



## Kumba Kids and Harambee

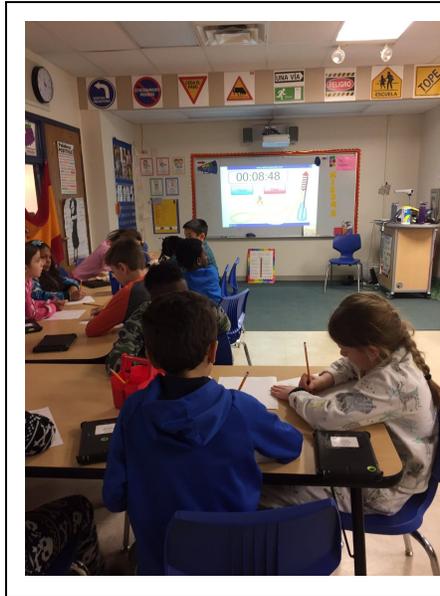
by: Saskia van der Meer

You might know of a performance called Harambee. This year's performance was on February 24th at Longfellow. Some groups, like Kumba Kids, perform in it. Kumba Kids is an African dancing group. They do a couple of African dances, hip-hop dances, and African drumming. Some people in Kumba Kids say that they like the African or Caribbean dances because we are all together and it is always a cool dance to perform.

Kuumba Kids always has some cool outfits for the performers. A couple of years ago, there was a glow in the dark outfit and there are usually some colorful ones too. Lots of people come to the Harambee performances. Some people can't even get a seat because it's so packed! Many people say that Harambee always has great performances, which get the whole crowd on their feet. If you have never been to a Harambee performance, you should try to check one out!



Students perform in Harambee for Black History Month.



Fourth grade students working hard in Spanish class.

## Spanish at Longfellow

by: Graham Shea

Do you want to learn more about Spanish class? If so, then read this article. First, we interviewed Senora Lynch, one of the Spanish teachers here at Longfellow. We asked her what her favorite part about Spanish class is and she said, "I love that I can help students learn another language and expose them to different cultures around the world." Senora Lynch's favorite Spanish book is Los Tamales de Ana. She likes this book because "it's the story of a younger sister, Ana, who wants to be just like her older sister, Lidia. The book focuses on the tradition of making tamales during the holiday season and how it is a family activity."

Senora Lynch uses ClassDojo with her students because she loves that it helps keep students motivated and accountable for their participation in

## Newspaper Club

by: Colin Thompson

Scribble Scribble Scribble.... Newspaper Club is one of the many after school programs here at Longfellow. It was started by Ms. Ibarra because she thought it would be fun for kids to create a newspaper about school and community events and activities.

We asked Ms. Ibarra what her favorite part about teaching Newspaper Club is, and she said, "I like how students are able to learn what's going on in our school."

We also interviewed a student, Newspaper Club reporter, Henry. S, and his favorite part about Newspaper Club is that you get to interview teachers and friends. We also interviewed Graham S about his experiences in Newspaper Club. He thinks Newspaper Club is a lot of fun and he really enjoys being a reporter.

Newspaper Club is one exciting after school option for students who like to conduct interviews and write. Newspaper Club is always looking for new reporters to join the team!



A Newspaper Club reporter conducts an interview for her story.

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**The Longfellow Bears Bulletin**  
 is always seeking reporters for  
 upcoming sessions. If you're  
 interested in becoming a  
 reporter for our school  
 newspaper, ask your parents to  
 sign you up for the ALL  
 (Always Learning at  
 Longfellow) after school  
 Newspaper Club spring session!  
 We will meet on Tuesdays  
 starting 4/11, and ending on  
 5/23.

## Winter Carnival

By: Caitlin Ladesich

Have you ever heard about the winter carnival? If you haven't, we have some information for you from one of the PTO members and a student. First, we asked the PTO member why people enjoy going to the winter carnival. She said, "I think people enjoy attending the winter carnival because we have a lot of games, raffles, and prizes. We have good food and yummy treats! It's also fun to be at school on a Saturday and not to have to be in your class learning."

