



# Something to Roar About



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## PTA President's Message

Wow! Summer vacation is finally here. I hope you enjoy your summer vacation whether you are traveling abroad, across state lines, within the state, region, or even enjoying the local events in Naperville. Have a safe trip, and a safe summer. At least, for sure, we don't have to worry about the school-related work for about 2 months. Whatever you decide to do with your family, I hope you will have a fun and safe summer.

I would like to thank all the parents/guardians of Longwood students for your continuous support of your children, the school, and the PTA throughout the year. For those families who are leaving the Longwood Elementary School community as your youngest or only children graduate from fifth grade, it was a pleasure to know and work with you and your students. I would like to wish them the best at Granger Middle School.

Finally, thank you to the Longwood PTA for the opportunity to be your President for the past 3 years. We won't have a success programs without all the commitment from each of the PTA Board Members and all the parents/guardians volunteers. Thank you to the school staff for their support and also to the custodial team for their help for each PTA events.

On behalf of the Longwood PTA Executive Committee, we hope to see you again in August.  
*- Dina Z. Lohman*

## Upcoming Events

### August

- Thurs, 8/13 - New Family Orientation, 7pm, MPR
- Mon, 8/17 - Back-to-School Party, 3-5pm, Gym/outdoors
- Thurs, 8/20 - Meet & Greet, 8:45-9:30am, First Day of School
- Wed, 8/26 - PTA Executive Board Meeting 6:30pm, MPR

### September

- Mon, 9/7 - No School, Labor Day
- Tues, 9/8 - PTA Meeting, 6:30pm, LMC
- Thurs, 9/10 - Curriculum Night, 6:30-8pm

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# 2009-10 PTA Officers

## **Taneshia Davis, PTA President**

Hello I am Taneshia Davis and I look forward to getting to know all of you as the newly elected President of the Longwood PTA. I work full time as a Financial Specialist, Wife, and Mother of 2 (soon to be 3) and I truly enjoy being of service to the wonderful students, family and team of teachers and staff at Longwood Elementary School. I am anticipating an exciting new year and hope to see you at the next PTA meeting!

## **Richard D. Roberson, PTA 2<sup>nd</sup> VP**

My name is Richard Derek Roberson, Sr.; proud father of 3 (one 2nd grader) and hopelessly in love husband. As second VP of the PTA here at Longwood, I aspire to assist in the development of parents, teachers and students from an educational family into a social family as well. My training in the arts and social justice have cultivated a high sense of protection, love and joy for children and their development into thriving adults. This upcoming school year I am honored to serve with a child's eagerness and curiosity, balanced with the responsibility of a parent and member of this great community.

## **Julie Hannon, PTA 3<sup>rd</sup> VP**

My name is Julie Hannon, and I will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> VP next year. I have one boy finishing kindergarten and one boy finishing 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Hill, who attended Longwood for three years. You might have seen me as one of the election judges at the Country Lakes clubhouse. I'm also involved with the Sunshine Committee. I'm glad for this opportunity to work with parents and teachers to make the best situation possible for all our kids at Longwood. Please contact me any time with your thoughts.

## **Kathleen Gasser, PTA Secretary**

As returning Secretary of the PTA, I look forward to recording the minutes of yet another exciting school year. I am used to spending my days as a teacher of high school students, which I greatly enjoy, but it has been a true pleasure to meet and spend time with the younger crowd at Longwood Elementary. I hope that the attendance sheets passed around at the monthly PTA meetings are completely filled next year - please join us because we truly value the input of every parent and teacher!

## **Amy Wrigley, PTA Treasurer**

Thank you to the Longwood PTA for the opportunity to serve as the 2009-2010 Treasurer! I am also the Longwood Health and Safety Chairperson (contact me to learn more about the Helping Hand Program). I work as an environmental project manager where a significant portion of my job involves managing budgets ranging from a few thousand to several million dollars. And, I am the Treasurer of the 708th Medical Company Family Readiness Group (IL Army National Guard). You can be assured I will use my experience to successfully maintain our PTA budget next school year!

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# Thank You to Our Volunteers

## **PTA Board Members**

Thank you to the 2008-2009 Longwood PTA Executive Board Members for your time and hard work throughout this school year: Taneshia Davis, Laura Miller, Leslie Lepore, Kathleen Gasser, Jack Kelley, Mrs. Laura Johnston, Farzana Ahmed, Jeanell Allan, Julie Bastianoni, Marinelle Brewster, Peg Cross, Monet Davis, Tom Fattes, Wanda Fattes, Tawanda Gipson, Julie Hannon, Patricia Huebner, Christine Litwicki, Jason Lohman, Natalie Northrup, Richard Roberson, Judy Siek, Suparna Thatte, Heidi Weber, Marilyn Whittington, Amy Wrigley, and Kirsten Zrinsky.

