



# THE BOBCAT NEWS

## March

### 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>

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
April Meeting Dates: SAC April 5 PTO April 12		1 SAC Meeting 4:15 Jeremiah's Ice Night 3-9 PM Domino's Night 4-8 PM	2 Spring Individual Pictures Lunch Bunch See Newsletter for info to sign-up	3 Coffee Cart for Longleaf Staff Early Release
6	7	8 PTO Meeting 3:00 PM Spirit Night: 321 Ice Cream Bar 5-9 PM 	9 PreK-2 Field Day 	10 Grades 3-6 Field Day Early Release
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20 No School for Students Teacher Work Day 	21 	22	23	24 Early Release
27	28 Gator's Spirit Night 4-9 PM	29	30	31 Early Release

Save these Dates!



3/1

3/2

3/8

3/9

3/10

3/28

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Principal:  
Mr. Jason Sherburne  
Assistant Principal:  
Mr. Rick Dillon

## Principal Message

Dear Longleaf Families,

The School Board of Brevard County defines when students may use their communication devices during school hours and how they may use them. Policy 5136-Wireless Communication Devices (WCD) may be found on the district website and in the Student Code of Conduct Handbook (pages 27-29). I encourage you to read the district policy in its entirety and discuss it with your student(s) prior to the consistent enforcement on February 27, 2023.

Wireless communication devices have many positive uses. However, in the classroom setting they are an enormous distraction to learning. Multiple research studies cite the negative effects of cell phone use on teenagers, particularly the overuse of social media. We have found that cell phones not only distract students from learning, but also facilitate negative behavior such as:

- Cyberbullying
- Harassment
- Sexting
- Taking photos or videos of students and staff without their permission
- Accessing inappropriate websites
- Arranging meetings with friends in the hallways or restrooms during class time

**Student use of a WCD, including but not limited to cell phones, wireless/wired headphones, and smart watches will be strictly prohibited during instructional time on our campus and riding the bus.** During class students may not use their WCD in any way. This includes using their cell phones for calculators, checking the time, listening to music, reading a book or for any other reason. Our faculty cannot educate students effectively when they are constantly distracted by electronic devices.

While I understand that students may need to bring these devices for before or after school needs, they will need to be powered off and placed in their backpacks during the school day. It is imperative that any student who brings a WCD has a WCD contract on file. We are in the process of verifying that each student is in compliance and our school clerk will be sending home additional contracts soon.

Any student who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary consequences including, but not limited to, revocation of their cell phone privilege on campus. The attached document has more specific information regarding Policy 5136-Wireless Communication Devices (WCD) and potential consequences.

We thank you for helping us reduce classroom distractions so that your student(s) can give their complete attention to learning. Please contact me at 321-242-4700 or [Sherburne.jason@brevardschools.org](mailto:Sherburne.jason@brevardschools.org) if you have any questions or extenuating circumstances where a WCD would need to be permitted.

Respectfully,  
Principal Sherburne



## Yoop's March Challenge!

Keep up the hard work on I Ready for a  
*chance at LUCK* this March.

**7** winners from each grade level will get to try their *luck* in our Bingo tournament.



Every name chosen will win a *PRIZE* and additional prizes will be given out at the tournament.

March winners will be pulled Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Our Bingo tournament will be Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

(Schedule of times to follow)

*Good luck and keep working HARD!*



## DEAR PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BREVARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS PARENT SURVEY. THE SURVEY WILL BE AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH TO ALL PARENTS ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH THROUGH FRIDAY, MARCH 10TH.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, THE SURVEY MAY BE COMPLETED ONLINE ON YOUR HOME/WORK COMPUTER OR ON YOUR SMARTPHONE. IF YOU REQUIRE A PAPER COPY OF THE SURVEY, PLEASE SEND A NOTE TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER AND ONE WILL BE SENT HOME.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS CAN ACCESS THIS SURVEY ONLINE AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.BREVARDSCHOOLS.ORG/2023PARENTSURVEY](https://www.brevardschools.org/2023parentsurvey)

BY COMPLETING THIS SURVEY, YOU WILL HELP US SERVE EACH OF OUR STUDENTS AT LONGLEAF WITH EXCELLENCE.