Next, we asked the PTO member how they choose the games and activities for the winter carnival. She said that there are many repeat games used from year to year because kids love them and they are popular. Some of the most popular games include the hi-strike, plinko, and ball toss. They also have games for younger kids, like the lollipop tree, pencil pull, or animal cage. The bounce house and the cake walk are very popular. So is the guy who makes balloon animals. Every year they try to have something new and exciting. This year they had a photo booth with props! There are usually over 600 people who attend the winter carnival each year. Students bring their siblings, family, and friends to the winter carnival. The most popular activity at the winter carnival is a close call between the cake walk and the bouncy house. Last year they added bingo and that was popular with the older kids and the adults.

This year's winter carnival also included an air tattoo artist, an art table, and a nail painting station! They also had a new pop-a-shot basketball game where you can compete against a friend.

We also interviewed a student, Clementine S, about the winter carnival. She said her favorite food to eat at the

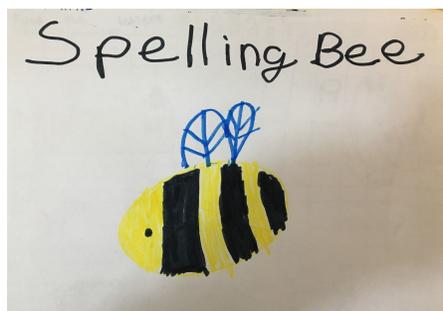
class. She thinks that the students like all of the different activities that we do in class, from dancing, reading, writing, role playing, playing games, and working on the iPads. Senora Lynch has been teaching Spanish at Longfellow for 10 years.

We asked her how she teaches each grade level differently and she said that kindergarteners are exposed to basic vocabulary, like colors, numbers, and body parts. She said that, "As we move on through the grade levels, we build upon what we have learned the previous years and learn about different countries and new Spanish vocabulary. We also work on more writing and reading as the years progress."

We also interviewed two students about their experiences in spanish class. The first student is Henry S. We asked him what his favorite part about Spanish class is and he said that he likes to play the games. His favorite spanish phrase is: como se llama? He said that the best thing he's learned about in Spanish is how to say the foods. We also asked him what the hardest thing he's ever done in spanish is, and he said memorizing vocabulary words.

Finally, we interviewed another third grade student, named Colin T. Colin's favorite part about Spanish class is playing a game called Four Corners. The hardest vocabulary he's had to learn in Spanish class has been words for different clothes.

I hope you've learned a lot about Spanish classes at Longfellow!



### 2017 RESULTS:

**Grade 3 WINNER:** Kinan S.

**Grade 3 Runner-Up:** Ruby T.

**Grade 4 WINNER:** Ciel E.

**Grade 4 Runner-Up:** Julia M.

**Grade 5 WINNER:** Marek H.

**Grade 5 Runner-Up:** Sylvia J.



Our lunchroom director serves hot lunch to students.

## School Lunches

by: Clementine Shipley

Do you ever wonder who decides what foods are on the school lunch menu each month? Well we have some answers for you!

The food director at OPRF High School decides what will go on the menu each month. Do you ever wonder how they make so much food before the lunch bell rings each day? Well each day, they start cooking at 5:30 AM at the high school. They then transport the food, in warmers, to Longfellow.

Do you know what the most popular hot lunch is? It is cheese pizza! Do you ever wonder where the ingredients for the food come from? They come from nut-free companies. The reason why some lunches appear more than once on the menu is because there are only about 15 to 18 healthy lunch choices picked for the entire school year. Those choices are rotated throughout the school year. Did you know Mrs. Welch, our lunch room director, enjoys cooking, but likes making desserts much more?

There are two student opinions about school lunches. One student, Caitlin, says that her favorite hot lunch is chicken drumsticks, because it's finger food. She gets hot lunch because she doesn't like sandwiches. She normally gets hot lunch every day. Caitlin's least favorite lunch is pasta with meat sauce. Another student, Olivia, says that her favorite school lunch is chicken tenders

carnival is pizza. Clementine said that she and her brother have fun going to the winter carnival together every year. Clementine's favorite activity was the cake walk, and her brother's was the bounce house. We hope you enjoyed learning more about the winter carnival.



Nurse Kimmy gets a pie in the face at this year's winter carnival.

