

# 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 Spring from the Principal's office! It appears as if a long, hard, winter has come to an end here in Kent, but having grown up in Portage County I also know that snow in March or April is not impossible. With that said though, let's hope for sunshine and warm temperatures as we watch the spring transformation take place! The flowers will bloom, the birds will return, and the kids will learn!

Speaking of transformation, it is amazing to see the transformation taking place with our students at Longcoy! Kindergartners are writing stories with a lot of good sentences, first graders are now reading fluently, second graders are comprehending chapter books, third graders are using t-charts to solve math problems, and the fourth and fifth graders are "reading to learn" (instead of learning to read) from the exposure to challenging, non-fiction information. Everyone at Longcoy is working hard as we continue to push for excellence! Ask your child if they are doing their best every day when they come to school and I think you will be pleased with what they say! In closing, I share with you a little poem:

*Longcoy School is filled with zest!  
Our parents and teachers are the best!  
The students will prepare for the test.  
When summer comes...we will rest!*

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](mailto:ke_jswan@kentschools.net) or call me at the school office.

**Remember: Students + Parents + Teachers = SUCCESS!**

Kindest regards,

Janice Swan, Principal

## Spring Ahead!

Turn your clocks AHEAD one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Daylight Savings time begins on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. (Spring is almost here!)

## Family Dance Rescheduled!

The Family Dance has been rescheduled for tomorrow, Friday, March 12, 2010, at 6:00 p.m.! Thank you LSA for organizing the dance and parent/staff volunteers for baking cookies, donating items for the raffle baskets, and for everything else that needs to be done to make tomorrow's dance the success we know it will be!

### Spring Break

Spring Break will be the week of March 29<sup>th</sup>! Have Fun! And enjoy the sun!

### Early Release Days

We will have two more Early Release Days this year. The Early Release Days are: Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. 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.**

### Spring Pictures

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

### Market Day Cookie Sale Results

We would like to thank all of the families that participated in February's cookie dough fundraiser through Market Day. We sold 211 boxes and earned a profit of \$617.00 for the entire sale. This money will be set aside for the purchase of a SMART board for Longcoy in the near future. Miss Pletzer's AM kindergarten class was the winner of the cookie party with a total of 43 boxes sold. Top selling students were Paige Robinson, Jessica Sinn, and Megan Moser. Way to go! Thank you again to our Longcoy families!

Our next Market Day pick up is Monday March 15th.

### LSA News

The next LSA meeting will be Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. The officers for the 2010-2011 will be announced at this meeting.

Watch for information the week before Spring Break with details regarding our last contest for the school year!

### 24 Math Tournament

While most of Kent's students slept in on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, a select few were at the 24Math Tournament. 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. Congratulations to 5th grader, Noelle Smigel who placed in the top 20! Cody Zink, also in 5th grade, worked the numbers and did an excellent job his first time out. Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade team, Perkins Pringle and Nathan Mudrak, gave the rest of the players a run for their money and are ready for a rematch next year! We are incredibly proud of all of our students who competed in the competition.

### Girl Scout Cookie Sale

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

### Ohio Achievement Assessments

Ohio Achievement Assessments (formally Ohio Achievement Tests) will be given to students in grades three, four and five during the last two weeks of April. Please note the exact dates of each test in the "Important Dates" section below. **PLEASE DO NOT SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS OR VACATIONS ON ASSESSMENT DAYS. Thank you!**

### Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration for the 2010-2011 school year will be held on Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. This **adult only** meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a copy of your child's official birth certificate (hospital birth record will not be accepted), social security card, and immunization record. You will also need to provide TWO documents with a Kent address for proof of residency (a copy of a lease or mortgage AND a copy of a drivers license, pay stub, utility bill, state identification, or voter's registration card).

Students must be registered in their building of residence. A parent who wishes his/her child to attend another elementary school within Kent City Schools, may fill out an application during registration.

