

Welcome to Longfellow School

New Family Night 2018-2019



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to 37607

to join the
conversation
and share your
thoughts on this
question!



Your
response(s) will
be shared live
with the

Let's Hear From You First! What are some of the hopes and dreams you have your your child(ren) at Longfellow School?



Respond at **PollEv.com/maggiecahill317**



Text **MAGGIECAHILL317** to **37607** once to join, then text your message

“Making lasting friendships, gaining confidence and learning new things!”

“Create a safe place”

“To make friends, learn how to be social To learn and grow”

“I hope my boys will feel inspired by their schoolwork”

“My wish/hope for my daughter this kindergarten year, is that she continue to cultivate her curiosity and develop a deeper love of learning. I want her to”

“Find joy in learning and fun with new friends”

“I'm hoping my daughter has the same, if not better, experience as I did attending Longfellow. These were the start of not only a great education but frie”

“Opportunities to strive, friends, a sense of community, recognizing talent and individuality”

“Caring for others”

“I hope that my son looks forward to seeing his teachers and friends every day”

“Excitement for learning”

Family Engagement

Family engagement is necessary for academic and social/emotional achievement.

We have a commitment to one another and an eye on a common goal.

We'd like you to know:

- 1) How well your child is doing
- 2) How you can take action to support them at home
- 3) What your child should know and be able to do by the end of the year

School Schedule

- Bell
 - 7:57 First Bell
 - 8:00 School Begins
 - 3:00 Dismissal Bell
- School Hours
 - 8:00-3:00 (Except Wednesdays , Early Dismissal, 8:00-2:30)
- Tardiness and Absences
 - Call or email if your child is going to be absent or late to ensure lunch is ordered if needed (longfellowattendance@op97.org or 708-665-3068)

Before School Options

Breakfast (Drop in program, come as needed and ring doorbell at entrance 9W)

7:15-7:45

Gym Time (Students have the opportunity to come to the gym and play before school, come as needed through the front office for a pass)

7:30-8:00

Sunrise Study Hall (Drop in program, come as needed through front office for a pass)

7:30-8:00

FLIP (PTO- Foreign Language Instructional Program, enrollment required)

7:30-8:00

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

It is recommended that students arrive between 7:45-7:55 (Supervision begins at 7:45)

ALL students enter school through back doors

- Exception- Ms. Dabney and Ms. Tatro's Kindergarten classes enter through the front entrance
- Each class has an assigned line and door to enter
- Teacher will pick up classes from their line and enter the building at the 7:57 bell
- Tardy if your child arrives after 8 am
- In inclement weather students report inside (K to PKP hallway, 1/3/5th grades to auditorium, 2/4th grades to mini gym)

Students are dismissed through their designated doors. Students who are not picked up by 3:10 report to the office. After school plans must be determined before the end of the day.

School Bus

- Families are informed at the time of registration if qualify
- Students receive bus passes that are needed to board the bus
- “Space available” at the end of September

After School Options

- ABC Toon Town
- Academia
- First Baptist Church
- Hephzibah
- La Casa
- Magical Minds
- Oak Park Friends School
- Oak Park Park District Clubhouse or Fox Park
- River Forest Community Center
- Seed Montessori
- YMCA

Lunch Procedures

- Lunch begins on the first day
- Can buy a lunch or bring a lunch (no glass, no heating)
- Buying - Hot, Pizza Kit, Wrap, Salad, Milk - Fat-free, 1%, Chocolate
- 11:05-11:30 – 2nd and 3rd eat
- 11:30-12:00 - Kdg and 4th eat / 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th play
- 12:00-12:25 – 1 st and 5th eat / Kdg and 4th play

Fees and Lunch Payment

- Free and Reduced Lunch and Fee Forms
- Rev Trak/ Webstore- Fee Payment
- Mealtime Online- Lunch Payment
- Negative balance notification
- Continuous negative balances

Snacks

- All Classrooms are nut safe
- There are designated nut safe tables in the lunchroom for students and buddies
- Classroom teachers determine snack times
- Classroom celebrations are determined by teacher (Wellness Policy)
- Snack lists are by grade level
- Water bottles and snacks separate from lunch

Recess

- Outside unless single digits (with or without windchill)
- Inside lunch recess:
 - Kdg, 1st, and 2nd watch shows in the auditorium
 - 3rd read, write, draw, socialize in library
 - 4th and 5th in gym

Field Trips & Volunteers

In order to chaperone a field trip or volunteer at Longfellow, all adults must be fingerprinted.

Fingerprinting can be done at our district office. There is a link on the D97 homepage titled “Background Checks” and individuals can sign up via that link.

Behavioral Expectations

- 3 Basic Expectations- “The Bear Necessities”
 - Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe
- Philosophy of teaching and rewarding behaviors
 - Teaching Behavior: Station rotations, Second Step,
 - Rewarding Behavior: Bear Necessity slips, weekly raffle, Bear’s Den, trimester celebrations
- Correcting behavior through reteaching and documenting incidents through Office Referrals
 - You will always receive communication from the classroom teacher or administration if your child receives a referral

Student Activities

- Always Learning At Longfellow (ALL)
 - Yoga, Mad Science, Chess, etc.
- Band/Orchestra (4th and 5th grade)
- Chorus (4th and 5th grades)
- Let Me Run (3rd, 4th, and 5th)
- Longfellow Larks (1st, 2nd, 3rd)
- Spirit Team
- Student Council

First Day of School

First Bell rings at 7:57 am and dismissal is at 2:30 (due to Wednesday early release)

PTO provides coffee and treats

Classes line up on the playground (Exception- Ms. Dabney & Ms. Tatro's students line up in front)

YES, Kdg parents may come in with kids on the first day. You are welcome to stay until students leave for an assembly (about 10 minutes)

Communications

Teacher Website and/or
Blog

Weekly Message

[Digital Backpack](#)

Longfellow Elementary
Facebook Page

[PTO Website](#)

Thursday Packet

[What's Happening At
Longfellow \(WHAL\)](#)

[Longfellow School
Website](#)

[District 97 Website](#)

District [Listserv](#)

[Let's Talk](#)

Important Dates

Wednesday, Aug 21 - Kindergarten Open House (5:30 PM)

Wednesday, Aug 22 - First Day of School

Wednesday, August 29- Curriculum Night (Times for grade levels TBD)

Friday, Sept 7 - PTO Back to School Picnic (5:30 PM)

Wednesday, Sept 12 - PTO General Membership Meeting (7:00 PM)

Tuesday, Sept 20 - Picture Day

Wednesday, Oct 3 - New Family Welcome Dinner

PTO

Co- Presidents: Marta Ikegami and Michelle Mangan

General Meeting Dates-

Wednesday, September 12th

Wednesday, January 23rd

Wednesday, May 15th

Thank you for coming to our new family night!