A SUMMARY OF THE PARENT SURVEY RESULTS WILL BE REPORTED AND POSTED ON THE BPS WEBSITE. SURVEY RESULTS AND COMMENTS WILL GUIDE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS AND BE USED TO MEET THE DIVERSE NEEDS OF BREVARD STUDENTS AND FAMILIES.

Sincerely,  
Rick Dillon

*Rick Dillon*  
Assistant Principal





# NEHS

National Elementary Honor Society

## NEHS For March

### News & More

Some volunteers have been cleaning up the recess area garden.

In addition, a few NEHS members helped Coach line the new soccer field!

### March Meetings

3/9 2:30-3:30 Committee

Meeting: Service (Ms. Henriquez's Room 605)  
3/7 2:30-3:30 Committee

Meeting: Paw Pals (Mrs. Kaiser's Room 611)  
3/21 2:30-3:30 Officer

Meeting: (Ms. Guarino's Room 607)  
3/28 2:30-3:30 General

Membership Meeting in Media Center  
3/29 2:30-3:30 Recess Garden

Cleanup: All NEHS Members Welcome  
3/31 Last day to submit 3rd 9 weeks report cards

### Service Project:

Humane Society Donation Drive  
Bring in any item for pets on the list and place in the collection boxes around the school.



## HUMANE SOCIETY DONATION DRIVE

Longleaf Elementary is participating in our annual donation drive for the Humane Society hosted by our NEHS Service Committee. The wish list of needed items is included. Please consider sending in donations for this community project.

January 5, 2023- March 10, 2023

Bring your donations to school with you and place them in the provided bins throughout the campus.

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## Wish List Items

### Feline Items:

- Dry Cat & Kitten Food
- Canned Cat & Kitten Food
- Cat & Kitten Treats
- Clay Litter (non-clumping)
- Litter Boxes & Scoopers
- Cat Toys
- Kitten Formula (KMR)

### Canine Items:

- Dry Puppy & Dog Food
- Dog Toys (Rubber Kong)
- Dog Treats/Milk Bones
- Leashes
- Collars
- Hard Plastic Dog Toys
- Puppy Formula (Esbilac Powder)

### Shelter Items:

- Guinea Pig Food
- Pine Shavings (no cedar)
- Rabbit Food
- Bird Food
- Clorox Bleach
- Heating Pads
- Multi-Purpose Cleaner
- Cotton Balls
- Trash Bags (13 gals. & 30 gals.)
- Windex (window cleaner)
- Rubbing Alcohol
- Stuffed Animals
- Plastic Gloves (medium & large)
- Paper Towels
- Blankets, Comforters & Towels
- Mops & Buckets
- Brooms & Dust Pans
- Laundry Detergent

Cash is great but we also use gift cards for

Home Depot, Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse, Office Depot, Petsmart, Petco, Pet Supermarket, Target, Staples and/or Wal-Mart are always appreciated to help us with our shopping needs too.

"No more homeless pets...Spayed / Neutered...Adopted"

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

## March Reading Log

Longleaf challenges all bobcats to read 20 minutes 5 nights a week. Read books, record, and return this or any reading log to the media center by April 4th to earn a reading reward!

Kindergarten and 1st grade may color the image. Grades 2-6 are expected to write the books read throughout the month.





## Coach's Corner!

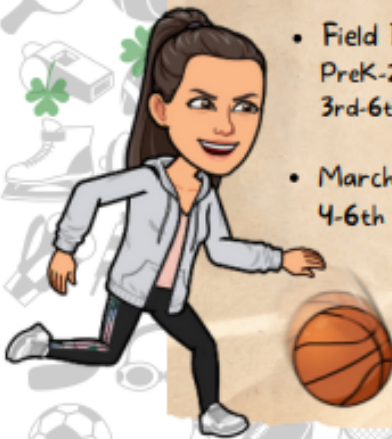
### This Month in PE...