## **Classroom Coordinators**

Thank you to the Longwood PTA Classroom Coordinators for all your help and dedication: Farzana Ahmed, Jeanell Allan, Valerie Bailey, Liz Bosworth, Taneshia Davis, Beth Knowles-Doyle, Wanda Fattes, Jazmin Gongora, Kristen Hogsed, Patricia Huebner, Angela Jackson, Dina Lohman, Stacy Nappo, Colleen Cannon-Ruffo, Melissa Schoo, Craig Schuler, Judy Siek, and Sue Sturgeon.

## **Classroom Curriculum Party Support**

Thank you to all parents/guardians who help with the Curriculum Parties, either by donating the food or crafts items or by coming to the party and help the Classroom Coordinators with the parties. Your help are appreciated!

# Thank You to Our Volunteers

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## Art Appreciation

Thank you to the volunteers for sharing their passion of art by introducing famous artists to the students. Patricia Huebner (Chairperson), Jeanell Allan, Sangeeta Basavaraju, Trisha Dodge, Beth Knowles-Doyle, Mike Doyle, Marge Dunning, Christina Engel, Mary Freeman, Melissa Lowell, Lauren Malachinski, Priya Maniyambeth, Charis Merrihew, Kristin Nelson, Paula Sauer, Jennifer Schuler, Veena Shankar, Judy Siek, Sue Sturgeon, and LaShawna Taylor.

## Sunshine Committee/Teacher Appreciation Week

The PTA would like to thank Julie Hannon (Chairperson), and she we would like to thank everyone who sent in food for the lunch celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week. The teachers and staff were so pleased to have a wonderful meal, with lots of delicious choices, including a fully loaded dessert table. It was a feast! We have some great and generous cooks in our Longwood community.

Thank you also to Dina Lohman, for the work she put in ahead of time, and for all the time she spent working with me on the lunch day. It wouldn't have gone as smoothly without all she did.

Thank you to Stacy Burgoon, Toni Elliot, Wanda Fattes, Jazmin Gongora, Dana Hall, Kristen Hogsed, Shabnam Jabeen, Nadia Ji, Beth Knowles, Gloria De La Cruz, Leslie Lepore, Shelly Lindsey, Christine Litwicki, Dina Lohman, Jason Lohman, Alexa Lowell, Aura Moraru, Laura Kofron-Roberson, Stacy Rosas, Audrey Schlifke, Sue Sturgeon, Suparna Thatte, Amy Wrigley, and Kirsten Zrinsky. Thank you, also, to the people who helped you drop off these donations on Wednesday.

We'll have a few cooking/donating opportunities again next year. We welcome all new and returning donors!

## "Too Good for Drugs" Graduation

Thank you to Kirsten Zrinsky (Chairperson), Wanda Fattes and Dina Lohman, and to the 4th Grade parents who volunteers their time to help during the event, so the 5th Grade parents can enjoy the graduation: Marge Dunning, Audrey Schlifke, and Amy Wrigley.

## 5th Grade Event Field Trip to Rush Copley Healthplex

Thank you Kirsten Zrinsky (Chairperson) and Dina Lohman for arranging the Field Trip, and to the chaperones and parents/guardians who donated the drinks and the snacks: Barbara Aleszczyk, Michelle Allen, Heather Bejda, Gloria Bloodsaw, Trisha Dodge, Arthur Engel, Wanda Fattes, Betsy Feeley, Deanna Hogan, Lillian Janek, Bridget Kelley, Jason Lohman, Mauljn Mitchell, Sheila Oliver, Jenny Priest, Ning Ren, Maria Salazar, Hywathe Smith, and Annette Tsimouris.

## Field Day

Thank you to all Field Day Volunteers who were able to help out on such a nice and beautiful day: Marinelle Brewster, Tim Clay, Mike Doyle, Wanda Fattes, Steve Gasser, Julie Hannon, Patricia Huebner, Leslie Lepore, Shelly Lindsey, Dina Lohman, Jason Lohman, Charis Merrihew, Laura Kofron-Roberson, Audrey Schlifke, Mike Tsimouris and Jennifer Weddle.

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## Reflections ↔ Reflections

The 2009-10 Reflections theme is

"Beauty is . . ."

Please start your creative mind work! The theme for the 2009-2010 National PTA Reflections' Program is "Beauty Is." Please watch for more detail at the beginning of the school year. The deadline will be the last week of September 2009.

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# Thank You to Our Business Contributors

## Teachers Appreciation Week

Thank you for to **Jason's Deli** on Freedom Drive for donating sandwiches and wraps for Teacher luncheon, and **Caribou Coffee** on Rt. 59 and Brookdale Road for donating coffee, tea, and pastries for School Improvement Planning Day.

## Breakfast of Champions

Thank you to these businesses for their continued support in promoting leadership at Longwood: **Costco** of Naperville, **Dominick's Fine Food** on North Aurora Road, **Dunkin Donuts** on Brookdale Road, **The Great American Bagels** on Rt. 59, and **Sodexo**.