

LONGFELLOW MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Longfellow Family Newsletter ([Español](#))

September 28, 2025

Dear Longfellow Families,

We need your voice! Please take a moment to vote in this year's **School Site Council (SSC) election**. Your participation helps shape our school's budget and priorities. Click here to cast your ballot: [SSC Ballot](#).

At the same time, we are excited to launch the **Longfellow Annual Campaign**—PTA's biggest fundraiser of the year. Our goal is to raise \$75,000 over the next month to support programs that make Longfellow such a special place for our students.

What your donations support:

- Student incentives and field trips
- Teacher and counselor grants
- After-school teams, clubs, and affinity groups
- School-wide events like Día de los Muertos, Black History Month, and Family Literacy Night
- 8th Grade Dinner Dance, Spring Dance, and more!

How much should I give?

We suggest \$300 per student (\$30/month), but every dollar counts. No donation is too small—all contributions are tax-deductible.

👉 **Donate now** and help us reach our goal! rmd.me/zGdTa8NHDg

Stay in the loop: Sign up for *The Roar*, our weekly PTA Monday newsletter, here: [Join The Roar](#).

Important Dates

- Mon 10/6 – No School (Staff Development Day)
- Thur 10/9 – District SSC / Site Committee Orientation (First Meeting)
- Fri 10/10 – End of Quarter 1
- Mon 10/13 – Indigenous Peoples Day (No School)
- Tue 10/21 – Make-Up Picture Day
- Fri 10/24 – Día de los Muertos Event / Incentive Day
- Mon–Thur 10/27–10/30 – Student-Led Conferences & Fall Spirit Week (Minimum Day 12:25 PM)
- Fri 10/31 – No School

Office of Family Engagement

- Resources & Events: [25-26 Family Resources and Events](#)

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Flag Football!



Volleyball - GO tigers!



Staying hydrated



Check out the RYCO Book case!



Mental Health Monday



College Friday/ School Spirit



Tiger Stripe!



**Black to School
Event**



Square Day!



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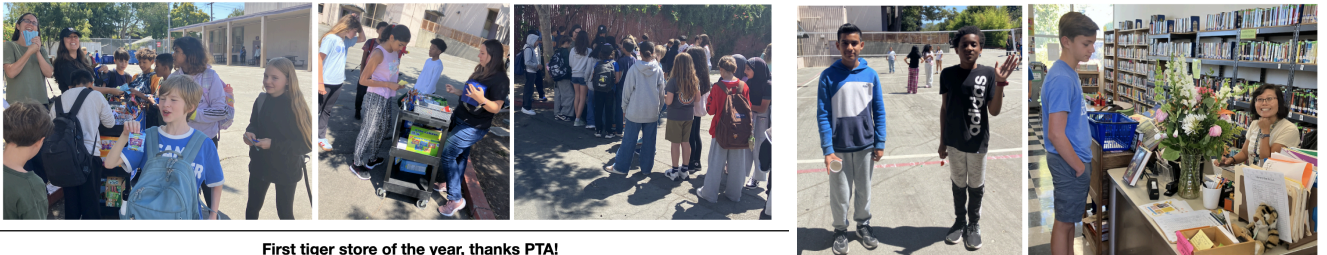
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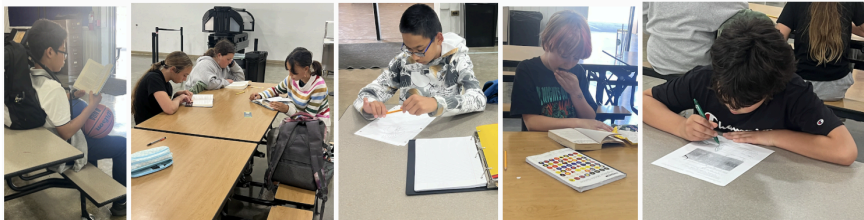
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First tiger store of the year, thanks PTA!



Tigers showing scholarship



6th Grade Scholars



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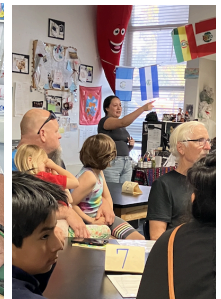
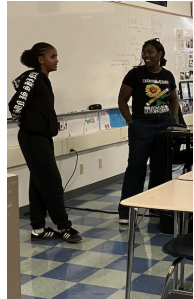


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Beginning Band

Picture Day Ready!



