Welcome Back! Roadrunners Are Off & Running!

Welcome back to what promises to be a great year for learning at Long School. We are looking forward to an exceptional school year with the entire Long School Community working together. Our school is continuing to grow and we were excited to add another classroom prior to the start of the school year.

We welcomed several staff members to Long this year. Jennifer Hatfield will be working with Kindergarten as our Early Childhood Specialist, Patrick Walters joins to teach music, Rania Ankouny will be at Long to support our English language learners.

We will continue to actively involve parents and students in the education process through 'My Learning Plan'. This process enables students to select their own goals in areas of academic need as well as personal interest to them. Teachers, students and parents will monitor progress toward achieving these goals throughout the year.

Long School teachers will be planning collaboratively to pool their creativity into engaging learning for all students. We will continue to use our Classroom Dojo system to communicate upcoming events. We will be implementing the Core Essential Values program this year. The entire school will focus on specific values throughout the year. Our first value is respect. You can support this initiative by reinforcing the values at home. Also, sign up for our school blog to make sure you stay up on all the latest happenings!

Lunch Prices
School Lunch prices have not changed!
Lunch—$2.75
Reduced Price—$0.40
Milk—$0.50

Breakfast At School
8:15 to 8:35 am
$1.25 full pay

PTA Update
Long School PTA is off and running for the new school year. Here are some of our upcoming events:
Sept. 14—Open House from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 20—PTA meeting at 7:00 in the Long School Media Center.
Please continue to collect Box tops for education and empty printer ink cartridges. These items translate into supplies for Long School!

We are in need of many committee chairs and members as well as Scout Leaders. Any way you can, Get Involved! Our students need you.
Back to School Reminders

Remember that children will try to live up to our expectations. We at Long School set high expectations for our students and you as parents should do the same. Discuss your expectations about their behavior at school and let them know you support school policies.

- Please speak with your child regarding safe play. We do not play any games that involve pushing or holding another child.
- Noon-hour Supervisors should be respected and students are expected to follow their directions.
- Vulgar language and/or profanity is not acceptable at any time. People often judge you by the words you use. Help them learn this lesson now.
- Please review rules about talking to or going anywhere with strangers. Please notify the school if you notice anything questionable.
- Children may not bring any electronic devices to school. We will not be held responsible for their damage or loss. Also, unless directed by the teacher, children do not need to bring any toys to school.
- Cell phones are not necessary at school. We cannot be responsible for their damage or loss. Any cell phones must be off and out of sight during the school day.
- As always, only 4th and 5th graders may ride bikes to school. Bikes must be walked in the school area and placed in the bike rack. Please keep bikes locked during school hours. Skateboards, roller blades and scooters are not permitted as we have no place to store them during the school day and skateboarding and roller blading are not permitted on school grounds.

Be Here!

Your child’s teachers will do their best to help your child learn and succeed in school. But there’s one thing only you can do—get him/her to school on time every day.

Children who don’t attend school regularly fall behind and score lower on tests. They can have a hard time making and keeping friends—especially in elementary school.

Show your child and his teachers that you know attendance counts:

- Be On Time.
- Tell your child how important school is.
- Make dental and other appointments during non-school hours.
- Don’t let your child skip school for reasons that wouldn’t prevent you from going to work.
- Avoid scheduling vacations during school time.
- Keep track of your child’s absences. See if there are any patterns that need to be changed.
- Discuss the consequences of missing school. Not understanding, needing to make-up work, missing out on friends.

***Please Note: If your child is arriving late, they must check in at the office and receive a tardy pass before going to class. This will help us ensure they are marked present and have ordered lunch.

Super Safeties

Long School Safeties and Service Squad have always done a fantastic job keeping our students safe. Service Squad and Safeties for the 2017-2018 school year began their posts on Friday. Please encourage your child to respect them and follow their directions. We appreciate Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Lee again overseeing these students.
Lunch and Recess

This year, we will continue with our lunchtime incentive program. Classrooms earn points each day for cleaning up and following lunchtime rules and procedures. The class with the most points at the end of each month will earn a special surprise.

During lunch, students are expected to follow these procedures:

- Raise your hand for help
- Walk in the cafeteria and hallway
- Use quiet voices in the cafeteria
- Stay seated while you are eating
- Clean up your area
- Follow the Supervisors directions
- Use acceptable language
- Play games that are safe
- Throw only authorized equipment
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself

Dearborn Schools are trying to develop healthy eating habits in our students. Please save fast food deliveries for special occasions only.

Medication at School

We have had many questions regarding administering medication during the school day. Please be aware that we are required to strictly adhere to the following procedure:

"All medication must have an authorization form on file which is signed by both parent and physician. This includes Tylenol, Motrin, nasal spray, cough syrup, and other over the counter medications."

As always, we appreciate your support.

Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

The safety of our students is our number one concern. You can help by following these procedures.

- Parents picking
- Up or dropping off students are asked to please be aware of the Safeties and the students they are assisting to cross the street.
- Slow Down and completely stop at the Stop signs!
- Please be courteous to our neighbors and do not block driveways while waiting to pick up students.
- Do not park in the Kitchen Delivery driveway.
- Do not double park or block other parents.
- Respect the Handicap Parking area in the parking lot.
- Encourage your child to cross at the crosswalk not in mid-block.
- Keep the cul-de-sac at the end of New York open so that people are able to turn around freely.
- Please avoid turning from Eastbound New York onto Northbound Westwood.
- Please do not have students walk through traffic to your car if you are parked across the street.
- When picking up students, please wait outside the building or between the vestibule doors. Dismissal can be a hectic time. Students need to hear reminders and directions from teachers, prepare their materials and exit in an orderly manner to ensure the safety of all. Teachers need to monitor that all students are picked up properly after school has been dismissed. Some classes are returning from Special classes at the end of the day and when students see their parents in the hall, they take off with them and may not return to class or notify their teacher. Having students meet you at the doors also helps them become more independent and creates fewer traffic jams in the narrow hallways. As always, parents are welcome at Long School but we appreciate your support in following this procedure.
## Student Dress

At Long School, we dress for success and safety. Keep in mind the following when choosing your wardrobe:
- Midriff baring shirts may not be worn.
- Clothing with vulgarity or profanity may not be worn.
- Flip flops may not be worn during recess and students must wear socks with open-toed shoes while outside.
- Shorts and skirts should be of a discrete length. Use your closed hand with your arm hanging down.
- Intentionally ripped up or torn clothing may not be worn.
- Be sure to dress appropriately for the weather. We will go outside.

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