



Something to Roar About



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PTA 2nd Vice President's Message

We want to thank all the families who supported our Spring fundraiser, the **Cookie Dough Sale**. Even with such a tough economy, our Longwood Lions managed to bring in an unbelievable \$12,000 in sales. We are awaiting anxiously to find out which class had the most in sales and the student who will have the chance to throw a pie in the PTA president's face.

On Wednesday, March 18, we had a **Family Fun Night** at Longwood. There were many games, prizes, popcorn and soda for the many Longwood families who turned out to join us. Thanks to Julie Bastianoni & Wanda Fattes for running the event as well as to all the parents who volunteered for the evening.

With only about 2 months left till the end of the school year, there are still a few events we invite Longwood families to participate in. Our final **Family Restaurant Night** for this school year is being held at McDonald's on River Road on Tuesday, April 21. Please watch for the notice to come home with your child. Invite family and friends and come out to support your child's school!

Remember, to send back your student's **School Supply Kit Order Form** by April 15, 2009. Make sure your form is in on time to ensure you have your kit for next year.

And finally, I encourage all PTA members to attend our next PTA meeting scheduled for Tuesday April 14, 2009 at 6:30 pm in the LMC. Elections will be held for 2009 - 2010 PTA Officers. Only due-paying members may vote in the election. We currently have 174 PTA members. Why not come out and vote for your next year's Officers.

-Laura Miller

Upcoming Events

Tues, 4/7	No School
Fri, 4/10	No School
Tues, 4/14	PTA Meeting (2009-10 Officer Elections), 6:30 pm in LMC
Wed, 4/15	School Supply Kits Order Deadline by 4 pm 5th Grade Parents Orientation at Granger, 7 pm
Fri, 4/17	Newsletter Deadline
Tues, 4/21	McDonald's Night, 4-8 pm
Wed, 4/29	Chorus, 4th & 5th Grade Concerts, 7 pm, Gym
Sat, 5/2	Day of Play, 10 am, School Field
Tues, 5/12	PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm in LMC

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A Matter of Principal

by Principal Laura Devine Johnston



Many parents ask teachers "What can I do to help my child at school?" Teachers almost always respond "read at home."

That seems like an easy pat answer for both the parent and the teacher. But it's true and it's easy.

We have purchased a fun way for you and your child to read at home. As you have no doubt experienced, students respond to technology. Those DS games are hard to pry away. The kids think that swinging their arm to the Wii is exercise. So, we have found an online way to read. A flyer was sent home about Tumblebooks (and is included in this newsletter). But I want to highlight some features for you.

First of all, the picture books are written by real authors like Robert Munch and read in an engaging way. In fact, the illustrations move to emphasize the storyline. As educators, we like the way that the words are highlighted as they are read. This teaches young readers to track text.

There are also chapter books available online. Students can read at the computer or turn the audio on and have books read to them. These are great ways to enjoy a good book. Many of the chapter books are the classics.

As if that weren't enough to keep the student engaged, there are games such as puzzles, spelling, sequencing and sentence matching. Great practice presented in a fun way.

You missed the flyer? Didn't know this was an option? Go to www.tumblebooklibrary.com the username is longwood, the password is books. It is a great way to help your child at school.

Longwood Elementary School is getting our technology "refreshed" next fall. This means that students will be working on new computers and technology. Expect to hear more and more about technology in the future.

Thank You to Our Volunteers & Participating Families

Picture Day

Thank you to Dina Lohman and Jennifer Weddle for their time to ensure all the students looked their best and for maintaining the scheduled times.

Family Fun Night

Thank you to Julie Bastianoni and Wanda Fattes (Co-Chairperson), Lynda Barker, Adam Bastianoni, Tawanda Gipson, Dina Lohman, Laura Miller, Norma Naser and Audrey Schlifke. Thank you for all your help to ensure the Longwood families had fun.

Kindergarten Information Night

Thank you to Taneshia Davis, Tom Fattes, Leslie Lepore, Dina Lohman and Judy Siek for sharing the information regarding the PTA to the incoming families.

Loaves & Fishes

Thank you to Natalie Northrup (Chairperson), Julie Hannon, Leslie Lepore, Dina Lohman and Suparna Thatte for helping the students and their parents by carrying the donations from their cars. Parents and guardians appreciated what you did. Thank you to all Longwood students and their families for helping our 20th Loaves & Fishes Drive a big success. We collected a total of 2,566 items!!



Jump Rope for Heart

Thank you to all Longwood Families who participated on the Jump Rope For Hearts event.

