



THE BOBCAT NEWS

Bobcat Buzz:

Want to see what cool things are happening at Longleaf during the week? Check out the Bobcats on Facebook! Peek at what some of our Bobcats are up to and reminders for any upcoming events.



<https://www.facebook.com/LongleafElementaryBPS>



Save these Dates!



5/2	5/3
5/10	5/16
5/17	5/18
5/19	5/26



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week!	2 LONGLEAF ELEMENTARY Spirit Night 4-8 PM Dine-in Only Strings Concert 6:00 PM	3 Jeremiah's Ice Night 3-9 PM SAC Meeting in the Media Center 4:15	4 Lunch Bunch	5 Coffee Cart for Longleaf Staff EARLY RELEASE
8	9	10 Meetings PTO 3:00 PM Fall Festival 4 PM Spirit Nights: 321 Ice Cream Bar 5-9 PM BUBBAKOO's Spirit Night 4-8	11 Lunch Bunch Bobcat Bash	12 Last Day of MORNING MILE EARLY RELEASE
15	16 crumbl cookies Spirit Night 5-8 PM	17 Princess & the Pea Musical 6:30 PM	18 Last Day of Lunch Bunch This Year	19 Volunteer Appreciation Royal Tea EARLY RELEASE
22 EARLY RELEASE	23	25 EARLY RELEASE	25 EARLY RELEASE	26 Last Day of School EARLY RELEASE



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Grades 3-6

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is a progress monitoring system that is administered three times per year to track your student's progress in learning the Benchmarks of Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards throughout this school year. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will participate in the third administration (PM3) of the Grade 3-6 Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics Assessments on May 2 (ELA) and May 3 (Math). The results from PM3 will show how well your student has mastered the grade level content standards, and you will be provided with information about how to access the results after testing is completed.

Your student's FAST assessments are computer-adaptive tests taken on a computer or tablet. The questions get less or more difficult depending on how a student responds, and each student will see different questions from a common item bank. Each test attempt (PM1, PM2, and PM3) will present items that cover the entire test "blueprint," meaning students will encounter items representative of the standards within the subject or grade level. For more information on the test design, please visit <https://www.fdoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/best/>

If you or your student would like to interact with the online testing platform or review FAST Reading and Mathematics sample items at home, sample test materials are available at

<https://ffast.org/families.html>

Grades K-2

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Your student's FAST assessments are computer-adaptive tests taken on a computer or tablet. The questions get less or more difficult depending on how a student responds, and each student will see different questions. If you or your student would like to review **Star Early Literacy, Star Reading, and/or Star Math** sample items at home, sample test items are available at <https://flfast.org/resources/renaissance-star/renaissance-star>

The Star Early Literacy assessment typically takes less than 15 minutes to complete. The Star Reading assessment is usually completed in less than 20 minutes, and the Star Math assessment typically takes less than 30 minutes to complete.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Mr. Dillon at

Dillon.Rick@brevardschools.org

For more information about the Florida Statewide Assessments program, please visit the portal at FLFAST.org.

Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during this test administration.

IMPORTANT

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

- **Electronic Devices**—Students are not permitted to have any electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, smartphones, and smartwatches, at any time during testing or during breaks (e.g., restroom), **even if the devices are turned off or students do not use them.** If your student is found with an electronic device or is found using Bluetooth/wireless headphones/earbuds during testing, his or her test will be invalidated.
- **Calculator Policy**—For Grade 6 only FAST Mathematics, a four-function calculator embedded within the assessment may be used.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment that reads: “I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated.” Prior to testing, test administrators read the rules to students, and students acknowledge that they understand the testing rules by clicking the box in the secure browser indicating they understand the testing rules.
- **Discussing Test Content after Testing**—The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they click the box to accept the Testing Rules Acknowledgment states that because the content of all statewide assessments is secure, students may not discuss or reveal details about the test content (including test items and passages) after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting to social media sites. Please make sure your student understands this policy prior to testing and remind them that “discussing” test content includes any kind of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, posting to social media, or sharing online. **While students may not share information about secure test content after testing, this policy is not intended to prevent students from discussing their testing experiences with their parents/families.**
- **Working Independently**—Students are responsible for doing their own work during the test and for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated.
- **Leaving Campus**—If your student leaves campus before completing a test (e.g., for lunch, an appointment), he or she **will not** be allowed to return to that test. If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and be tested on a make-up day. Please remember not to schedule appointments on testing days.
- **Testing Accommodations**—If your student has an Individual Education Plan (IEP), a Section 504 Plan, or is an English Language Learner (ELL) or a recently exited ELL, testing accommodations will be provided for your student.

