

# 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! It is hard to believe that I am writing the Principal's Message for the October newsletter and that we have left behind the hot lazy days of summer! First, with the new season, comes the beauty of the fall foliage, as well as the beauty of seeing kids excited about the new things they're learning in their classrooms! Ask your children to show you what new math skill they have learned or to explain what topic are they studying in science class. The enthusiasm for learning is always high at the start of the year and you asking your children specific questions will help keep them excited and engaged in their learning!

Second, we are just past the half-way point for the first grading period and Interim Reports were sent home on September 25. By now you should have reviewed your child's interim report, signed it, and returned it to your child's teacher. Report Cards will be coming home with all students on Friday, November 4. If you have any concerns please contact your child's teacher right away! You do not have to wait for the end of the grading period to talk about your child's academic progress. The Longcoy teachers are always ready and willing to meet with parents for the benefit of our Longcoy students.

Third, I am really excited to announce the return of Family Science Night this year and the L.S.A. Scholastic Book Fair! But this year, we are also celebrating our report card rating of "*Excellent with Distinction*" by having a small celebration ceremony and refreshments on the evening of October 20, along with the hands-on science experiments. Below is a detailed schedule for the Family Science Night/Report Card Celebration. We hope to see 100% of our Longcoy families present for a fun night of science, celebrating, and socializing!

- **Family Science Night/Report Card Celebration** The school-wide event for October 20<sup>th</sup> is shaping up nicely and we are hoping for as good a turn out as last year! The schedule for the evening is as follows:
  - **6:30-6:40** Gather in the gym for a public announcement of Longcoy's Report Card Rating "*Excellent with Distinction*"
  - **6:45-8:00** Experiments Open in Gym and in hallways
  - **6:45-8:30** LSA Book Fair Open in Computer Lab (Room 131)
  - **6:45-7:15** Jungle Terry Animal Show in art room (Room 104)
  - **7:30-8:00** Jungle Terry Animal Show in art room (repeat show)

In closing, please know that the teachers and I appreciate your support of the educational program here at Longcoy Elementary! As always, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions. You can reach me at the school office or email me at [ke\\_jswan@kentschools.net](mailto:ke_jswan@kentschools.net).

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

Kindest regards,

Janice Swan, Principal

### **Early Release - PLEASE SAVE THIS INFORMATION**

Our District will once again have early release days. Our first early release day will be held on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Students in grades 1-5 will be dismissed at 1:00 p.m. There will be no afternoon kindergarten class. *Mrs. Acker and Mrs. Hayberg will have no extended day kindergarten classes on early release days. All morning kindergartners will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.*

The dates for our other three early release days are: Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.

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.

### **No School**

There will be no school on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, for NEOEA day.

There will be no school on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, for Staff Development.

### **Please No Pets**

We ask that pets remain in the car, on the front yard by the Longcoy Elementary sign, or at home when dropping off or picking up students. Many students are allergic to and/or afraid of animals. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Fall Back!**

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, November 5<sup>th</sup> and get an extra hour of sleep!

### **Benny Cowgill Classic**

Benny Cowgill was an outstanding young man who displayed great courage during difficult times. He was a Kent Roosevelt student-athlete who continually worked hard to achieve success. During Benny's fight against bone cancer many people became aware of this tremendous determination. After a long, courageous fight, he lost his battle to cancer. Now every year Roosevelt High School celebrates his life by dedicating a football game, the Benny Cowgill Classic, to Benny. This year the game will be held on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> vs. Springfield.

Every year all five elementary schools choose two students from each 5<sup>th</sup> grade class who share the same qualities as Benny to represent their school at the Benny Cowgill Classic football game. We are proud to congratulate Christopher Gavriloff, Finnegan Kaine, Alea Sisson, Jenna Welch, Luke Wilfong, and Elizabeth Wiltanger who were selected to as Longcoy's representatives.

### **Book Fair**

LSA's Fall Book Fair will be held October 17<sup>th</sup> through October 21<sup>st</sup>. Students will visit the Book Fair during their library time. They may also visit the Book Fair during recess if they have money. Family Night will be on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 p.m. We would like to thank LSA for sponsoring the Book Fair and the many volunteers who make our Book Fairs huge successes.

### Academic Awards Assembly

Our Academic Awards Assemblies for the 1st grading period will be held on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, at 8:50 a.m.–3<sup>rd</sup> grade; 9:10 a.m.–4<sup>th</sup> grade; and 9:30 a.m.–5<sup>th</sup> grade. Students in these grade levels will be recognized for their academic accomplishments (all A's or all A's and B's on their report cards) and Community Service. Students in grades kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> will receive recognition in their classrooms for Community Service.

Community Service nominations must be submitted by Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, for students to be recognized on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Forms are available across from the office.

