

PTA Welcome Letter

Dear Longfellow Families,

Hello, my name is Vicki Davis; I'm the parent of a 7th grader here at Longfellow and your 2020-21 PTA President.

Despite these unusual and unsettling times, we hope you enjoyed your time off from school this summer and are ready to dive into the new school year. As we approach the start of classes, the Longfellow PTA is brainstorming ways in which we can help make distance learning go smoothly for all students and families.

As you know, in less than 1 week, we will be entering the uncharted territory of starting the school year with distance learning. This is sure to bring unforeseen (and foreseen) challenges to our community.

We are looking to you – our fabulous families—to help in an unprecedented way to help ensure that all students can thrive over these next months.

We are asking that IF you have time, energy, skills or ideas to share, that you join one of the PTA committees being formed over these next few weeks. Even if you are just interested in learning more before you commit, feel free to sign up here:

[Longfellow Volunteers 2020-21](#)

We are also asking all of the families that can afford it to please donate early this year in order to help with budgeting going forward. **We are targeting each family that has the means to please donate 100 dollars** and if they can afford it to donate 100 to contribute for a family that cannot at this time. You can set up recurring donations or a one-time donation using our PayPal account at the Longfellow PTA donations page:

[Donate to Longfellow](#)

In the meantime, here are some of the upcoming things to look forward to:

Later This Week: look for an email with directions on how to log into Illuminate (Student Portal) and check your student's schedule.

First 2 weeks of school:

We are planning a back to school drive thru swag giveaway. Students will be able to stop by campus to pick up some supplies and books. Exact date and schedule coming soon. We will need volunteers to help out (stay tuned)

BUSD distance learning plan: If you have not done so already, please review this resource distributed last Friday by Superintendent Stevens. Included in this resource, you will find the general middle school schedule that Longfellow will be working from.

[2020-21 BUSD Distance Learning Plan](#)

[Middle School Schedule](#)

Lunch Forms: All Longfellow families need to complete a lunch form. Lunch forms can be completed remotely at <http://www.EZmealapp.com>

Join the Longfellow Etree: Administrators and the PTA use it to share all school news. Sign up today so that you do not miss any announcements! Subscribe at:

<https://www.longfellowberkeley.org/contact>

PTA Meeting: Please consider joining us on **August 25th, from 6:30 to 8:00** pm for our first PTA meeting of the year.

We will review and approve the Longfellow budget, discuss upcoming meetings, community-building events, and how to support each other. We will also meet our new administrators!

Thank you all and stay safe,

Vicki Davis
Longfellow PTA President