



Longfellow Longhorns

"A Great Place to Learn"

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BOARD OF ED INFO FEBRUARY 18, 2010

FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM REVIEW

Director of Business Andrew Kruzich provided the Board with its annual review of the effectiveness of District 21's food service provider, Chartwell's. This year, there has been growth in the number of students choosing breakfast and lunch at school. There have been a number of improvements to the healthiness of the items on the menu. Specifically, whole grain pasta, brown rice, and local fruits and vegetables regularly appear on our menus now. New menu items also continue to be added to the menus. Chartwell's has been the District's food service provider for five years, and their performance has been deemed excellent. Now, as required by law in the State of Illinois, the District will open up a bid process this spring to determine who will serve as the food service vendor beginning with the 2010-2011 school year.

ONGOING INFO REGARDING DIST. 21 FINANCES

To keep up-to-date on the proposals being considered by the Board of Education to resolve the current financial challenges facing District 21, visit our website for regular updates at: www.ccsd21.org

Board members also welcome emails and phone calls with questions or comments from the public.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

March 18, 2010—7.30 PM
Administration Center

"Nothing you do for children is ever wasted. They seem not to notice us, hovering, averting our eyes, and they seldom offer thanks, but what we do for them is never wasted." -- Garrison Keillor

Congratulations Longfellow!

Congratulations to our Longfellow students, staff and school community for once again receiving the Illinois State Board of Education, "Academic Excellence Award". To earn this award, a school must:

- have 90% or more of its students meet or exceed state standards in both reading and mathematics for at least three consecutive years.
- make "adequate yearly progress" (AYP) during the 2008-2009 school year.

The state superintendent sent a letter and certificate to our school which will be posted in our main hallway. Again congratulations to our entire school community for receiving this special commendation.

THE "Everything You've Ever Wanted To Know About Clubhouse" MEETING

The Buffalo Grove Park District CLUBHOUSE Program is a before and after school childcare program operating at the following eight schools: Country Meadows, Ivy Hall, Kildeer, Kilmer, Longfellow, Prairie, Pritchett, and Tripp elementary schools. The program operates from 7:00 AM until the start of the school day and from the end of the school day until 6:00 PM. We offer a wide variety of supervised recreational activities, including active games and sports, arts and crafts, card and board games, music, and dance. There is also time for children to work on their homework. There are two day, three day, four day, and five day a week options available, in addition to the choice of morning, afternoon, or both morning and afternoon care available.

Our informational meeting for prospective families will be held on Thursday, March 18, 2010 at 7:00 PM in rooms 10 & 11 at the Alcott Center of the Buffalo Grove Park District (located at 530 Bernard Drive). We encourage all interested PARENTS to attend this meeting. Registration materials will be made available at that time. Please contact Melissa Lewis at business number 847-850-2134 and Erika Strojinc at business number 847-850-2133 with questions.

Late Arrivals

We continue to have problems with late arrivals. Each day we have at least 10 students arriving late for school in the morning and at noon about 1 to 2 students are late for kindergarten. As a result, instruction is interrupted in many rooms as students enter homerooms past the scheduled start times. Prompt and regular attendance is important for success in school and life. Please be sure to establish routines which allow your child(ren) to arrive at school on time.

Jump Rope for ♥

This year our Longhorns got the jump on heart disease and stroke by raising \$3,434.50 for the American Heart Association! More than 300 students in grades 1-5 participated in the 13th Annual Jump Rope for Heart event at Longfellow. Our students and community are to be commended for their effort and generosity. All of the money raised supports local research and educational programs to fight cardiovascular diseases, the Chicago area's #1 killer.

Great job Longhorns. Thank you for your caring generosity.

Dates & Events

Friday 3/12

Gr. 3-5 Report Cards
PTO Movie Night @ Longfellow

Thursday 3/18

Bus evacuation drill
7:30 p.m., Board of Ed Mtg.

Friday 3/19

All-school lunch
1:05 & 2:05 p.m., assemblies,
"Writing Royally" play

Saturday 3/20

Spring vacation begins!

Monday 3/29

Classes resume. Passover begins at sunset.

Wednesday 3/31

1:00-3:00 p.m., Education Fair
and 3:45-5:30 p.m.

Thursday 4/1

End of 3rd Quarter
Grade 4 field trip

Friday 4/2

No School (Good Friday)

Ten Healthy Tips for Families

1. Shop for fruits and vegetables with your child. When children are part of the planning, they are more likely to eat healthy foods.
2. Serve raw vegetables with dip. Many children prefer raw veggies for their crisp texture and bright colors.
3. An 8-oz. glass of 100% fruit juice counts as 1 cup of fruit. Fruit has fiber but juice does not. Choose fruit over juice to feel full longer.
4. Make healthy choices when eating out. Pick milk over a soft drink, salad in place of fries and try a wrap with grilled chicken instead of a hamburger. **Remember**, go easy on the mayonnaise and salad dressings.
5. Yellow and orange fruits and vegetables such as nectarines, peaches, corn, cantaloupe and yellow peppers help maintain a healthy heart, good vision and a healthy immune system.
6. Wash and cut up vegetables so they're ready to eat. Use see-through containers, so kids can see what's inside.
7. Put healthy snack choices where kids can reach them, perhaps on lower shelves, in your refrigerator, pantry or cabinet.
8. Bones take in the most calcium between ages 9-19. The best sources are low-fat milk, yogurt and cheese.
9. Offer kids whole grain pita bread or tortillas for sandwiches or snacks.
10. Make exercise a part of your daily routine and remember that a jump rope is an inexpensive item that helps strengthen the body and heart!

http://www.humec.ksu.edu/fnp/resources/newsletters/Wellness_Newsletter/Healthy_Tips_for_Families.com

The Role of Teachers In A Professional Learning Community - (from District 21's "Preparing All Students for Success" brochure)

As teachers, we recognize a collaborative culture is the underlying structure on which advancement toward District 21's shared vision is supported. In order to advance this shared vision, we, as members of collaborative teams, will:

1. use various and balanced assessments to guide instructional design and to monitor students' progress towards intended curricular outcomes.
2. provide opportunities for students to develop academic and life skills necessary to make responsible choices, develop independence, and act respectfully and collaboratively.
3. commit to life-long learning, on-going professional development, and sharing and implementing relevant information and strategies into our learning environment.
4. provide a supportive school atmosphere where everyone feels emotionally, physically, and intellectually safe while acting with integrity, respect, and honesty.
5. be proactive to collaborate with and involve parents in the education of their children by communicating student progress and providing a support system for students.
6. provide differentiated instruction that incorporates conceptual, inquiry, and research-based practices as well as real-world learning at student's instructional level.
7. communicate with and utilize resources of the community.