

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! Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope that everyone enjoyed a restful and peaceful winter break. We are very excited to be back at school and to continue the important work of teaching and learning! We are entering into the most academic intense time of the school year and the teachers will be "raising the bar" and challenging the students to meet higher academic expectations. The students will need to be diligent and focused on their school work to make the expected progress. It is imperative that you check your child's book bag daily for homework and communication from the teacher. At Longcoy, we believe all our students will learn . . . whatever it takes! We need you to be a part of that equation and we appreciate all you do help your children achieve academically. Last, enjoy the winter beauty as we begin a new year filled with caring parents, bright students, and enthusiastic teachers!

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 you can email me at ke_jswan@kentschools.net.

Remember: Students + Parents + Teachers = SUCCESS!

Kindest regards,

Janice Swan, Principal

No School

There will be no school on Monday, January 16, 2012, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and on Monday, February 20, 2012, in observance of Presidents Day.

Early Release - PLEASE SAVE THIS INFORMATION

Our District will have three more early release days: Friday, January 20th, Friday, February 17th, and Thursday, April 5th.

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.

Care with Coats

Longcoy continues to collect coats for "Care with Coats" for the Portage County Realtors. The collection of used coats will continue through Wednesday, January 11, 2012.

After School Intervention Tutoring

Intervention tutoring will begin on Monday, January 9th. Students who have registered for intervention tutoring will be required to attend their scheduled sessions unless a NOTE is provided the morning of tutoring. Students *saying* they are not to attend a session and phone calls requesting that a student not attend cannot be accepted.

Outdoor Recess

Our recess monitors and teachers have been reminding students about the following outdoor recess rules:

1. **Snow stays on the ground!**
2. No climbing / playing on mounds of snow.
3. Sledding is supervised by Mr. Bates and is **only** an option during lunch recess for 4/5 grade students. If Mr. Bates is absent, there is no sledding.
4. Snowpants are **REQUIRED** for participation in sledding.
5. The amount of snow, whether or not the snow is packed down, the age of the child, and the height of the child's boots should be taken into consideration when deciding if students can go out in the field to "walk around" in the snow. Boots are mandatory! This allows the monitors and teachers on duty to make case by case decisions.
6. **If students are going to play "IN" the snow in the field - i.e. make snow angels, snowmen, etc. then snowpants must be worn!**
7. Orange cones will be placed near ice patches and these areas are **OFF LIMITS** to students. There is NO sliding/skating on ice patches for obvious reasons!

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/Dismissal

Students should arrive no earlier than 8:15 a.m. if they eat breakfast or 8:30 a.m. if they do not. Safety Patrol students should not arrive before 8:10 a.m. Students arriving early must wait outside and there is no adult supervision until 8:20 a.m.

Dismissal is at 3:15 p.m. Students who are car riders should be picked up at 3:15 p.m. Safety Patrol students should be picked up at 3:25 p.m.

Please remember that telephone calls for transportation changes **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!** Notes must be sent to school with students in the morning or faxed to the school office at 330-677-6198. This is for the safety of our students.

Report Cards/Academic Awards Assemblies

Report cards will go home with students on Friday, January 27, 2012.

Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will be recognized at our Academic Awards Assembly for Academic Achievement (all A's or all A's & B's), Academic Improvement (improving in an area without going down in any other areas) and Community Service (providing a service for a community member that is not required and does not offer a monetary reward). Students in kindergarten through 2nd grade are also eligible to receive an award for Community Service, which will be presented in the classrooms.

Parents are welcome to attend the Academic Awards Assemblies for 3rd, 4th and/or 5th grade at the following times:

- 5th Grade – Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at 9:40 a.m.
- 4th Grade – Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 9:40 a.m.
- 3rd Grade – Friday, February 10, 2012 at 9:40 a.m.

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!

