

## Looking forward...

March 14 – Daylight Saving Time, *clocks ahead one hour*  
March 16 – PTA meeting 2:00 p.m. *in music room*  
March 17 – Saint Patrick's Day  
March 18 – Jump Rope for Heart  
March 25 – Green Club, *8:30 a.m.*  
March 25 – Free Dental Clinic at Longfellow  
April 23 – SPRING FLING! Save the Date!  
March 29 - Apr. 2 – Spring Break *NO SCHOOL*



Deadline for March 26 issue is  
**Wednesday, March 24 at NOON**  
[jmallory@cusd200.org](mailto:jmallory@cusd200.org)



## PTA News

The next PTA meeting is Tuesday, March 16 at 2:00 p.m. in the LLC. Please come and hear Mrs. Thornburg discuss how budget cuts may affect Longfellow. Should be interesting!



## Got Books ?

### Bring used books to school April 5–16

It's time for spring cleaning! And your Longfellow Battle of the Books team would like to help. There will be collection boxes in each classroom for your slightly used or new children's books.

Books will be given to inner-city Chicago schools for lending libraries. Book Worm Angels is dedicated to improving children's literacy through the development of regular reading habits among at-risk, low income children in grades pre K-8.

If you've got more books than your child can carry to school, home pickup can be arranged. Please contact Paula Wilding at [pswilding@aol.com](mailto:pswilding@aol.com).

## Congratulations 5th Grader Divya Rea!

The Reflections committee would like to congratulate Divya Rea for advancing to the National Level for her Reflections entry. Divya will be representing the State of Illinois in the Dance category. Thank you again to all the students who participated in the Reflections program. We will keep you posted as to the results at the national level. Way to go Divya!



## Jump Rope for Heart Update

Longfellow students are eager to become Heart Heroes by raising money for the American Heart Association. Pledge envelopes are due on Tuesday, March 16. Those who are receiving pledges online should be sure to make a print out of your donations and put it in the envelope. You are still able to register online by going to the Longfellow web page for directions. Thanks to all our volunteers who will be helping for the day. I just know it will be a great day! Don't forget to **wear RED on Thursday, March 18**. If you have any questions, give me a call at ext. 323. Below is the schedule for the day. Thanks for all your support!

*Mrs. Williams*

Time	Grade Level
9:25 – 9:55	Third Grades
10:00 – 10:30	Second Grades
10:35 – 11:05	Kindergarten
11:10 – 11:40	Fifth Grades
1:30 – 2:00	Kindergarten
2:05 – 2:35	First Grades

Great News! **Subway** (corner of Gary and Geneva) is offering a free subway sandwich party to the class who collects the highest amount of pledges.



## F.Y.I.

Please be aware that the weekly Longfellow Connection appears on our website for your convenience. For the direct link to the Longfellow Website: <http://Longfellow.cusd200.org>. For the District Webpage: <http://www.cusd200.org>.

## Chess Club

Congratulations to the Longfellow Chess Club! Competing against 13 public and private elementary schools in the all-Wheaton Chess Tournament, Longfellow took the 3rd place trophy in the K-3rd grade division, and 4th place in the 4th/5th grade division! Congrats to all of our Longfellow team members, each of whom won points towards our school total: *Alex Beausoleil, Daniel Dean, Joshua Dean, Nick Dean, Caroline Gaither, Adin Gruenwald, Avery Jennings, Casey Johnson, Tyler Johnson, Nathan Parker, Holden Peterson, Alex Potratz, Jack Prendiville, Deven Rea, William Richards, Cody Rogers, Trent Tiberi, Jack Wakeman, Sam Wakeman and Nathan Zeuch.*

Special congratulations to the following eight Longfellow players who placed individually within their grades: Kindergarten - *Sam Wakeman* (2nd place), *Holden Peterson* (3rd place), *Caroline Gaither* (4th place). 1st grade - *Avery Jennings* (9th place). 3rd grade - *William Richards* (3rd place), *Joshua Dean* (4th place), *Alex Beausoleil* (7th place). 5th grade - *Jack Prendiville* (5th place)

The Longfellow Chess Club meets on Tuesdays from 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the LLC and is open to students in K - 5th grades. If you would like more information, please contact Eleanore Richards at [eleanorerichards@sbcglobal.net](mailto:eleanorerichards@sbcglobal.net); (630) 665-8168 or call Ann Wakeman at (630) 653-0187 or [ann.wakeman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ann.wakeman@sbcglobal.net).



## Have You Booked Your Babysitter Yet ?

If you haven't, you'd better work quickly on getting your sitter lined up as the 6th Annual Longfellow Spring Fling will be here before you know it!

The night has been reserved for **April 23 at Arrowhead Golf Club** for our school's largest fundraiser. Registration, dinner and silent auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. New this year, a live auction will take place at 8 p.m. and will be emceed by a local celebrity. We don't want to give too much away, but let's just say that you're going to have a hard time NOT bidding on fantastic getaways, gourmet gifts and autographed memorabilia, in addition to our beloved classroom creations!!! Ticket prices are \$35/person and will be sold after Spring Break. Any questions, please contact Michelle Rollins: [michelle.rollins@speakeasy.net](mailto:michelle.rollins@speakeasy.net).

## Dental Clinic

The free dental clinic will do exams at Longfellow on *Thursday, March 25*. Look for the dental clinic form in this newsletter. The form must be filled out and signed in order to obtain services.

## Calling all Gourmets

If you would like to do your part in helping out with a high-end live auction item which is already in the works, please contact Michelle Rollins for further details: [michelle.rollins@speakeasy.net](mailto:michelle.rollins@speakeasy.net).



## Last-Minute Call For Donations

Donations are still being collected. If you have any items you'd like to contribute to this year's Spring Fling, please contact Michelle Rollins at [michelle.rollins@speakeasy.net](mailto:michelle.rollins@speakeasy.net).



## Green Club

Save your old gym shoes. We will be taking part in a gym shoe rescue the first two weeks of April. They will be sent to areas with need or shredded and reused. More details as the date nears.

We are still looking for students who would be interesting in participating, either at each meeting, or on a project specific basis. If you would like to be on the email list to know the agenda of each meeting, please contact Jill Palmore at [jhpalmore@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jhpalmore@sbcglobal.net).



## Attention Golfers

The Spring Fling golf outing is full! If you are interested in sponsoring a hole for this event, the cost is \$300 for a ½ page ad in our auction booklet, a sign at your golf hole and a ticket to the dinner/auction (a \$35 value). Please call Nancy Gambaiani at 630-668-4155 or contact her at: [gambyj@msn.com](mailto:gambyj@msn.com) <<mailto:gambyj@msn.com>>.