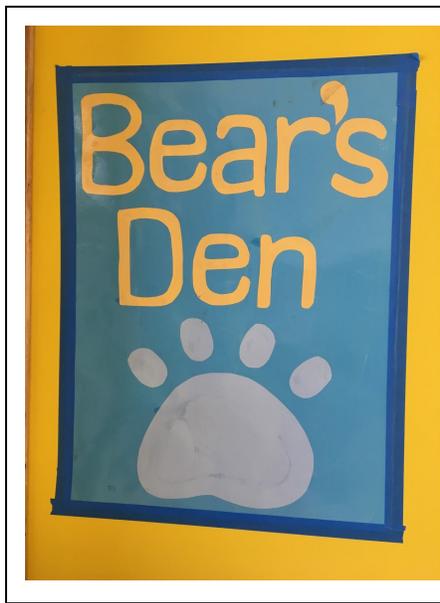
## Teacher Spotlight

By: Julia Mattiace



Have you ever seen any teachers at Longfellow and wondered about their life? Well here is your inside scoop about Ms. Mulsoff and Mrs. Pasquinelli.

Mrs. Pasquinelli started teaching in 2004. Her favorite subject to teach is reading. She also likes writing and math. Overall, she loves to teach everything! Mrs. Pasquinelli was inspired to teach by her high school English teacher, Mrs. Metaniuos. She said Mrs. Metaniuos opened her eyes to new types of literature and was very patient and kind. Mrs. Pasquinelli did not always know she wanted to be a teacher. She originally wanted to go into sports management or advertisement. While she was in college, she was a



The Bear's Den is located on the third floor at the end of the 4th and 5th grade hallway.

## The Bear's Den and Raffle

by: Esme Conour

Do you want to know more about the raffle and the Bear's Den, which happen every Friday at Longfellow? If so, then read on!

First, let's start by seeing which one students like better. Fourth grader, Julia M likes the raffle better because everyone gets to participate. Only fourth and fifth graders can participate in the Bear's Den. On the other hand, fifth grader, Saskia V, likes the Den better because she does not have to take her chances. Mrs Cahill runs the Bear's Den and the raffle each week, and she really likes them both.

Now let's focus on Bear Necessities in general. Saskia V. says she likes Bear Necessities and that we are the only school using them. Julia M. agrees, but, if you really want to dig deep, Bear Necessities were made a long time ago with help from Ms. Clarke and Mr. Weber.

We asked some students if they like the prizes in the Bear's Den, and what some favorite prizes are. Both students we interviewed said that they really like the stuffed animals. Another thing you might be wondering is if the students think the prizes cost too many Bear Necessities. Saskia V thinks that the

because they taste really good. Olivia gets hot lunch because she likes it. She normally gets hot lunch every day. Her least favorite lunch is breakfast for lunch. Students also have the choice of ordering a wrap or a salad instead of the hot lunch.

Enjoy your hot lunch!

## MAP Testing

By: Henry Spell

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Each year all of Longfellow's second, third, fourth, and fifth graders take MAP tests. MAP tests help students see how far they can go with their learning. Students take MAP tests three times each year and the subjects for MAP are reading and math.

Mrs. Cahill, our assistant principal, feels good about MAP testing. She thinks it helps show students all that they have learned during the year.

We also interviewed a third grade student named Colin about MAP testing. He said, "I feel okay about it." He said he liked it because he likes to try to beat his previous score, but on the other hand, it takes a long time to take the test.

In summary, MAP testing is very interesting for students because you get to see how far you can go academically.



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recreation supervisor, and one of her responsibilities was training teenagers to become lifeguards and program supervisors. She really enjoyed planning the training sessions, teaching the various skills, and helping the students grow professionally. This experience prompted her to get a degree in education. She decided to teach third grade because at Lincoln, she was a student teacher for 3rd grade. She liked it, so she decided to teach it. What Mrs. Pasquinelli likes about teaching is children's open mindedness and willingness to learn new ideas and concepts. She also likes that children have an amazing sense of curiosity and that they are open to different ideas and ways of thinking. Mrs. Pasquinelli's favorite animal is the elephant. Her favorite food is french fries. Mrs. Pasquinelli's favorite colors are green, khaki, and army green. She has four pet dogs. Their names are Zoe, Simba, Rocco, and Trina. Ms. Mulsoff also started teaching in 2004. Ms. Mulsoff says her second and third grade teachers inspired her to teach. Ms. Mulsoff decided, when she was in third grade, that she wanted to be a teacher.

