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STRONG DEMAND FOR CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION CONTINUES

Today, the demand for skilled trades is growing as baby boomers are retiring and a national worker shortage looms. The first vocational classes were added to Longview Public Schools' curriculum in 1927 and have evolved over time to meet the demands of our changing world. Longview Public Schools has worked intently over the past decade to increase modern vocational opportunities using state of the art technology. Some of the classes we currently offer include welding, manufacturing, computer assisted drafting, computer integrated machining, robotics, and a pre-apprenticeship program in the trades. With over 50 CTE classes to choose from, students can explore their interests and prepare for a career after graduating from high school.



R.A. Long High School students
working on Ford vehicle, 1947



CTE student working on chop saw, 2010



Mark Morris CTE students
working on robot, 2022

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Students and teacher standing outside of Freeport School, 1890's.
The town of Freeport eventually became a part of Longview.
Photo provided by the Cowlitz County Historical Museum

CELEBRATING OUR 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

In 1923, Longview Public Schools was formed and began holding classes in a building on the corner of Oregon Way and Baltimore Street. The "Oregon Way School" served 536 students and employed 24 faculty that year. Today, Longview Public Schools has an early learning preschool, eight elementary schools, three middle schools and three high schools. It serves 6,200 students and takes pride in being responsive to the needs of the community while delivering a quality education. To watch a YouTube video about the history of Longview Public Schools, go to bit.ly/41gtBsn.



Oregon Way School, 1923



Students standing in front of the old wooden grandstands at Memorial Stadium, 1950's



HONORING THE CLASS OF 2023

The Class of 2023 has much to be proud of and deserves our praise as they prepare for graduation ceremonies on June 10. This class of students were freshman in March of 2020 when schools in Washington were closed to better control the spread of COVID-19. The Class of 2023 will forever be known for their resilience to overcome the effects of the pandemic, to soar to new heights and succeed. As a special tribute, during this 100th anniversary of the City of Longview and Longview Public Schools, a special book about the history of Longview will be gifted to each graduating senior by the Columbia River Reader. Join us in celebrating this class and wishing them well in their future endeavors.



R.A. Long High School graduates, 2018

MEMORIAL STADIUM PAST & PRESENT

The first athletic field at the Memorial Stadium site was constructed in 1931. Some 43 years later Memorial Stadium was built and then dedicated on October 16, 1974. This sports complex has served generations of Longview families for the past 92 years and is an important part of Longview Public Schools' athletic program and history. Thanks to the generosity of local voters who passed a Capital Facilities and Technology Levy, the Memorial Stadium complex is now undergoing a major 4-year renovation of its track, field and stadium. A new turf field and rubberized track will be installed this summer along with a digital scoreboard. Watch the live construction online at bit.ly/3KsHsVt



Mark Morris Graduation, 2017



CALLING THE CLASS OF 2036 - TIME TO REGISTER FOR KINDERGARTEN

Now is the time to register students for kindergarten! Families with children who are age five by August 31st can enroll their student for kindergarten either online at longviewschools.com, or by filling out an enrollment packet at any of our schools or district office. Register early to ensure a spot at your neighborhood school!

In 1926, the first kindergarten classes in the district were taught at Kessler School. By 1938, all Longview elementary schools had kindergarten.



Kinder Bridge students, 2023

STUDENTS COMPETE FOR TOP SPOTS

It's been quite a year for Longview's athletic and music programs, with many of our students and teams earning their way to state competitions. On April 28-29, Mark Morris and R. A. Long vocalists and instrumentalists competed in eight events at the State Solo and Ensemble Contest after being chosen as the "best performance" by a student or group in their category at regionals, which included schools in Southwest Washington from Woodland to Centralia and out to the coast.

In high school athletics, state contenders included R. A. Long High School cheer team, 3rd, girls' bowling, 3rd, girls' soccer, and slow pitch. The R. A. Long boys' basketball team and student athletes in cross country, wrestling, tennis, and golf also earned their way to state.

In team sports at Mark Morris High School, volleyball finished at 7th. The Mark Morris boys' basketball team competed for the state championship and took 2nd place and the Mark Morris girls' basketball team qualified for the state tournament. Mark Morris also had participants at state in the following individual sports: boys' and girls' cross country, boys' and girls' swim, boys' and girls' wrestling, boys' golf, and girls' bowling.

We wish our spring sports teams and athletes well as their season comes to an end in May and anticipate more athletes earning their way to state. We are proud of their accomplishments and appreciate the community's support of our Educational Programs & Operations Levy and ASB fundraisers that help make these activities possible.

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