



LONGFELLOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

"Home of the Razorbacks"

Avenue

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Dear Longfellow families,

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! It is exciting to be back to school! We are ready for the challenges of providing a great education for your child with many opportunities to learn and grow.

Longfellow staff members:

Kindergarten -	Ms. Sarah Lease, Ms. Sara Valentine, Mrs. Christy Fulk	
1 st Grade-	Mrs. Kelli Kuxhausen, Mrs. Cindy Hald, Mrs. Susan Bosche	
2 nd Grade -	Mrs. Libby Kaufman, Mrs. Bethany Conde, Mrs. Shanna Milam, Ms. Ashlee Policky	
3 rd Grade -	Mrs. Jenna Hall, Mrs. Angie Shaw, Mr. Justin Wheeler	
4 th Grade -	Mrs. Megan Burda, Mrs. Maddie Johnson, Mr. Ronnie Sims	
5 th Grade-	Mr. Tony Simonsen, Mrs. Hellen Jimenez, Mrs. Leah Massey	
Special Ed.-	Ms. Jourdan Land, Mrs. Jamie Hutchison, Ms. Trudy Schnell	
Speech-	Mrs. Vickie Rutter	
Counselor-	Mrs. Dallas Massey	
Literacy Coach -	Mrs. Wendee Powell	
Media Specialist -	Mrs. Maggie Feltgen	
Phys. Ed.-	Mr. Ron Howard	
Music-	Mrs. Jessica Martin	
Para Educators:	Mrs. Robbin Griess	Mrs. Mary Christensen
	Mrs. Ashley Harmon	Ms. Carrie Snyder
	Ms. Megan DeMaranville	Mrs. Marielena Romero
	Mrs. Ashley Parker	Mrs. Roxy Tomlin
	Mrs. Jackie Martischewsky	

Class lists will be posted on the windows along 21st Street on August 12 after 5:00 p.m. Please do not call the school to inquire about classroom placement. Class lists will not be finalized until August 12.

August 17 First Day of School for Grades 1-5

August 17 - 19 Kindergarten Rotation Days (1/3 of each class will attend one day)

August 22 First Day of School for Full Kindergarten classes

** Important Change - there will **NOT** be testing for kindergarten on August 15 & 16

At Longfellow Elementary we believe that all students can learn and achieve. It is the responsibility of the school to provide opportunities for students to learn and to be successful. Not all students learn at the same rate. Therefore, students will be provided multiple opportunities to be successful and to master the necessary skills in content areas to achieve to their ability. The Longfellow staff is prepared to go above and beyond to insure that students are reaching their potential.

Our school day will begin at 7:50 and dismissal is at 3:15. Students will be allowed to enter the building for breakfast at 7:20. Breakfast will be served until 7:45. Students will be allowed on the playground at 7:40. There will not be adult supervision on the playground until 7:40 so please do not bring your child to school prior to this time. Before 7:40 a.m. students are required to sit at the picnic tables along 21st Street. They are not supervised by adults until they are allowed on the playground at 7:40 a.m. At 7:40 a.m. students are asked to wait in line with their class until the bell rings at 7:50. We will begin each morning with a morning meeting in the gym to make announcements, say the pledge, etc.

Please be sure that students are dressed appropriately for school each day. Student dress does affect their performance in the classroom. It is important that students are dressed to learn and participate in school activities on the playground and various areas of the building.

A few reminders as we start the year -

- Please be sure to call the school to let us know if your child will not be attending school. We will be making home contacts to check on absences so that we are certain that students are safe.
- If you plan to eat lunch with your child, please call the office by 8:45 a.m. Please be prepared to order choice "a" or "b" from the lunch menu.
- Communication between school and our families is very important. We will send home Wednesday folders each week with information from the school and your child's classroom. Please be sure to check these folders each Wednesday and return them the following day so that they will be ready to send home the next week.
- Your child's teacher and the administration are always available to visit with you regarding any questions or concerns that you might have. Please be sure to let us know how we can help your child to be successful at school. We are all more successful if we are collaborating and working together.
- Longfellow has a wonderful PTO! Please come to the first meeting, September 13, beginning at 6:00.

Our back to school meet and greet is scheduled for August 16 from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.. Please plan to join us! This is an informal time for students to locate their classroom, bring supplies, and meet their teacher. Hopefully, this will ease any back to school jitters the night before school begins!

Longfellow's Open House will take place August 23rd, 6:00-7:00 PM.

We look forward to meeting our students and families throughout the year. Please be sure to stop in the office and introduce yourself as you come to school! We look forward to a great year at Longfellow Elementary!

Sincerely,

Laurie Bahl
Principal