Spring Fundraiser/Cookie Dough Sale

Thank you to Christine Litwicki (Chairperson), Stacy Burgoon, Taneshia Davis, Julie Hannon, Leslie Lepore, Dina Lohman, Brad Schoo, Melissa Schoo, Suparna Thatte and Amy Wrigley. Thank you for all your help at the kick-off assembly and on the pick-up day. Thank you to the following *Cookie Dough Families*: Ahmed, Allan, Angelakos, Attada, Austin, Bailey, Bastianoni, Bell, Bennett, Bernardi, Blackburn, Bloodsaw, Canisius, Capadona, Carlson, Clay, Cross, Davis, Dolister, Dolnak, Dwyer, Edelman, Farrett, Fattes, Ferguson, Fitpold, Flournoy, Fortson, Freeman, Fuentes, Gipson, Gonzales, Gray, Herring, Hodge, Hogan, Hogsed, Huebner, Jenkins-Stewart, Johnson, Kofron, Kovar, Lebeau, Lee, Lohman, Lowell, Maciejewski, Mackey, McDowell, McGarry, Miller, Nagao, Noe, Oliverio, Patton, Reddich, Rice, Ridgway, Rosas, Sanchez, Schlifke, Schoo, Schuler, Scott, Siek, Sloss, Storey, Stubbs, Sturgeon, Tannenbaum-Pasindo, Thacker, Tsimouris, Villarreal, Villegas, Warren, Wesley, Whittington, Williams, and Wrigley. *Along with the following teachers/staff*: Mrs. Boddy, Ms. Buscher, Mrs. Czajka, Mr. Dumanovic, Mrs. Giuffre, Mrs. Harrelson, Mrs. Ingrassia, Mrs. Johnston, Miss Kresl, Mrs. Landstrom, Mrs. Marinier, Ms. Messmore, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Sparks, Mrs. Stuckey, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Trayser, and Mrs. Ward.



Study Tips



Kindergarten

Kindergarten Tips:

Now that spring is here and children will be playing outside, think about safety. Please continue to practice your home address and phone number with your child. Make sure you practice the phone number that your child should know in case of an emergency (cell phone number or home phone number).

First

First Grade Tips:

- All the first grade sight words have been sent home for quarters 1,2, and 3! If your child is still having trouble reading them, it is important that they practice each night during 4th quarter. Also, focus on reading fluency...oral reading should sound like "talking".
- Writer's Workshop is in full swing. First graders are working on using JUICY words in their writing. If you see the words 'bad, good, big, little and said' in your child's writing, remind them to think about a better word choice. Remind them, as well, that all of their writing should be in their best handwriting.
- We begin our bug unit in April in Science. Ask your first grader what they know about insects!

Second

Second Grade Tips:

- Parents, please continue working on double-digit addition with carrying, double-digit subtraction with borrowing, and triple addend addition ($3+7+22$) for math practice.
- You can also have your child practice recognizing three-dimensional shapes such as pyramids, spheres, cones, and cubes in every-day life.
- Finally, please visit the Longwood homepage (longwood.ipsd.org) and try out our new electronic books called TumbleBooks.

Third

Third Grade Tips:

Every night your child should be reading for 20 minutes. That reading can be done by themselves, with you, or with a sibling. Reading every night helps to increase a child's fluency and vocabulary.

Your child should be doing something to practice their spelling words every night. Many students do one activity a night in order to get an A on the contract. Other students do the contract over the weekend and then just practice a little bit every night. Either way is great! The more they see and study their words, the better they will do on their Thursday spelling test.

When Otter Creek/Rocket Math comes home for homework, make sure your child practices those facts in addition to completing the top section. The more practice, the faster and more accurate they will be!

Fourth

Fourth Grade Tips:

While enjoying the **SUNSHINE** and **WARM**

weather please continue to have your child read and do their homework daily. Maintaining a steady routine will allow your child to continue to thrive as we steam forward towards the final months of school.



Fifth

Fifth Grade Tips:

- Students will be receiving combination locks to use at school during end of fourth quarter. If you have a combination lock at home, it would be a great idea to work with your child on how to use it.
- Please check your child's assignment notebook on a daily basis. Also, on occasion, go through their accordion folder with them to check if they are organizing school work appropriately.



Conservation Club Tip

Did you know that recycling one aluminum can could save enough energy to power a T.V. for up to three hours?

The Conservation Club learned how you can recycle almost anything from juice box wrappers to kitchen utensils. We even made our own recycled paper.

