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MEMORIAL STADIUM RIBBON CUTTING EVENT – SEPTEMBER 1ST

The community, alumni, students, teachers and family are all invited to join us as we hold a ribbon cutting event to celebrate the official unveiling of the new track and turf field at Memorial Stadium. Thanks to our voters, the modernization of this sports complex has become a reality. The complex will serve both boys and girls sports year round and will likely be able to host regional competitions now that it meets WIAA standards for soccer, track and football. This is a win for our entire community and will help to lift Longview and provide facilities that are comparable to schools in our region. The ribbon cutting will take place before the first football game of the season, on Friday, September 1st beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please plan to come and celebrate with us.



FUNDING FOR STUDENT ENRICHMENT

Longview Public Schools received federal COVID-19 relief dollars known as ESSER funds, which were used to help students with the impacts of the pandemic. Early on, the funds were used to purchase safety equipment, provide free COVID-19 testing in our schools, and make online and hybrid learning possible. More recently, these funds helped purchase updated learning materials including elementary curriculum on the Science of Learning and provide support for students in mental health, after-school programs, and summer school. Funds were also used to improve the air quality in our schools by replacing worn-out HVAC systems. These one-time dollars end in 2024.

In addition to the ESSER funds, voter-approved Educational Programs and Operations Levy dollars are used to fill in the gaps where state funding falls short. The local levy dollars total about 16 percent of the district's overall yearly budget and help pay for sports programs, coaches, club advisors, paraeducators, nurses, counselors, certificated staff and services that provide enrichment opportunities for students. These funds also help with keeping class sizes down. The district will publish information about the Educational Programs and Operations Levy in the coming months, so stay tuned.



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CREATING THE FUTURE TODAY

WELCOME BACK!

We look forward to welcoming all of our students back to school on Tuesday, August 29, 2023! Before school starts, many of our elementary schools hold open houses where students and families can meet their teachers, see their classrooms and check out the school campus. These open houses are a great opportunity for students to become familiar with their classroom and teachers before their first day back, making their transition easier. See the Open House Schedule here: bitly/3cJGrIG

KINDER BRIDGE

Kinder Bridge is a FREE, full-day, kindergarten prep program for four-year-olds. Our student achievement data has shown marked improvement in our Kinder Bridge students' abilities to know their letters, sound them out, increase their vocabulary, and comprehension. These skills are the building blocks of reading and lead to improved literacy. Kinder Bridge is intended to provide an equitable start for children who cannot access early learning. Families with four-year-olds are encouraged to apply.

HOW TO ENROLL

If your child will be four years old by August 29, 2023, but the cost of preschool has been a barrier, fill out an application online by scanning the QR code below. Families that have filled out an application will be invited to a family conference and student screening. Screening appointments take about one hour to complete.

Visit www.longviewschools.com/kinderbridge or email kb@longview.k12.wa.us for more information.

NEW STUDENTS MAY ENROLL NOW

If you have a kindergarten aged child or have children new to Longview Schools, enrollment is open now.

Children must be at least five years old on or before August 29, 2023, to be enrolled in kindergarten.

Documents needed for enrollment:

- Child's birth certificate
- Child's immunization records
- 2 forms of proof of residency (utility bill, signed lease, or mortgage statement)

New Student Online Enrollment is not mobile phone compatible.

DAY CAMPS FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN

To help transition students to high school, R. A. Long and Mark Morris provide camps for incoming freshmen. These camps are a lot of fun and allow students to connect with one another, make friends, and develop school pride while learning about high school life. Students take tours, learn about the many opportunities they have to participate in clubs and sports, learn how to be successful in high school, and what is required to graduate. For more information, call:

- **Mark Morris Monarch Camp:** August 17-18 • (360) 575-7770
- **R. A. Long Jacks & Jills Camp:** August 21-22 • (360) 575-7113

District Calendar



Kinder Bridge Enrollment



Enrollment



Or call us at: 360.575.7019



FREE STUDENT MEALS

Longview Public Schools received a grant to provide free breakfasts and lunches for all students over the next three years. During these high inflationary times, this is a welcome break for parents and families. For more information about the free meal program go to: bitly/3hQxlap

District Meal Program:



SCHOOL CLIMATE & CULTURE

The district has invested in new social-emotional learning materials for all middle schools this year. *Ripple Effects for Teens*, provides lessons on how to cope with issues teens face like bullying, vaping, and social media. The new curriculum helps improve academic achievement and attendance as it teaches students how to manage emotions, set goals, establish healthy relationships and make responsible decisions. We look forward to implementing the new materials and working with our middle school students to improve the climate and culture in schools.



SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

As we welcome students back to school, we are sending out a reminder about school supply lists. These lists can vary by school and grade and can be found on the district website at bitly/3N4nzoM, and local department stores. The Family Resource Center located at Monticello Middle School also has limited supplies available to families in need.

School Supply Lists:



REGISTER TO RIDE

Families with children that ride the bus to and from school will need to register their students for bus services. It is our goal to make our bus system as efficient as possible and knowing who rides the bus each day will help. Registering to ride is quick and easy through Skyward Family Access or parents can talk to their child's school secretary for help. Go to bitly/35rdkWc to learn more about the Register to Ride program.

Boundaries & Busing



UPDATING EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Schools now have the ability to **text** and **email** emergency alerts, if mobile phone numbers and email addresses are entered into Family Access. All parents with students in our schools are encouraged to update their contact information in the Family Access system. By providing updated contacts for parents, guardians, and emergency contacts, we are better able to communicate information during an emergency.

SAFETY & SECURITY UPDATE

Longview Public Schools has been investing in safety and security to help ensure students and staff remain safe in our buildings. As of this summer, all Longview Public School buildings have "buzz-in" systems that require visitors to identify themselves before being allowed to enter. As an added measure of protection to help deter unwanted activity on campus and keep students secure while in school, fencing has been installed around a number of campuses. These investments are largely funded by the Capital Projects & Technology Levy passed by voters.



IMPROVING LITERACY

Longview continues its focus on improving students' literacy skills by providing instruction based on the Science of Reading. Supported by years of research on reading and the brain, teachers provide specific instruction in phonics, word recognition, vocabulary, and background knowledge to help students build reading fluency and comprehension. Over the past several years, we have provided extensive training on the Science of Reading. Elementary teachers will start their second year implementing teaching materials that bring the Science of Reading principles to life. Using these materials, our students will become better readers and writers.