### Academic Awards Assemblies

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

#### *Honor Roll*

*\*Denotes All A's*

Olive	Asare	Bailey	James	Benjamin	Neubert*
Sydney	Barnwell*	Thomas	James	Abigail	Pease*
Madison	Bauza	Sarah	Jenkins	Logan	Pfeiffer*
Sarah	Briggs	Zachary	Jenkins*	Madison	Powers*
Sarah	Bush	Taijanae	Johnson	Perkins	Pringle*
Hailey	Callaway-Frazier*	Charmaine	Johnson*	Haley	Richards*
Ethan	Campbell	Nathan	Jones*	Avery	Richardson*
Austin	Canan	Finnegan	Kaine*	Daniel	Ripple
Adriana	Coffman	Alexandria	Kirbabas	Gina	Rock*
Kaitlynn	Cook	Samuel	Kirbabas	William	Rose
Parker	Emanuele	Jacy	Kupfer	Blake	Ross
Sean	Fincham	Alex	Labajetta	Damon	S.
Kayla	Fischer*	Anna	Larison*	Miranda	S.
Chase	Fitzgerald	Audrey	Larlham*	Nicholas	Schuler
Savannah	Franks	Brianna	Leclerc	Jessica	Sinn*
Mimi	Freeman	Evelyn	Lumpkin	Alea	Sisson*
Jayden	Graves	Lydia	Lumpkin	Noelle	Smigel*
Mariah	Graves	Alva	Mao*	Kyle	Smith
Anna	Gruber	Dylan	Markham*	Samuel	Smith*
Vincent	Hancock*	Anna	Martin*	Noelle	Spence*
Makanahela	Hardy	Garrett	Martinez	Korrin	Spurlock
Kamarhia	Hardy*	Blake	McClure	Rebekah	Swango
Meredith	Hartsook*	Cole	McDougal	Valerie	Thrasher
Justin	Harvey	Tyler	McKown*	Gabrielle	Walters*
Barbara	Hickin*	Ambika	Mehta	Jordan	Welch
Macara	Hitchcock	David	Mitchell	Jenna	Welch*
Alexa	Horner	Cheyenne	Moodie	Timothy	White
Garrett	Houser*	Colton	Moore	Zachary	Wight
Grant	Houser*	Hannah	Mossor	Elizabeth	Wiltanger*
Joseph	Howell*	Nathan	Mudrak*	Samantha	Zeller
Allyson	Huettmann*	Andrew	Neaffer	Cody	Zink
Michael	Ihrig	Carlye	Neaffer*		

*Improvement Awards*

Kevin	Adkins	Macara	Hitchcock	Colton	Moore
Jacob	B.	Blake	Holcomb	Christopher	N.
Deklan	Barr	Alexa	Horner	Andrew	Neaffer
Duncan	Barr	Bailey	James	Corey	Neubert
Madison	Bauza	Sarah	Jenkins	Timothy	Patuc
Breeona	Bell	Charmaine	Johnson	Zachary	Perkins
Jared	Bentley	Destiny	Jones	Bri'on	Roberts
Gregory	Boggs	Stockler	Keener	Samantha	Robinson
Miranda	Bowser	Alexandria	Kirbabas	Sofia	Rosalez
Alec	Brown	Montana	Kirby	Blake	Ross
Sarah	Bush	Allen	Kline	Jenna	S.
Bryson	Carlton	Alex	Labajetta	Kyle	Smith
Michael	Coccaro	Brianna	Leclerc	Samuel	Smith
Adriana	Coffman	Lydia	Lumpkin	Devon	Stahl
Jacob	DiTomaso	Elijah	M.	Spencer	Steele
Ryan	Dowdall	Milo	Maletic	Rebekah	Swango
Anthony	Fitzgerald	Alva	Mao	Nathan	Tichy
Kelsey	Gates	Alaina	Marks	Joshua	V.
Tyler	Grattan	Christopher	Mays	Dalton	Vanderpool
Anna	Gruber	Cole	McDougal	Dillon	Vanderpool
Stephen	Gruber	Tyler	McKown	Lukas	Walter
Kamarhia	Hardy	Marissa	Mearns	Todd	Weese
Meredith	Hartsook	Ambika	Mehta	Jordan	Welch
Aaron	Harvey	Austin	Miles	Zachary	Wight
Bryce	Harvey	Isaac	Miles	Dalton	Young

*Service Awards*

Deklan	Barr	Justin	Harvey	Logan	Pfeiffer
Jared	Bentley	Macara	Hitchcock	Madison	Powers
Gregory	Boggs	Alexa	Horner	Sydney	Pryor
Adriana	Coffman	Grant	Houser	Samantha	Robinson
Carmen	Conley	Je'rell	Huddleston	Gina	Rock
Kaitlynn	Cook	Sarah	Jenkins	Sofia	Rosalez
Sean	Fincham	Charmaine	Johnson	William	Rose
Savannah	Franks	Alexandria	Kirbabas	Damon	S.
Mimi	Freeman	Sydney	Kirbabas	Jessica	Sinn
Kelsey	Gates	Anna	Larison	Noelle	Spence
Christopher	Gavriloff	Daniel	Larison	Devon	Stahl
Elizabeth	Gavriloff	Alaina	Marks	Spencer	Steele
Joseph	Gavriloff	Anna	Martin	Christopher	Valetta
Jayden	Graves	Cheyenne	Moodie	Gabrielle	Walters
Mariah	Graves	Megan	Moser	Zachary	Wight
Braydn	Harris	Hannah	Mossor	Samantha	Zeller
Bryce	Harvey	Zachary	Perkins		

### **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 March is “COOPERATION”. Students should acknowledge that each individual is accountable for making a contribution to the benefit of the group/school/community, temper the negative aspects of competition, and work together for a common purpose.

