



# Longfellow Elementary School

## Home of the Bears



August 2017

Welcome to the new school year! Please take a minute to look at this packet, which is designed to inform you about what the Longfellow Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) does, how you can help, and how you can stay informed about activities at Longfellow.

The Longfellow PTO plans, sponsors and funds a variety of activities that touch Longfellow children’s lives on a regular basis. We pay for school-wide assemblies, such as Opera for the Young and author visits. Our volunteers read to children in the classroom, help promote physical fitness, and support students in math and science. We provide appreciation lunches for teachers a few times a year. We sponsor family and diversity community building events, including school-wide picnics, Sports Night, Science Night, Art Night, Kuumba Kids performances and much more. Lastly, to provide these events, we raise funds year-round through a lot of different programs – Box Tops, an annual Fun Run, Parties at Longfellow (PAL), Dining for Dollars, Winter Carnival and many more.

**We all help to provide this to the Longfellow community.** The PTO relies upon parents, guardians, family members and teachers to volunteer at PTO activities and to donate funds.

We don’t expect a huge time commitment from volunteers. A few hours from everyone can add up fast and can be a big help to our school community. We have positions and tasks to fit all schedules and interests. We think you’ll find it easy and rewarding: you can volunteer during the day (Reading Buddies program, school picture days, book fairs), in the evenings (Back-to-School Picnic, Science Night, Art Night), weekends (at the Winter Carnival), or any time that is convenient (such as cooking and baking for teacher appreciation lunches, counting Box Tops, donating a PAL party).

Please take a moment to fill out the **Volunteer Form** and send it to school with your child. You can also reach out directly to the VP of Volunteers, Rachel Maddox ([vp\\_volunteers@longfellowpto.org](mailto:vp_volunteers@longfellowpto.org)). We’ll be in touch to let you know when you can help at activities that interest you.

Listed below are key events you'll want to put on your calendar. Watch the school website (<http://www.op97.org/longfellow>), the weekly Digital Backpack e-mail from Ms. Cahill and the PTO’s e-newsletter What's Happening at Longfellow (WHAT) for times, details and future events.

- September 4** NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY
- September 5** All-School Curriculum Night, Grade Level Times TBA
- September 8** Fun Run Rally, during the school day
- September 8** Back-to-School Picnic, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- September 12** Fall School Pictures, Information will be sent home
- September 19** PTO Meeting, 7 p.m. in the school library
- September 21** Kick-off for Parties at Longfellow (PAL), Lake Street Kitchen & Bar
- October 3** New Family Welcome Dinner, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- October 10** Annual Fun Run (our biggest fall fund-raiser), during the school day

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