1475239

Dear LSA Supporter,

As a non-profit organization, we have the ability to accept tax-deductible donations and put your money to work in our school. We recognize that some of our families may not choose to participate in our other fundraising endeavors (Market Day, gift card program) yet are willing and able to support those efforts through financial means.

If you wish to make a tax-deductible donation, please complete the form below and return it with a check or money order made payable to LSA. Please include "Donation" in the memo section of your check. We will provide you with a receipt suitable for your tax purposes.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Longcoy School Association (LSA)

Attached please find a tax-deductible donation in the amount of \$_____

Name_____ Phone_____

Address_____

I/We prefer for these funds to be used towards the following:_____

I/We do not have a preference for how these funds are to be used.



KeyMakers

Some people see a closed door and turn away.

**Others see a closed door, try the knob,
If it doesn't open, they turn away.**

**Still others see a closed door, try the knob,
If it doesn't open, they find a key,
If the key doesn't fit, they turn away.**

**A rare few see a closed door, try the knob,
If it doesn't open, they find a key,
If the key doesn't fit,
THEY MAKE ONE!**

Is there a KeyMaker in your child's education? We would like to recognize Kent City School's employees and volunteers that have been KeyMakers, those who open doors for students. All nominated individuals will receive a certificate.

Nominate a KeyMaker

Your child's name _____

Your name _____

Your address _____

Your phone or email _____

Nominee's Name _____

Nominee's School _____

Please attach a short paragraph explaining why this person should be recognized.

*This program is sponsored by the Kent City Schools Parent Mentor Program. The Parent Mentor Program assists parents of children with special needs in securing an appropriate education for their child. **We must receive all nominations prior to March 19, 2010.** Call 330-676-7661 with questions. Mail the nomination form to:*

Jeanne Schmidlin, Parent Mentor
Board of Education
321 N. Depeyster St.
Kent OH 44240