Ms. Mulsoff's favorite part about teaching is seeing how much kids grow over the school year. She also likes that you get to teach most of them how to read for the very first time. Ms. Mulsoff's favorite subject is reading.

Her favorite color is purple and her favorite animal is a dolphin. Her favorite food is pizza and her favorite book is The Giving Tree. Her favorite sport's team is the Cubs.

When Ms. Mulsoff was a kid, she played the flute and the piano. She also played four sports: baseball, softball, basketball, and volleyball.

Ms. Mulsoff has one pet: a fish named Swimmy. Her hobbies include watching movies, taking walks, and playing sports in her backyard.

prizes that cost 50 Bear Necessities are too expensive, but the items worth 10 are not too expensive. Julia M. does not like the 10 and 50 shelves, but she really likes items on the 25 shelf.

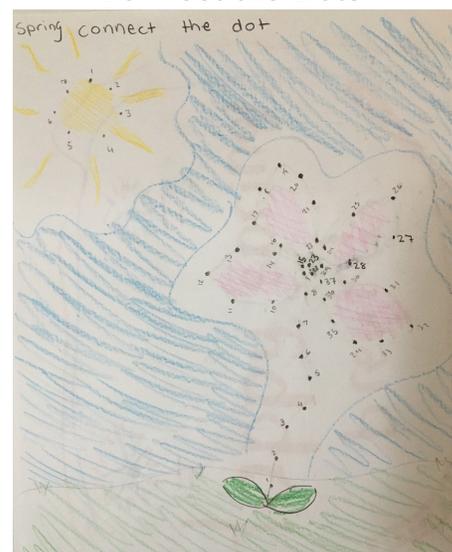
You might want to know how Longfellow gets the prizes for the Bear's Den and raffle. Mrs. Cahill said that some prizes are donated by parents and others are bought by Mrs. Cahill.

Why does Mrs. Cahill run the Bear's Den and why is the Bear's Den only open to fourth and fifth graders? First, Mrs. Cahill runs the Bear's Den because she wants the students to know that she realizes how hard we work to be safe, respectful, and responsible. The Bear's Den is only open to fourth and fifth graders because they can save up lots of Bear Necessities over the years in order to buy items that they want, that might cost a lot.

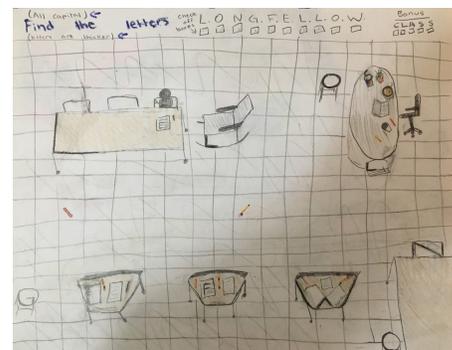
Good luck at the next raffle!



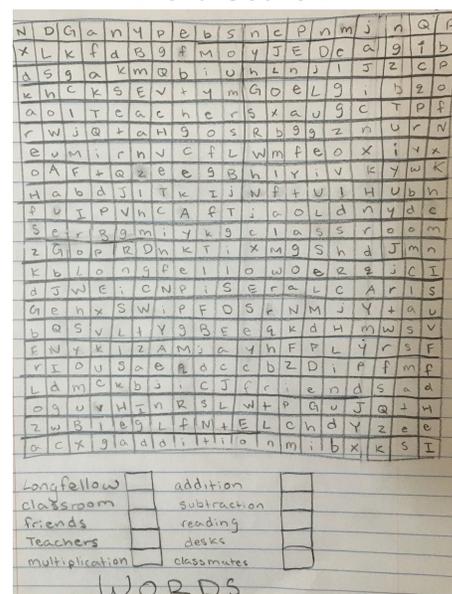
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