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PARAEDUCATORS OFFER INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT & COMMUNITY CONNECTEDNESS

At Longview Public Schools we are very fortunate to have fantastic employees who support our students and families. In this publication we are celebrating school paraeducators. The district employs over 200 paraeducators across fifteen schools, of which 89 percent live locally in the Longview/Kelso area. School paraeducators do amazing work alongside teachers and other school employees to help students achieve their academic goals.

"A WONDERFUL, MAGICAL PLACE"

Mrs. Bergman, who is pictured on the front page of this publication, is a paraeducator who works with students at Robert Gray Elementary School. She has served students in the district for over 16 years. Mrs. Bergman is dedicated to student learning and specializes in helping kids improve their reading and writing skills. She also spends time each day on the playground ensuring student safety during this important part of the school day. Mrs. Bergman's cookies are famous at school meetings and she is always happy to help students in any way possible. Use your mobile phone to follow the code below to see a brief interview of Mrs. Bergman, where she talks about how Robert Gray Elementary is, "A wonderful, magical place".



Longview Public Schools also interviewed two other paraeducators, Mrs. Mulligan of Northlake Elementary and Mrs. Modin of Mint Valley Elementary. To listen to all of these fantastic paraeducators, check out our video interviews through the QR code.

WATCH OUR INTERVIEWS TODAY!



THE IMPORTANCE OF EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Studies have shown that when students have a sense of belonging at school, they are more likely to engage and will perform better academically. Many of our students who have struggled in school have reported that certain classes, or extracurricular activities were the primary reason they continued coming to school every day. These activities are vital to the social, emotional, and physical development of students and help build confidence and skills that last a lifetime.

At Longview Public Schools, we offer a number of opportunities for students to take part in extracurricular activities. Some of our elementary schools offer Friendship Club, Kindness Club, Reading Clubs, and Spanish Heritage & Language Clubs.

Beginning in middle school, sports are offered for the first time. To encourage more students to turn out for sports, the district implemented a "no-cut" policy, so that all students wishing to turn out for a sport and play on a team may do so, free of charge. Some of the clubs offered at the middle school level include Engineering Club, Spanish Club, and Knowledge Bowl.

Extracurricular options expand considerably in high school, where clubs like Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Distribute Education Clubs of America (DECA), National Honor Society, foreign language clubs, and numerous boys and girls sports are offered. To learn more about extracurricular activities or events at your child's school, we encourage you to talk with school staff. Club activities can change from year-to-year to align with student interests, needs, and available funding.





ARTIST RENDERING OF NEW MEMORIAL STADIUM FIELD DESIGN AS OF JANUARY 2023

LONGVIEW MEMORIAL STADIUM PROJECT

Decades ago, the Memorial Stadium complex stood out as a modern facility most school districts in the region would have loved to call their own. After decades of use, the complex is in much need of modernization and repair. In April 2022, Longview Public School voters passed the Capital Projects and Technology Levy, which has allowed the district to move forward with updating the facility into a year-round, multi-use athletic venue. Beginning this May, construction will begin on the installation of a new artificial turf field that will meet WIAA standards for football and soccer. A new track will be built as well. This work is expected to be completed in time for fall sports. Further improvements to the stadium will occur in 2024 and beyond. The modernization of the complex is an investment in our future that will become a source of pride in Longview, and will serve our community well for decades to come.

SHARE YOUR MEMORIAL STADIUM HISTORY WITH THE US!

As the district prepares to start updating Memorial Stadium we would appreciate it if you would celebrate with us. We are hoping you will join us by sharing any old photos, videos or memories of Memorial Stadium. As we get closer to construction starting in May 2023, photos, videos and memories will be shared on the district web site and social media pages.

You can email photos to infoteam@longviewschools.org. For videos please provide a Google link to the video file or drop off a memory stick at 2715 Lilac Street, attention: Communications.

Thank you!

CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2023

Spring is here, which means the Class of 2023 graduation ceremonies are right around the corner! Our high schools are busy making preparations for this important day. Parents are encouraged to watch for emails or letters home that explain important dates and events planned for the senior class. Graduation dates and locations are shown below:

SCHOOL	DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Discovery High School	June 8, 2023	Father's House Church	6:00 p.m.
Longview Virtual Academy	June 8, 2023	Father's House Church	6:00 p.m.
RA. Long High School	June 10, 2023	RA. Long Front Lawn	10:00 a.m.
Mark Morris High School	June 10, 2023	Mark Morris Gymnasium	12:00 p.m.





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NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Longview elementary schools are the lucky recipients of new playground equipment this year, thanks to federal funding. The colorful equipment meets safety and accessibility requirements and has replaced worn or broken equipment. The new additions to the playgrounds are proving to be very popular among the students.



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