Related words include: teamwork, collaboration, and unselfishness. Practical applications of cooperation are exhibited when a student:

- Appropriately contributes when working in a group.
- Participates willingly in worthwhile school, home and community activities.
- Accepts other’s ideas as worthy of consideration.
- Looks at situations from another person’s point viewpoint.
- Is willing to combine forces with others to complete a task/reach a goal.
- Shares credit for group accomplishments.

### **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!

### **How to Develop Your Child’s Study Skills**

Improving study skills can improve test scores and grades. Students of all ages and abilities, even those with disabilities, benefit from improved study skills.

To help children improve study skills, we must first develop their motivation.

- Help children understand that they have control over their academic success.
- Help children understand that learning is important.
- Help children develop goals and plans for studying.
- Help children recognize that they enjoy learning.
- Help children reduce anxiety about schoolwork.

### Important Dates

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
03/22	1:00 p.m. – Early Release Day – Students in Gr. 1-5 dismissed at 1:00 p.m. No Afternoon Kindergarten; No Extended Day Kindergarten (AM or PM)
03/23	Spring Picture Day
03/25	6:30 p.m. – Kids Expo/Root Beer Floats
03/26	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks
03/29- 04/02	Spring Break
04/05	9:30 a.m. – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Hale Farm (Students will need a sacked lunch)
04/06	7:00 p.m. – Longcoy School Association Meeting in Library
04/07	7:00 p.m. – Kindergarten Registration
04/08	7:00 p.m. – Spring Music Concert at RHS (Gr. 1 & 2)
04/10	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – “Count Down to Kindergarten” Fair at Davey Elementary
04/13	1:00 p.m. – Early Release Day – Students in Gr. 1-5 dismissed at 1:00 p.m. No Afternoon Kindergarten; No Extended Day Kindergarten (AM or PM)
04/16	8:45 a.m. – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to RHS – PI Day
04/17	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – Student Council’s Juvenile Diabetes Walk at RHS
04/19	5:30 p.m. – Market Day Pick Up
04/20	<i>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading Ohio Achievement Assessment</i> 3:15 p.m. – Art Club – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade 7:00 p.m. – Board of Education Meeting at Holden Elementary
04/21	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading Ohio Achievement Assessment</i>
04/22	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Ohio Achievement Assessment</i>
04/23	<i>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Ohio Achievement Assessment</i>
04/27	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Ohio Achievement Assessment</i> 3:15 p.m. – Art Club – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
04/28	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Math Ohio Achievement Assessment</i>
04/29	<i>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Ohio Achievement Assessment</i>
05/03-07	Longcoy School Association Staff Appreciation Week
05/03	9:50 & 12:20 – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade to Kent Free Library (1½ classes will go at each time)
05/04	3:15 p.m. – Art Club – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
05/06	7:00 p.m. – Longcoy School Association Meeting in Library

05/11	9:05 a.m. – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade to Stanton Middle School for Orientation 3:15 p.m. – Art Club – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade 7:00 p.m. – Board of Education Meeting at Longcoy Elementary School
05/13	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus to Akron Aeros Game (game time 7:05 p.m.)
05/14	Longcoy's Blood Drive
05/17	5:30 p.m. – Market Day Pick Up
05/18	3:15 p.m. – Art Club – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
05/19	8:45 a.m. – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Butler Art Museum 7:00 p.m. – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parents' Middle School Orientation at Stanton (Adults only)
05/21	9:00 a.m. – Stanton Visits 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students 5:00 p.m. – Longcoy's Family Picnic at Al Lease Park
05/26	11:35 a.m. – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade to Stanton's Music Munchie Mixer at Stanton Middle School
05/28	9:00 a.m. – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Bike Trip
05/31	Memorial Day – No School
06/02	Field Day 3:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. – Handles' Family Night
06/04	Academic Awards Assembly (Times to be Announced) Last Day of School for Students Report Cards Sent Home
06/07	Last Day of School for Teachers
06/14	Last Day Building Will Be Open for Business
06/16	Building Closed for Summer
08/09	Building Reopens for Business 2010-2011 School Year



### 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