

PTA Meeting Agenda

October 16, 2025, 6:00-7:15pm

Longfellow Elementary Media Center

For online meeting link: www.loespta.com

Prepared by JP JW, PTA President

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Call to Order

Welcome & Introductions

Belated recognition of Yom Kippur, "Have a meaningful holiday"

Belated Happy Indigenous People's Day and/or Columbus Day

Early Diwali (October 21)

Early Happy Halloween

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

National Book Month

National Pasta Month

Adopt a Shelter Dog Month

Early Happy Veterans Day

SECTION 1: COMMUNITY BUILDING (10 MINUTES, 6:05-6:15PM)

We will start each meeting with short activities to uncover and build shared connections between attendees.

I. PTA Recommends: Something I'm Loving Right Now

An opportunity for any individual PTA member to share a 1-minute summary of something they're currently enjoying and would recommend to others.

II. PTA Question of the Month: Small Group Discussion

One question will be posed to the entire group, and then attendees will have 3-5 minutes to share their responses with the other attendees in close proximity to them (pairs or groups of 3 are ideal).

Thinking about Halloween: what was your experience like when YOU were a child, and how does that compare to now, as an adult, and what you want for your child? BONUS QUESTION: what is the best Halloween candy?

III. Parent Corner Storytime (Panel) - NOT THIS MONTH

Parents-to-Parents. Just sharing their perspectives. Overall, meant to be lighthearted. The panelists are pre-selected, as is the topic.

NEXT MONTH, NOVEMBER: Thanksgiving 101 - Hosting Tips, Recipes, What to Bring as a Guest, and More.

SECTION 2: SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT (15 MINUTES, 6:15-6:30PM)

I. Admin Report

II. Volunteer Opportunities & Needs

- Save the Date: Bookfair in November

III. Recognitions That Have Happened Since Last Time We Met

- September Hospitality: Apple and Fall Themed Grab-and-Go Gift Basket
- Custodial Staff Appreciation Day
- Principal Appreciation Month
- Happy Birthday Mrs. Jackson
- Approved Funding Requests
 - Ms. Veid (GT) - luggage scale
 - Mr. Abdullah (PE) - closet storage organization system
 - Ms. Johnson & Ms. Neumann (Math) - organization carts

IV. Teacher/Staff Spotlight

SECTION 3: REPORTS AND BUSINESS (40 MINUTES, 6:30-7:10PM)

Call for Quorum

Vote for Approval of [September 2025 LoES PTA Meeting Minutes](#)

REPORTS

Treasurer Report

- Required Annual PTA Financial Training: COMPLETED - by JP, LoES PTA President, and Shavonne, LoES PTA Treasurer
- 24/25 Financial Review: COMPLETED
- MOD Pizza Restaurant Night Fundraiser: we raised \$359.30.

Approved LoES PTA Budget 25-26

Budget Category	Projected Income 25-26	Projected Expenses 25-26
Operations	1,500.00	1,962.00
Fundraising	17,250.00	450.00
PTA Events	200.00	1,850.00
Community Events	500.00	4,075.00
Community Grants	0.00	500.00
Recognitions & Hospitality	0.00	5,250.00
Grade/Department Allotments	0.00	2,950.00
Student Enrichment Activities	0.00	2,550.00
TOTALS	19,450.00	19,587.00

UPDATES

I. PTA Action Since We've Last Met

- Required Annual PTA Boardmanship Training from FreeState PTA: COMPLETED - by JP, LoES PTA President, and Shavonne, LoES PTA Treasurer.
 - The February 2026 PTA Meeting will focus on this training.
- Applied for funding grants from National PTA.
- Fall Grade-Level Socials. More to come in the Winter and Spring.
- Welcome bags to students new to Longfellow.
- Notified Instructional Team-Leads of funding available LoES teachers and staff.
- Amazing Athletes after-school flag football has started. Your student can still join.