Many thanks go out to the Longwood families for sending in their old batteries. Our school **collected over 700 batteries** for recycling this year, which is 200 more than last year. Not only will these batteries be reused to make stainless steel but by recycling them we are also helping to reduce waste in our landfills. Way to go Longwood! Since we have finished our battery recycling project we will not be collecting any more batteries. Feel free to bring your batteries to the Naperville hazardous waste drop off site. This is located just behind the Brookdale Fire Station #4 (1971 Brookdale Road, 630-420-6095). They are open on Saturdays and Sundays from 9am-2pm. For a list of acceptable and non acceptable items they collect you can look at their web site under the city of Naperville. If we keep recycling batteries and other household items we can make a difference!

For more fun facts on recycling, visit www.RecyclingFacts.org



Music Tips

April is an exciting time for all grade levels! Here are just a few highlights and accomplishments:

- **Kindergarten** has really improved their instrumental skills. A favorite instrument of ours are the rhythm "snakes." Kindergarteners have even been playing the xylophones and working on playing a steady beat. Kindergarten also looks forward to May, when they will give a performance during the school day (more details to come).
- **1st Grade** has really stepped up their game by doing their first music composition! Who knew that bees, spiders, and ladybugs could be used in a musical piece?
- **2nd Grade** has been working on developing their instrumental skills as well, specifically the xylophones. They have learned about the different families of xylophones and what characterizes each.

- **3rd Grade** is preparing a musical performance of Time for Bed by Mem Fox for the kindergarten classes. They are taking on all of the work...illustrating the book, singing the story, and adding instrumental sound effects.
- **4th and 5th Grades** are starting the fun and rewarding work of preparing for the April concert! We don't want to give away any secrets, so come and check it out for yourself! 4th and 5th graders will perform with The Singing Lions of Longwood on **April 29th at 7:00 p.m.** here at Longwood.

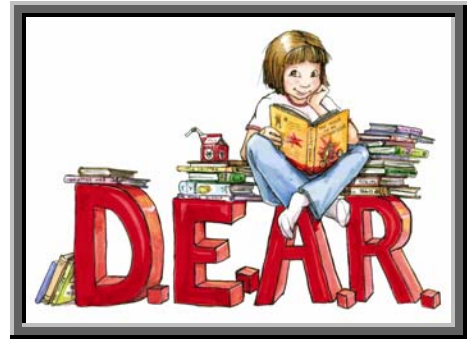
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3rd Grade Bones and Muscle Curriculum Party

Thank you to **Kreger's Central Food** (downtown Naperville) for donating beef bone and bone marrow.

Loaves and Fishes

Thank you to **Costco** for donating pizzas and drinks for Mrs. Freeman's 4th grade class (for collecting the most items). Thank you to **City of Naperville's Mayor George Pradel** for coming to Longwood School to celebrate the success of the L&F drive with 4F!



The Illinois PTA would like to encourage all Longwood families to **Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.)** on Sunday, April 12, 2009.

Please see www.dropeverythingandread.com for additional information, suggested activities, and much more.



Dear Longwood Elementary Parents!

Our **school** has subscribed to **TumbleBooks!** You and your child can access it from home! It's **unlimited**, and it's **FREE** for you!

TumbleBookLibrary is an online collection of **e-books** for children. They are a great way to encourage tech-savvy kids to enjoy reading!

We hope that you will get the chance to check out the collections with your child! Below is most of the information you'll need to access the collection:



Website: www.tumblebooklibrary.com

Username: **longwood**

Password: **books**

TumbleBookLibrary is an online collection of animated, talking picture books. There are over **130** picture books! There are language learning books, audio books, teacher resources, and exciting games, quizzes, and book report outlines!

Be sure to check out the **TumbleTour** for an excellent guide for using the site!

Note: We will be establishing a direct link icon on the Longwood School website in the near future.

Happy Tumbling everyone!