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<https://flfast.org/>

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Sincerely,



Rick Dillon
Assistant Principal



LONGLEAF WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO THE AWESOME SPONSORS WHO HELPED TO SUPPORT OUR TRACK TEAM THIS 2023 SEASON!

WE LOVE OUR SPONSORS!
THANK YOU!



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The Horgan Family



Longleaf Elementary

RE-Enrollment for the 2023-24 School Year

NOW OPEN and available to

complete through your

FOCUS Parent Portal *!



Click on the links or use the QR Codes below
to access the step-by-step instructions!

Print Directions for parents <https://bit.ly/BPSreenrollment>



QR Code for Print Directions

Video Directions for parents link: <http://bit.ly/FocusRe-Enroll>



QR Code for Video Directions

*If you do not have a FOCUS Parent Portal set up, you should have received a letter/email with instructions to create one. Please reach out to Jess at the front office for assistance:
Hopkins.Jessica@brevardschools.org or (321) 242-4700 x46601

ELO – EDUCATION LOCATION OPTION



Renewals and New Applications



DEADLINE: May 6th, 2023

Renewals: If your child currently attends Longleaf but you live outside the School Zone OR you recently moved out of Longleaf's School Zone during this current school year and wish to remain at our school for the 2023-24 School Year, you must complete the following steps:

Step 1: Renew your ELO status by filling out a **2023-24 Renewal Application**

in your Family Dashboard

<https://brevardflc.scribborder.com/family>



Step 2: Do your 2023-24 Re-Enrollment for your Existing BPS Student

in your FOCUS Parent Portal

<https://brevardk12.focusschoolsoftware.com>



New Applications: If you have an incoming Kindergarten student that is out of Longleaf's School Zone, you must complete the following steps to be entered into the LOTTERY:

Step 1: Create a New Application for the **2023-2023 School Year**, for your incoming

student, in the Family Dashboard

<https://brevardflc.scribborder.com/family>



to be entered into the LOTTERY.

Step 2: Pick up a Paper Enrollment Packet from the Front Desk at Longleaf to fill out and turn in. The LOTTERY will be held on **MAY 15th**, if you are offered a seat you will need to go into your Family Dashboard to **ACCEPT** it by no later than June 16th.



Yoop's May Challenge!

Keep up the hard work on I Ready for a chance to

PICK YOUR PRIZE.

5 winners from each grade level will get to pick a **prize** or **treat** of **THEIR** choice!

Choices include: **pizza**, **drinks**, **snacks** and **prizes of all sizes!**



May winners will choose their prizes **Tuesday, May 23rd!**

Good luck and have a GREAT summer!

GET A JUMP START ON SUPPLIES FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR!

Buy Your Supplies **Early**
& **Save** UP TO 30%!

SCAN TO
ORDER



✓ The Exact School Supplies
Your Teacher Requested

✓ Name Brand Products Like:



Pre-Order Today at: <https://1stdayschoolsupplies.com/>

School Supplies will be delivered directly to
next year's classroom!

Wooden Roses For Sale

A Flower that Will Last Forever

Hurry - Supplies Limited

A Perfect Gift for
Teacher Appreciation

or

Mother's Day!