II. Needs

- Fall Fest is NEXT WEEK on Wednesday, October 22, 6:00-8:00pm. There is still time to [Sign up for Fall Fest.](#)
 - Trunk-or-Treat, Chili Cookout, Football Toss Carnival Game
 - Food Trunks and Vendors:
 - DMV Taqueria, All Fired Up Pizza, I Love SnoBalls
 - Fire Department
 - Meal coupons gifted from Jersey Mike's
 - Participation Breakdown

- 15 of 20 Trunk Hosts. Park in the car rider loop. Decorate your trunk. Give out candy that YOU supply (approximately 400 students at LoES). Arrive around 5:30pm.
 - 5 of 8 Chili Makers. Contribute to Chili Cookout. \$1 per tasting. \$5 per meal: includes chili, hot dog, chips, and a soda.
 - 5 of 10 Candy Suppliers. Provide candy to supplement the Trunk Hosts.
 - 3 of 8 Event Volunteers. Roles include cashier/bank (1), chili table (2), football toss fundraiser (1), greeters/floaters (2), set up/clean up crew (2)
- Contribute items for our October Hospitality, Tuesday, October 28. "You're Soup-er" Soup Lunch Bar. [Sign-up Genius](#).
 - From Hospitality Committee Call: November, December
 - November: Parent and Teacher Conferences
 - December: TBD, Hot Drink Cart - tentative
 - [Next call on Mon. Nov 10. 8:00-8:30 pm](#).
- Support our Fundraising efforts:
 - Restaurant Nights at [Jason's Deli \(Monday, Nov 10. 5:00-9:00pm\)](#), and [Pupatella \(Monday, Dec 8, all day\)](#)
 - [1st Place Spiritwear](#), \$10 off long sleeve tees and crew necks, promo code: COZY10
- Working Group for Menu Item Fundraiser. Concept from Ms. Kirkbride - sponsored menu item: Barebones "HCYP Baseball Burger". Alternatively, could it be an "item of the month" concept?
 - Email loesptainfo@gmail.com, if interested.
 - [WG Call on Mon. Nov 10, 7:30-8:00 pm](#).
- [Join the PTA](#). Encourage others to join.
 - Starbucks Thank You: Two Members.
 - Our next goal: 120 members by December.
- Join the Board of Directors: Events Chair, Fundraising Chair, PTACHC Delegates (2). Email PTA Exec at loesptainfo@gmail.com

III. Participation/Volunteer Opportunities

- Attend the monthly Advocacy and Issues Meeting (AIM). Virtual, 30-minutes. Next meeting: [Thursday, Nov 6, 8:00-8:30 pm](#).
- Winter Wonderland takes place on Thursday, December 4, 6:00-8:00pm. Attend the planning committee calls on:

- [Tuesday, Oct 28, 8:00-8:30pm](#)
- [Wednesday, Nov 5, 8:00-8:30pm](#)
- [Thursday, Nov 20, 8:00-8:30pm](#)
- Read-a-thon Planning Committee, coming soon. Email loesptainfo@gmail.com, if interested.

IV. Committee Reports

- [PTACHC Meeting and AIM Call](#)
 - HCPSS Capital Budget Review and Approval Process is currently underway.
 - HCPSS Chief Operating Officer discussed the Zum Bus Strike.
 - Howard County State Delegation guest speakers.
 - Our December LoES PTA Meeting will focus on advocacy - outreach to guest speakers.
 - Boundary Review - official Board vote on Nov 20.
 - Longfellow was no longer included ([Sept 25: Superintendent's Proposed Plan](#)).
 - Changes are still happening! ([Oct 9: Board Work Session #1](#))
 - [Next Public BOE Work Session Nov 6](#). Registration opens three weeks prior to a hearing and closes at 4:30pm the last working day prior to a meeting.
 - [Email the Board](#) or [Jennifer Swickard Mallow, District 4](#).
 - Breaking News: National PTA Denounces Latest Mass Layoffs in the U.S. Department of Education (Oct 14). [Call for Action: Write to Congress NOW](#).
- Golf Fundraiser Update
 - Friday, June 5, 9:00am
 - Fairway Hills Golf Club in Columbia
 - Shotgun start; Scramble format
 - Target number of players: 128 (32 foursomes).
 - Can sign up individually or as four-somes, preferred.
 - No minimum number of players required.
 - Player Cost and Registration Deadline
 - Feb 1 early-deadline: \$140 per person
 - After Feb 1: \$165 per person
 - Includes course fees, beverage tickets, and post-game catered meal.
 - Volunteers to assist with planning are needed! Email loesptainfo@gmail.com, if interested.

V. Misc. News/Notes

- Announcements From the Community
 - From HC DrugFree: [Oct 25. Drive-thru Medication Collection in Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot](#). Looking for volunteers of all ages. More information can be found online at hcdrugfree.org.
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EXIT SURVEY

Email loesptainfo@gmail.com, with “EXIT SURVEY” in the subject line.

What is the best way to get information to you?

END OF MEETING

Transition to Family Fun Event, this month’s activity: BINGO