Back to School Night

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6th Grade Tigers!



Tigers in the Hallway



Mental Health Monday w/ Ms. Jennifer and Ms. Kitzya



PTA Family Movie Night

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August 18, 2025

First Week Highlights

The first week of school was full of energy and excitement. Students and teachers took time to learn expectations, build connections, and revisit our shared Longfellow values. Our afterschool program is already running smoothly, and students are settling into their routines.

Infinite Campus Portal

Be sure your contact information is up to date. The Parent Portal is the place to check your child's **grades, attendance, and other important information** throughout the school year. If you are experiencing issues with the Parent Portal or need an activation, please email portalhelp@berkeley.net.

Learning Log Fridays

Beginning this week, every Friday students will complete a Learning Log in Advisory. This reflection tool allows students to write about what they learned in each class. **Parents and guardians are asked to review and sign the log each week.** It's a great way to start conversations at home and get a glimpse into what your student is experiencing at school. Learning Logs will also be included as part of students' Habits of Work grade.

Student Schedules

We have received multiple schedule change requests. Please note that submitting a request form does not guarantee a change. Our academic counselor and scheduling team are carefully reviewing all requests, but changes depend on many factors—including class size, program requirements, and the structure of the overall master schedule. Teacher preference or wanting to be in the same class as friends are not considered valid reasons for a schedule change. We appreciate your patience as we work through this process thoughtfully to ensure balance and fairness for all students.

We have limited spaces in 7th period electives maker space and cooking and gardening. **Please reach out to our Academic Counselor Marie Joiner at mariejoiner@berkeley.net with scheduling questions.**

Family Engagement- School Site Council and P & O Committee

We invite all families to get involved in school life this year. [Click here](#) to read about the different committees. **The School Site Council (SSC)** is looking for parent and guardian representatives. SSC members help advise on the school site plan and budget, learn about school priorities, and work alongside staff to improve outcomes for all students.

Click [here](#) to nominate your self to serve on the SSC <https://forms.gle/LEZRsifxTky2yai6>

Transportation

BUSD is offering bus transportation to Longfellow students from the hills of Berkeley as well as from South Berkeley. Shuttle bus service is available for morning drop off (including zero period) as well as after school pick up. We will also be able to provide bussing for Longfellow students participating in BUSD after school sports programs. **Families who need transportation can email the Transportation Department at transportationdept@berkeley.net.** Click [here](#) for more information.

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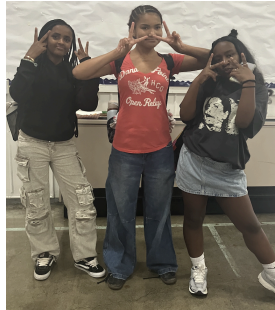
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Pictures of the Month



🙏 Thank You We are grateful for your partnership and support as we begin the school year. Together, we will ensure that every student has a joyful and successful year ahead.

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August 12, 2025

Dear Longfellow Tigers,

Welcome to the 2025–2026 school year! We are so excited to welcome each and every one of you to—and back to—our incredible Longfellow community. At Longfellow, we are committed to providing a well-rounded education that nurtures every student's academic, social, and emotional growth.

Our first week of school is designed to ease students into the year—building relationships with peers and teachers, learning routines, and helping every child feel confident and connected.

Below you will find important information about the upcoming school year and first-day logistics.

Upcoming Key Dates

- August 13 – First Day of School
- August 22- Family Movie Night, hosted by our PTA
- August 28-Picture Day
- September 1 – No School (Labor Day)
- September 4 – Back to School Night

New School Entrance on Curtis St.

The new main entrance is located on Curtis Street for all cars, pedestrians, and bike access. All visitors and guests will enter through these gates, and after the school day begins, you will need to buzz in for entry. Please click [here](#) more details about pick up, drop off, and the current construction projects.

Updated Drop-Off & Pick-Up Procedures

With the San Pablo entrance closed please note the following:

- New Drop-Off & Pick-Up Location: Curtis Street (East side of campus)
- Follow all signage and staff directions to keep students safe and traffic flowing

Thank you for helping us keep students safe!



