

Dolezal's Desktop

October 22, 2009

SCHOOL SAFETY

Your children continue to work hard at being respectful, responsible, and safe. Staff members have emphasized safety in the lunchroom, on the playground, in the hallways, on buses, and in the classroom. I would like to remind parents of the following procedures to help ensure our children's safety.

- All adults must sign into the office when they enter the school. Please enter through the front doors, sign-in, and wear a visitor's badge. Please make sure you also sign-in before walking your child to class. **(This includes entering through any of the playground doors.)**
- All adults need to set a safe example for students by using the safety lines at the street corners.
- Drive safely around the school, obeying the posted speed limit, the crossing guards, and the stop lights. Please slow down, and keep our children safe!
- Make sure the school has all emergency numbers in case of an accident at school. Please contact the school with updated information and phone numbers.
- Please do not bring animals onto school property when walking your child to or from school. We have children that are afraid of dogs; we also have children who are allergic to cats and dogs.
- Please see our website for the Village's proposed *Safe Routes to School*. These routes are determined to be the safest routes for children traveling to and from school.

HALLOWEEN

On **Friday, October 30**, our daily schedule will be adjusted to give students more hours of academic time. All students will have a longer morning and a shorter afternoon. The schedule for October 30 is as follows:

8:00 – 12:00 PM	Morning Session
12:00 – 12:55 PM	Lunch
12:55 – 1:15 PM	Prepare for parade
1:15	School Parade
	Parties after the parade

Our school parade will begin on the playground, head south on Highland, west on Van Buren, north on Cuyler and around the cul-de-sac; then we will continue south on Cuyler, west on Van Buren to Ridgeland. We will then head north on Ridgeland, east on Jackson, and finish on the playground.

The PTO will have snacks on the playground for families waiting for us to return back to the playground.

If you choose to not have your child(ren) participate in the parade or in their class parties, please let your child's teacher know. We will have an alternate setting available for any students who choose to not participate.

PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

Our annual Pumpkin Festival is scheduled for **Thursday, October 29, and Friday, October 30**. The Pumpkin Festival is a pumpkin decorating contest with four categories: PreK/K/1st, 2nd/3rd, 4th/5th, and the family category.

Decorate a pumpkin and have your child bring it to school. Pumpkins that are labeled with each category and students' name can be dropped off on the tables set up in the hallway by the office.

CONFERENCES

Thank you to all the parents who attend Parent/Student/Teacher conferences this week. Educating your children is a partnership, and we appreciate all your support.

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While at your conference, I hope you had a chance to visit the Lost and Found table. Items still on the table next week will be donated.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

One of the easiest fundraisers for our school starts in your kitchen. Longfellow receives 10 cents for each Box Tops for Education coupon you turn in, and the money adds up quickly. Longfellow families and friends have already turned in over \$200 worth of Box Tops since last spring's submission deadline.

Look for the pink coupons on products from General Mills, Pillsbury, Betty Crocker, Ziploc, and Huggies to name a few. Tell your extended family, neighbors, and friends to save the Box Tops too.

The next submission deadline is October 30. Coupons can be dropped off at the school office or in the collection box outside the auditorium. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Shea at ccclshea@sbcglobal.net.

TARGET'S TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION

This program gives Longfellow a percentage of the amount of each purchase in the form of a cash donation. It's super-easy, and all you have to do is use your Target Visa or Target Charge Card.

Just visit target.com/tcoe, or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate our school. Longfellow's ID is 4767.

ESCRIP

Earn money for Longfellow simply by shopping at Dominick's and other merchants!

To do this, enroll in eScrips by following the steps below:

1. Log onto www.eScip.com
2. Click on "About the Program"
3. Click on "Sign up now"
4. Follow the directions.
5. Longfellow's Group ID is **6530292**

(There are many Longfellow schools, please make sure you have the correct one!)

Please contact Rachel Klayman at rachelhk@ameritech.net if you have any questions.

COMING UP

October

26 - 28 – Jewel Shop and Share

Shop at Jewel with the Longfellow Shop and Share coupon, and raise money for Longfellow activities.

28 – Opera for the Young visits Longfellow

Students watch an opera performance in the gym at 9:00 AM. A group of students are selected to perform in the opera.

29 – 30 – Pumpkin Festival

Decorate a pumpkin and enter it in one of four categories (PreK/K/1st, 2nd/3rd, 4th/5th, or family)

30 – Halloween Parade and Parties

Students will line up on the playground to parade around the block at 1:00. Following the parade, classrooms will have a party.

November

6 – No School

Veteran Day Observance

11 – Turkey Trot

3rd – 5th grade students "trot," or run around the field five times. Turkeys are then raffled off to a number of participants, and the top boy and girl in each grade receives a medal. Encourage your child to enter, and you may receive Thanksgiving dinner.

14 – Market Day

Pick-up your market day order at school.

17 – PTO Meeting

Join us in the media center for our PTO meeting. Chris Jasculca, communications coordinator for District 97, will be our guest to talk about the district's current initiatives, including digital backpacks.

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**20 – Picture Retake for PKP and 5th Grade
Parent/Staff Social**

Join the Longfellow staff for a night out at Fitzgerald's Side Bar. Come out for an entertaining evening without the kids.

24 – End of First Trimester

25 – 27 – No School

Institute Day and Thanksgiving Holiday