Longwood Elementary School - April 2009 Lunch Menu

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN EVENT 			April. 1 SPRING BREAK	April. 2 SPRING BREAK	April. 3 SPRING BREAK
	April. 6 Oven Baked Chicken Drumstick w/ Mashed Potato	April. 7 NO SCHOOL	April. 8 *Mini Pancakes with or without Sausage Patty	April. 9 *Make Your own Pita Pizza w/ Pepperoni or Cheese	April. 10 NO SCHOOL
"Novel Lunch" Served Every Tuesday in April inspired by the book "Marshmallow" by Clare Turlay Newberry	April. 13 Baked Chicken Tender w/ Corn	 April. 14 Rocco Cheese Pizza w/ Fruit Snack	April. 15 *French Toast Sticks with or without Sausage Patty	April. 16 Tortilla Chips w/ Taco Meat or *Cheese Sauce	"State to State" April. 17 Cincinnati Chili Mac w/ Whole Grain Roll
Produce of the Month "Spinach"	April. 20 BBQ Ribette on a Bun	 April. 21 Campbell Tomato Soup w/ Grilled Cheese Sandwich	April. 22 *Cheese Omelet with or without Sausage Patty	April. 23 *Cheese Filled Bread Sticks with Marinara Sauce	"State to State" April. 24 California Roasted Red Pepper Hummus w/ Pita Wedges
	April. 27 Oven Baked Chicken Drumstick w/ Mashed Potato	 April. 28 Galaxy Cheese Pizza w/ Fruit Juicy	April. 29 *Mini Pancakes with or without Sausage Patty	April. 30 *Make Your own Pita Pizza w/ Pepperoni or Cheese	
GRILL	All Beef Hot Dog on a Bun	Cheeseburger on a Bun NOT SERVED ON 4/14, 4/21 & 4/28	Enjoy today's Breakfast for Lunch Menu	Chicken Patty on a Bun	Enjoy today's "STATE to STATE"
FAVORITE	Cheese Pizza w/ Whole Grain Crust	Baked Chicken Sticks NOT SERVED ON 4/14, 4/21 & 4/28	*Mini Bagels with Cream Cheese w/ or without Sausage Patty	Mini Chicken Corn Dog	Cheesy Hot Dog
SALAD	Chef Salad	Taco Salad	Pepperoni Salad	New *Spinach Salad	Chicken Caesar Salad
*SANDWICH	Sunbutter Sandwich w/ Jelly	Sunbutter Sandwich w/ Jelly	Sunbutter Sandwich w/ Jelly	Sunbutter Sandwich w/ Jelly	Sunbutter Sandwich w/ Jelly
***FUN ON THE RUN	Blueberry Muffin String Cheese Trix Yogurt Cup Strawberry/Banana	Blueberry Muffin String Cheese Trix Yogurt Cup Strawberry/Banana	Blueberry Muffin String Cheese Trix Yogurt Cup Strawberry/Banana	Blueberry Muffin String Cheese Trix Yogurt Cup Strawberry/Banana	Philly Soft Pretzel Rod w/ Cheese Sauce Trix Yogurt Cup Strawberry/Banana
FROM THE GARDEN ** CHANGE DAILY	Tossed Romaine Carrot Sticks Peas Mandarin Oranges Grapes Diced Pears	Shredded Lettuce Red Kidney Beans Tomato Salsa Applesauce Orange Wedges "Novel Lunch" Mixed Fruit w/ Marshmallow	Tossed Romaine Cauliflower Carrot Coins Diced Peaches Apple Pineapple Chunks	Baby Spinach Leaf Cucumber Slice Cherry Tomatoes Apricot Halves Applesauce Grapes	Tossed Romaine Pickle Spears Broccoli Apple Mixed Fruit Diced Peaches
	<small>BAKED WHOLE GRAIN SNACKS</small>	<small>BAKED WHOLE GRAIN SNACKS</small>	<small>BAKED WHOLE GRAIN SNACKS</small>	<small>BAKED WHOLE GRAIN SNACKS</small>	<small>BAKED WHOLE GRAIN SNACKS</small>

* Meatless Item

** Make your own salad *FROM THE GARDEN* and we will give you the Salad Topper (protein for the salad).

*** Fun on the Run - Choose your own sides *FROM THE GARDEN* then pick up a Fun on the Run bag.

**** Every Friday, we introduce new items in our Menu called **"State to State."** April Specials: Campbell's Tomato Soup with Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Rocco Pizza, Galaxy Pizza. Spinach Salad Topper contains Hard Boiled Egg w/ Shredded Cheese.



Longwood Family Restaurant Night at McDonald's

516 N. River Road

**Tuesday, April 21, 2009
4-8 PM**

20% of all sales go to the Longwood PTA
to support school activities.

*Final Restaurant Night for this school year!
Come see which Longwood Student
is on the Happy Meal box!*

Please DO NOT forget to bring the slip below!
(Must have slip for sale to count towards Longwood)

{Please cut out form and give it to the restaurant when making payment. Thank You!}

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Longwood PTA Restaurant Night at McDonald's 4/21/09

Amount purchased before tax: _____

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