Leading up to Spring Break, students will be practicing for field day. After Spring Break, all grade levels will start a basket ball unit that will focus on the basic skills needed to dribble the ball.



### Upcoming Events

- Field Day  
PreK-2nd March 9th  
3rd-6th March 10th
- March Madness for  
4-6th graders.



### Spring into Action!

**30-DAY JUMP ROPE CHALLENGE FOR BEGINNERS**

MARATHON HANDBOOK

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	100 Jumps	100 Jumping Jacks	4 x 50 Jumps + 30 Calf Raises	2 x 100 Jumps with 60s Plank Between	Rest Day	200 Jumps	3 x 100 Jumps
2	300 Jumps	2 x 100 Jumping Jacks	4 x 100 Jumps + 30 Calf Raises	2 x 250 Jumps with 60s Plank Between	Rest Day	400 Jumps	5 x 100 Jumps
3	500 Jumps	3 x 100 Jumping Jacks	3 x 200 Jumps + 30 Calf Raises	600 Jumps	Rest Day	2 x 300 Jumps with 60s Plank Between	4 x 200 Jumps
4	800 Jumps	2 x 500 Jumps	3 x 300 Jumps + 30 Calf Raises	4 x 100 Jumping Jacks	2 x 500 Jumps	Rest Day	750 Jumps + 250 Jumps
5	2 x 500 Jumps with 30s Plank Between	1000 Jumps					



### PE at Home

Students have PE once a week, but it is important to stay active everyday! Here are some fun suggestions for this month...

- Practice bouncing and catching or dribbling the basketball
- Try the 30-Day Jump Rope Challenge above.
- Go for a bike ride or walk around the neighborhood.







# YEARBOOK

**ORDER YOURS TODAY!**

**2022-2023 | Longleaf Elementary School**

**For only \$25 the 2022-2023 Yearbook is something you don't want to miss. Packed with this year's memories!**



Yearbooks are not guaranteed for students/parents that have not pre-ordered.

ORDER ONLINE NO LATER THAN MARCH 10th 2023

**BUYTHEYEARBOOK.COM**

ENTER SCHOOL ID: 710568

\*A \$5 service fee will be added to online orders.



Scan with mobile device to order



## REMINDER

We are still in need of volunteers for Field Day! The event(s) will be taking place March 9th for PreK-2nd grade and March 10th for 3-6th grade. If you are a registered volunteer, please consider signing up to help out and enjoy a fun day with our amazing students!

Click the link to sign up! →



SignUpGenius





# 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 follow the instructions at the district webpage:

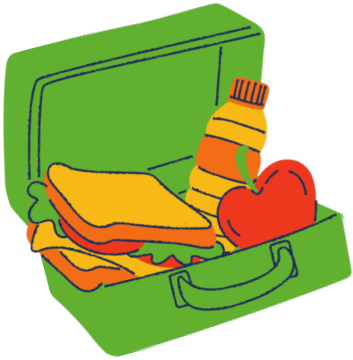
<https://www.brevardschools.org/Page/11104>

You must complete the online application and have fingerprinting done at the district security office. It can take up to 90 days to be approved. The volunteer status must be updated annually.

Volunteer orientations will be scheduled as new volunteers are approved.

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](mailto:Kledzik.eddy@brevardschools.org)



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.

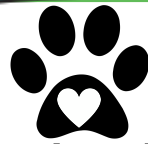
To sign up for lunch bunch, click the link and select an open date. Fill in the appropriate information. <https://forms.gle/pk4xxZrrQSk4L3Xf9>

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](mailto:Kledzik.eddy@brevardschools.org)

# Buddy's Buddies



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