Flowers on Sale May 1-5 (or While Supplies Last)

\$1 each

From 7:30-8am in the Front Hall

New Partner in Education brought to us by PTO!



SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Longleaf Elementary School

**Tuesday, May 16th
5pm-8pm**

Crumbl—Lake Washington

3088 Lake Washington Rd
Melbourne, FL

Come support our school
A percentage of all cookie sales to support
Longleaf Elementary School





MAY MEETINGS



SAC Meeting
Wed, May 3
4:15 Media Center



PTO Meeting
Wed, May 10
3:00 Media Center



Fall Festival Meeting
Wed, May 10
4:00 Media Center



Your paragraph text

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHERE ARE OUR FUNDRAISING MONEY GOES?

MEETING MINUTES

ARE AVAILABLE ON
OUR WEBSITE

<https://www.brevardschools.org/LongleafES>



2022-23



YEARBOOKS



WILL BE DELIVERED TO STUDENTS

Friday, May 5

**YEARBOOKS WILL BE FOR SALE
WEEK OF MAY 8-10
BEFORE SCHOOL
QUANTITIES ARE LIMITED**

**\$25 Cash or Check to
Longleaf PTO
to purchase a yearbook
May 8-10
while supplies last.**





VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

All approved BPS volunteers attend a volunteer orientation prior to volunteering at Longleaf to see what opportunities for involvement are available, meet other volunteers, and learn our policies. This includes volunteering to assist teachers with parties, events, and field trips.

If you are an approved volunteer and have not attended a Longleaf volunteer orientation, please sign-up using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805044faaa82da1f58-volunteer>

If you are not a volunteer, and would like to become one, please fill out the application at the district webpage:

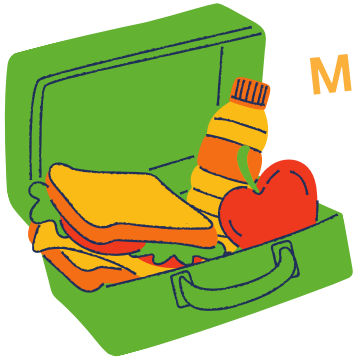
<https://www.brevardschools.org/Page/11104>

Once you complete the online application proceed to the district office for fingerprinting. It can take up to 90 days to be approved. The volunteer status must be updated annually.

Volunteer orientations will take place at the start of the 2023-34 school year.

If you are not sure of your status, or have any questions about volunteering, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, EddyLynn Kledzik

Kledzik.eddy@brevardschools.org



May 18 is our
last Lunch
Bunch
of the year.



Lunch Bunch is a new initiative this year to provide families an opportunity to have lunch in school. This program is available on Thursdays and supervised by our approved BPS volunteers or school designees. The families of our Bobcats are asked to sign up to attend lunch on a monthly basis to provide opportunities to all our families. The following procedures are followed to maintain safety on campus.

1. Come at your student's designated time. We will not call students out of class early.
2. Sign-in at the front office with proper ID and get a badge.
3. Visitors will be escorted to our designated "Bobcat Lunch Bunch" area located in the Commons.
4. Students will be brought to/from the lunch area by our volunteer staff.
5. Visitors will check-out in the front office when their student is picked-up by the teacher. If you have multiple students, you will need to check-out and check back in at their designated time as we do not have a waiting area.

Safety Reminders:

Parents/guests may not enter the cafeteria or go through the lunch line. Contacts on the student registration form are allowed to eat with the students. The contact may bring an additional guest with them. Other classmates will not be allowed to join your student for lunch. Outside food will remain with the parents as well as any leftovers. Parents also have the option of checking their student out and taking them off campus for lunch.

To sign up for lunch bunch, click the link and select an open date. Fill in the appropriate information. <https://forms.gle/pk4xxZrrQSk4L3Xf9>

You will receive a confirmation and reminder the Sunday prior to your visit.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kledzik

Kledzik.eddy@brevardschools.org

Buddy's Buddies



Longleaf is so thankful to have
such amazing Partners In Education!