News from LSA

Don't forget LSA Kids' Matinee on Friday, January 6th. The movies "The Smurfs" and "Secretariat" will be shown for students who have returned their permission slips. The cost is \$1.00 per student to be paid at the door. Each student will receive a piece of pizza, a cookie and water. Students must be picked up by an adult no later than 5:45 p.m.

Please join us at our next Longcoy School Association meeting on Thursday, February 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. in the Longcoy library.

Positive Parenting Series 2012-Save the Dates

Save the following dates for the Positive Parenting Series sponsored by Kent City Schools, Coleman Professional Services, and the Kent/Woodridge Parent Mentor Program: Effective Discipline-February 29, 2012; Mental Health Issues-March 8th, 2012; Spectrum Disorders-from Autism to Asperger's-March 14, 2012. The series will be held at the Kent Free Library from 6:00-7:15 p.m.

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.

Important Dates

01/06	3:15-5:45 p.m. – LSA Kids’ Matinee	
01/09-04/12	OAA Intervention Tutoring Program Begins	
01/09	5:30 p.m. – Market Day Pick Up	
01/16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day – No School	
01/20	1:00 p.m. – Early Release Day – Students in Gr. 1-5 dismissed at 1:00 p.m. No Afternoon Kindergarten Class End of 2 nd Nine Weeks/1 st Semester	
01/27	Report Cards Sent Home with Students	
02/02	9:00 a.m. – 5 th Grade Field Trip to KSU Planetarium 7:00 p.m. – Longcoy School Association Meeting in Library	
02/06	5:30 p.m. – Market Day Pick Up	
02/08	9:40 a.m. – 5 th Grade Awards Assembly	
02/09	9:40 a.m. – 4 th Grade Awards Assembly	
02/10	9:40 a.m. – 3 rd Grade Awards Assembly 2:15 p.m. – Classroom Valentines Day Parties	
02/17	1:00 p.m. – Early Release Day – Students in Gr. 1-5 dismissed at 1:00 p.m. No Afternoon Kindergarten Class	
02/20	Presidents Day – No School	
02/21	Interim Reports Sent Home with Students	
02/27-03/02	Right to Read Week w/Book Bistro	
02/29	6:00 p.m. - Positive Parenting Series – Effective Discipline at Kent Free Library	
03/01	Mobile Dentists at Longcoy	
03/02	<i>New Date!</i> 6:00 p.m. - Longcoy Family Dance at Stanton Middle School	
03/05	5:30 p.m. – Market Day Pick Up	
03/07	Spring Picture Day	
03/12-03/16	Spring Book Fair	
03/13	7:00 p.m. – Board of Education Meeting at Longcoy	
03/15	6:30 p.m. – Art Expo/Family Book Fair Night	
03/19-03/23	Spring Break – No School	
03/28	7:00 p.m. – Spring Music Program at RHS	
03/30	End of 3 rd Nine Weeks	
04/03	7:00 p.m. – Longcoy School Association Meeting in Library	
04/05	1:00 p.m. – Early Release Day – Students in Gr. 1-5 dismissed at 1:00 p.m. No Extended Day Kindergarten; No Afternoon Kindergarten Class Report Cards Sent Home with Students	
04/06	Good Friday – No School	
04/09	Easter Monday – No School	
04/10-04/12	Last week of After School Intervention Tutoring	
04/11	10:45 a.m. – 5 th Grade Field Trip to Hale Farm	
04/24	Ohio Achievement Assessment – 5 th Grade Reading	Please do not schedule student appointments on testing days!
04/25	Ohio Achievement Assessment – 4 th Grade Reading	
04/26	Ohio Achievement Assessment – 3 rd Grade Reading	
04/27	Ohio Achievement Assessment – 4 th Grade Math	
05/01	Ohio Achievement Assessment – 5 th Grade Math	
05/02	Ohio Achievement Assessment – 3 rd Grade Reading	

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Ohio Achievement Assessment – 5th Grade Science
7:00 p.m. – Longcoy School Association Meeting