First Day Logistics

All students will attend periods 1–6. and daily advisory. Period 0 and 7 are optional enrichment opportunities, but not mandatory.

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- Start Time: 8:51 AM (Welcome bell at 8:47 AM)
- (2:00 PM on Wednesdays) End Time: 3:16 PM
- Advisory is everyday except Wednesday due to the shortener scheduled.

6TH GRADE BELL SCHEDULE

Monday/ Tuesday/ Thursday/ Friday

Period 0 (47 minutes)	8:00 - 8:47
Advisory/UB (30 minutes)	8:51 - 9:21
Period 1	9:25 - 10:15
Period 2	10:19 - 11:09
Period 3	11:13 - 12:03
Lunch A (30 minutes)	12:04 - 12:34
Period 4A	12:38 - 1:28
Period 5	1:32 - 2:22
Period 6	2:26 - 3:16
Period 7	3:20 - 4:10

Wednesday (Short Day)

Period 0 (47 minutes)	8:00 - 8:47
Period 1 (+ 10 minute UB*)	8:51 - 9:41
Period 2	9:45 - 10:25
Period 3	10:29 - 11:09
Lunch A (35 minutes)	11:13 - 11:48
Period 4A	11:52 - 12:32
Period 5	12:36 - 1:16
Period 6	1:20 - 2:00

7TH & 8TH GRADE BELL SCHEDULE

Monday/ Tuesday/ Thursday/ Friday

Period 0 (47 minutes)	8:00 - 8:47
Advisory/UB (30 minutes)	8:51 - 9:21
Period 1	9:25 - 10:15
Period 2	10:19 - 11:09
Period 3	11:13 - 12:03
Period 4B	12:07 - 12:57
Lunch B (30 minutes)	12:58 - 1:28
Period 5	1:32 - 2:22
Period 6	2:26 - 3:16
Period 7	3:20 - 4:10

Wednesday (Short Day)

Period 0 (47 minutes)	8:00 - 8:47
Period 1 (+ 10 minute UB*)	8:51 - 9:41
Period 2	9:45 - 10:25
Period 3	10:29 - 11:09
Period 4B	11:13 - 11:53
Lunch B (35 minutes)	11:57 - 12:32
Period 5	12:36 - 1:16
Period 6	1:20 - 2:00

50 minute periods (40 minutes on Wednesdays); 4 minutes passing; 30 minutes for lunch (35 minutes on Wednesdays). *UB= Universal breakfast

Class Schedules

- Schedules are now available online in Infinite Campus: [Student Portal](#) or the [Parent Portal](#). You can also pick up a copy in person at 8:30 AM in the courtyard on the first day of school.
- Students interested in music zero period, please meet in the Multi Purpose room at 8:00AM. 7th period music: Guitar, Mariachi, Jazz Band, and Choir will begin on Thursday.
- Scheduling questions or concerns can be sent to our Academic Counselor, Marie Joiner at mariejoiner@berkeley.net. Please note, we are unable to make schedule changes based on teacher preferences. We are fully enrolled, and class space and limits may affect our ability to adjust your child's schedule.

☕ Breakfast & Lunch

- Breakfast is free and served in the 1st period.
- Lunch includes fresh options and a salad bar. We strongly encourage families to complete the EZ Meal application at ezmealapp.com to support school funding.

📱 Cell Phones & Electronics

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Students must keep phones off and away for the entire school day. Families are required to review and sign the Cell Phone and Electronics Policy.

We strongly encourage families to actively monitor cell phone and social media use, as misuse can impact student well-being and learning.

Please note: the school is not responsible for lost or stolen electronic devices, and we strongly discourage bringing or using them during instructional time.

LEARNS Afterschool Program

The LEARNS Program begins on the first day of school. LEARNS includes academic support, sports, and enrichment. No student is turned away for lack of funds. Reach out to lashondaroquemore@berkeley.net to enroll.

Transportation

For bus transportation requests email us at transportationdept@berkeley.net.

We hope you've had a joyful, restful summer filled with reading and time with family. We can't wait to welcome you back for another strong year together!

With Tiger Pride,
Salita Mitchell

Principal, Longfellow Middle School