### Student Council News

Congratulations to the following students who will act as Student Council Representatives for the first semester:

Jillian	Eden	Miss Pletzer-AM	Alexis	McInnes	Mr. Draper
Devin	Hawthorne	Miss Pletzer-PM	Tahj	Truss	Mr. Draper
Naomi	Yohn	Miss Pletzer-PM	Brandon	Dolly	Miss Thomasson
Gabriella	Larison	Mrs. Chilcoat	Paige	E.	Miss Thomasson
Owen	Urban	Mrs. Chilcoat	Elaine	Dean	Miss Revis
Jonathan	Basinger	Mrs. Rainier	Aaron	Hall	Miss Revis
Kyle	Hodar	Mrs. Rainier	Curea	Boggs	Mrs. Rosche
Eric	Banks	Mrs. Tonelli	Tevon	Moore	Mrs. Rosche
Angela	White	Mrs. Tonelli	Jaidyn	Sams	Mrs. Shorr
Gavin	Parker	Mrs. McCombs	JB	Solomon	Mrs. Shorr
Peyton	Richards	Mrs. McCombs	Benjamin	Neubert	Mrs. Elliott
Seth	Bowser	Mrs. Wade	Jenna	Welch	Mrs. Elliott
Megan	Moser	Mrs. Wade	Cole	Dafoe	Mrs. Mandalari
Claire	Booher	Mrs. Wollam	Elizabeth	Wiltanger	Mrs. Mandalari
Michael	Fitzgerald	Mrs. Wollam	Christopher	Gavriloff	Mrs. Ramey
Milan	Brady	Mrs. Dunlap	Bryce	Harvey	Mrs. Ramey
Samantha	Grattan	Mrs. Dunlap			

Student Council would like to remind all families to continue sending in aluminum cans, paper, used cell phones and ink jet cartridges. All of these items get recycled to raise money for the many student council sponsored activities.

### OneCall Now- Parent Broad Cast System

Our parent broadcast system is operated by One Call Now. You may add additional numbers to the system by clicking on the link below or by pasting or typing it into your address bar. Primary phone numbers can only be changed by notifying the school office.

<https://www.onecallnow.com/Access/FamilyProfile/FamilyProfile.aspx?G=i1Gdj7MhnDWBWJGj49yQ%3d%3d>.

### News From LSA

Please join us at the next Longcoy School Association (LSA) meeting on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. We welcome all parents and staff members to attend.

### ***Market Day Sale Fundraiser:***

We will be participating in a fundraiser with Market Day this month selling a selection of cookie dough, brownies, and pretzels (in addition to our regular grocery sale). Brochures and order forms will go home on **Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**. The sale will run from **Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>** through **Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**. Longcoy will receive 40% of the profit from this sale. If every student sells just one item, we will reach our goal. Every student that turns in an order will receive a small prize! Please support Longcoy by participating in this fundraiser.

If we sell 250 boxes - all classes will receive a cookies and milk party!

If we sell 300 boxes - all classes will receive an extra recess!

If we sell 400 boxes - all classes will receive a pizza party!

The pick-up date will be on **Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:30 p.m.** in the gym. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa (330-677-1935) or Heather (330-678-2533).

### ***Market Day Grocery Sale:***

Our monthly Market Day grocery orders are due by **Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> (Internet orders by Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>)**. Pick up will be held on **Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**, from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., unless other arrangements have been made in advance.

### **Character Education In Kent City Schools**

The character trait for October is “RESPECT FOR SELF AND OTHERS”. The goal is for students to realize their worth and dignity as human beings, and account for their strengths as well as their weaknesses. They should display good manners and politeness, showing the same respect for others, as they would wish for themselves.

Related terms under this topic are: courtesy, esteem, dignity, and pride. Some practical applications would include such behaviors as:

Shows gratitude by expressing appreciation orally or in a note.

- Follows rules and instructions set by parents and those in authority.
- Realizes the careless or intentional injury of another is unacceptable.
- Keeps neat, clean, rested, and in shape.
- Respects the differences among individuals.

We hope everyone will make a great effort to model these traits. The school and home, working together, can make great progress in these areas.

### **Important Dates**

10/11	Fire Safety (Gr. K, 1, 3, 4 at Longcoy; Gr. 2 at Kent Fire Station)
10/12	Fire Safety (Gr. K, 1, 3, 4 at Longcoy)
10/13	1:00 p.m. – Early Release Day Students in Gr. 1-5 Dismissed at 1:00 p.m.; No Afternoon Kindergarten
10/14	NEOEA Day – No School
	6:30 p.m. – Benny Cowgill Classic Award Presentation at RHS
10/17-10/21	Fall Book Fair in Library
10/17-10/31	Market Day Fundraiser
10/18	7:00 p.m. – Board of Education Meeting at Davey Elementary School

10/20	Picture Retake Day
	6:30–8:00 p.m. – Family Science Night/Book Fair
10/21	Kindergarten Field Trip to Kingston Farms (AM-8:50: PM-12:30)
10/28	2:15 p.m. – Harvest Parties
	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks
10/31	5:30 p.m. – Market Day Pick Up in Gym
11/03	7:00 p.m. – Longcoy School Association Meeting in Library
11/04	Report Cards sent home with students
<b>11/06</b>	<b>Turn Your Clocks Back 1 Hour-Day Light Savings Time Ends!</b>
11/08	No School for Students – Staff Development Day
11/09	4:40 – 8:00 p.m. – Kindergarten Parent-Teacher Conferences by Appointment
11/10	Vision Screening – Grades 1, 3, & 5
11/15	7:00 p.m. – Board of Education Meeting at Walls Elementary School
11/17	4:40–8:00 p.m. – Kindergarten Parent-Teacher Conferences by Appointment
11/18	Awards Assembly: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Gr.-8:50; 4 <sup>th</sup> Gr.-9:10; 5 <sup>th</sup> Gr. 9:30
11/21	School in Session for All Students
	9:45 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Seat Belt Safety
	5:00–8:00 p.m. – Parent – Teacher Conferences
11/22	9:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. – Parent–Teacher Conferences – No School For Students
11/23-11/25	Thanksgiving Break – No School for Students or Staff
11/28	5:30 p.m. – Market Day Pick Up in Gym (Cookie Dough Fundraiser Pick Up)