

# Long Beach Parent Newsletter

## The Lion's Roar

### March 3, 2023



**5 Essentials Survey** ~ Every year, parents are asked to share their views on what has been working well and what areas we can improve upon. The input that you provide helps us to develop our school improvement plan to address any areas of need. Your input also helps us to know what areas we are doing well and need to make sure we continue.

We will only receive feedback from the University of Chicago if 20% of our parents complete the online, anonymous, survey. As of today, we only have 8% of our parents that have completed the survey. This survey will close on March 31st, so we have about three weeks to reach our goal of 20% - THANK YOU if you have already taken the survey! If you have not, I encourage you to take a few minutes to share your thoughts on what we are doing well, and what we can improve upon.

Link to parent survey ~ <http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/>

**5th Grade Parents Needed** ~ It is that time to begin planning our 5th Grade party to celebrate our students as they are preparing to move on from Long Beach to the junior high level. Long Beach Home & School is looking for a few parents to serve as the chairperson for this annual event. Our students really enjoy getting together for an opportunity to enjoy each other for a last time before moving onto junior high. If you are interested, please contact Kristina, Home & School President at [kylest@gmail.com](mailto:kylest@gmail.com)

**Fun Fair** ~ Home & School is looking forward to bringing back Fun Fair, scheduled for Saturday, April 29th! Home & School is putting together a planning committee and will need many volunteers to help make this event a success. Please consider volunteering in any way - if everyone does a little to help, we will have an amazing Fun Fair! Stay tuned for our fun fair craft night and please let us know if you'd like to help in any way!

**Dismissal Request** ~ With the weather improving, and more and more students walking or riding their bikes to and from school, I am asking that **NO ONE PARK THEIR CAR IN THE LOT, AND WALK ACROSS TRAFFIC TO GET THEIR STUDENTS** - this is not safe, and with the number of students around during this time, please stay in your car and wait patiently in the line to ensure the safest way to pick up your students! Thank you for doing your part in making our dismissal process the best it can be - it takes all of us!!

## Home & School News

**Home & School Meeting** - We would love to have you join us at our February meeting. Our next meeting is on Thursday, March 9th @ 7:00 pm in the Long Beach LRC. Enter through door #5, and turn left to the LRC - across from the Art Room. We will be honoring our February Students of the Month. Now is a great time to get involved. We have some exciting events coming up and it won't be long before we begin talking about next year!

**Community Nights** - Thank you for supporting our Portillo's fundraiser! We will receive a donation giveback in the amount of \$194! Our next restaurant night is at Wendy's on Thursday, March 23rd. All day fundraising when you show the flyer.

**Box Tops** - With the Amazon Smile program ending we'd like to remind everyone that Box Tops are still accepted digitally through their app. This is a great way to help us fundraise with purchases you're already making. Click the link for more details. <https://www.boxtops4education.com/How-To-Earn>

**Social Media** - Join our Facebook group for volunteer opportunities, to see updates, and to ask questions! You can find us under the Long Beach Home & School Association. You will be asked a couple of questions before approval to join.

**Gym Night** - Our final gym night for this school year will be on Friday, March 10th. We have two sessions to keep students connected with their similar aged peers. Early Childhood through 2nd grade students are from 6:00-7:00 pm, and 3rd through 5th grade students from 7:00-8:00 pm. Students MUST attend with a parent or guardian - there are no student drop offs for these Gym Nights.

If you need to get in contact with any Home & School board member, or just have questions, please contact Kristina, President at [kpylest@gmail.com](mailto:kpylest@gmail.com) and she will put you in touch.

## Important Upcoming Dates

### **Thursday, March 9th**

- Home & School Meeting 7:00 in the LRC

### **Friday, March 10th**

- Student of the Month Pizza Lunch
  - During regular lunch times, eat with nominating staff member
- Father's Forum Open Gym Night
  - Pre K - 2nd Grade 6:00-7:00
  - 3rd-5th Grade 7:00-8:00

### **Sunday, March 12th**

- Daylight Savings Time - Remember to "Spring" your clocks ahead 1 hour

### **Thursday, March 16th**

- **Mobile Food Pantry** - Northern Illinois Mobile Food Pantry will be here at Long Beach
  - 5:00-6:30 or until supplies last, first come - first served

### **Saturday, March 18th**

- Moms & more Spring Resale @ Long Beach
  - Enter through Door #17 - back of school/gym entrance

### **Tuesday, March 21st**

- **5th Grade HIKE Program** - High School students will be here at Long Beach 9:15-11:15
  - HIKE - Heroes Invested in Kindness Everyday
  - The program will teach about kindness and how words have an impact on people.
- Are You Smarter Than a Long Beach Lion - Trivia Night
  - 6:00-7:00 in the Long Beach Gym, please enter door #17 in the back

**Friday, March 24th**

- Spring Break Begins AFTER school ends
- Spring Break Week - Monday, March 27th - Friday, March 31st

**Monday, April 3rd**

- Students return from Spring Break

**Tuesday, April 4th**

- **NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE** - Teacher Institute Day/Election Day

**Friday, April 7th**

- **NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE** - District Closed

**Monday, April 10th**

- **NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE** - District Closed