

# LONGLEAF ELEMENTARY BOBCAT NEWSLETTER

August 2023 Issue



HOME OF  
THE BOBCATS

## D A T E S T O S A V E

First Day of School 8-10

Kindergarten Starts 8-15

Read-A-Thon Starts 8-18

VPK/PREK Starts 8-17

Book Fair Starts 8-21

Pep-Rally! 8-31



# August



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			10 BACK TO SCHOOL	11
14	15 First Day For Kindergarten 	16 PTO Meeting! SAC Meeting Genna's Spirit Night!!	17 First Day For VPK/PREK 	18 Read-A-Thon Starts 8/18-9/1 
21 BOOK SALE	22 BOOK SALE	23 PreK-2 Open House 	24 3-6 Open House 	25 BOOK SALE
28	29	30 LONG DOGGERS Spirit Night!!	31 Pep Rally!	

TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE

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PTO WEBSITE



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Melbourne, FL 32935

Principal: Mr. Jason Sherburne



321-242-4700

Assistant Principal: Mr. Rick Dillon



# A message from our **PRINCIPAL**

**August 10th, 2023**

Dear Longleaf Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year with so many learning adventures ahead! We have had a great time seeing our former students as well as meeting our new Bobcats! We opened the doors to just over 600 students. Your partnership is important, and we look forward to working through another successful year together. Our school theme this year is "TEAM Longleaf" where together everyone achieves more!

Thank you for providing us with valuable input in the parent survey. We will strive to meet your expectations and take your thoughts into consideration. Longleaf will continue to address the area of communication. Please try to help us with this goal by keeping your information current. We will continue to push out important updates through FOCUS, the school website and the Longleaf Elementary Facebook page. I would implore you to make sure you are signed up for all three.

Longleaf is a PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support) Model School. Students can earn "Bobcat Bucks" for demonstrating school wide PAWS expectations. We will have Bobcat Bash celebrations where students can spend their collected "Bobcat Bucks" on a variety of activities. Please review these expectations with your child throughout the school year and help us praise their efforts and growth. Our PBIS team will be hard at work continuing to grow this program which has been very successful for our students.

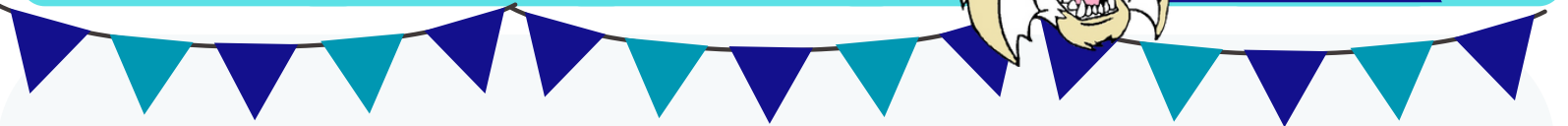
**Positive Attitude   Acting Responsibly and Respectfully   Wise Choices   Safety First.**

School doors open at 7:30 am and the tardy bell rings at 8:00 am. Students are not permitted to arrive before 7:30 am unless they are enrolled in before care with BAS. Parents will not be allowed to walk students to class per school board policy. Thank you for following our school policies for the safety of all.

We are looking forward to another amazing year at Longleaf. Thank you for your support as we work as one TEAM to help all our students learn and grow as a community of lifelong learners. Go Bobcats!!

Respectfully,

Principal Sherburne



# LONGLEAF ELEMENTARY'S

# FALL

# FESTIVAL

WE NEED YOUR HELP! WILL YOU SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME TO RUN OUR FALL FESTIVAL? OPTIONS INCLUDE: GAMES, TICKETS, SILENT AUCTION, BAKE SALE, PUMPKIN PATCH, MAZE, WATER STATION, AND BOUNCE HOUSES!

October 21, 2023!

Multiple time slots available! You do not have to be an approved volunteer; all are welcome!

SIGN  
UP  
HERE!





**NEHS**

**NEHS invitations and current member letters went home on the first day of school.**

**All NEHS applications are due on Friday, August 25, 2023. No late applications will be accepted.**

**Acceptance letters will go home Monday, August 28 and our first meeting will be after school on Tuesday, August 29 from 2:30-3:30pm in the Media Center.**

**Our induction ceremony will be on September 26, 2023 at 5:30pm in the Longleaf Café.**







# COACH'S CORNER!

## THIS YEARS GAME PLAN

**I AM SO EXCITED TO START ANOTHER FUN FILLED YEAR OF PE WITH YOUR STUDENTS! I LOOK FORWARD TO CREATING AND MAINTAINING A COMFORTABLE AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR YOUR STUDENTS TO LEARN ABOUT PHYSICAL HEALTH AND FITNESS AND PARTAKE IN FUN PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES EACH WEEK!**



### ON PE DAYS PLEASE REMEMBER...

- Water Bottle
- Sneakers Every Day!!!!!!!
- Comfortable school appropriate clothing
- Wear sunscreen
- Positive attitude!



### THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO THIS YEAR.

- Walk to School Day 10/4
- Morning Mile (TBA)
- Track 4th-6th (TBA)
- 6th Grade Super Bowl 2/9
- Field Day 3/21-3/22
- March Madness 3rd-6th
- End of year hula hoop contest!

### SICK OR INJURED?

If your student is unable to participate in PE for any reason please provide a note from a doctor or parent/guardian. If a student has a doctor's note, a return date or note must be provided for a student to begin participation again.





**WHAT IS SAC?**



**4 POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

SAC (School Advisory Council) is a school-based group intended to represent the school, the community, and those persons closest to the students. The group shares responsibility for guiding the school toward continuous improvement. SAC is composed of the principal and a balanced number of elected teachers, education support employees, and parents, along with appointed business and community members, who are representative of the ethnic, racial, and economic community served by the school.

Longleaf SAC meetings are typically held the first Wednesday of the month from 4:15-5:15 PM in the Media Center. Longleaf community members are welcome to attend SAC meetings.

Longleaf SAC Committee Meeting Schedule 2023-24

Date	Time	Location Changes will be Announced
August 16, 2023	4:15 PM	Media Center
September 6, 2023	4:15 PM	Media Center
October 4, 2023	4:15 PM	Media Center
November 1, 2023	4:15 PM	Media Center
February 7, 2024	4:15 PM	Media Center
March 6, 2024	4:15 PM	Media Center
April 3, 2023	4:15 PM	Media Center
May 1, 2023	4:15 PM	Media Center

SAC members are voted in for a two year term. There are currently 4 available positions. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Eddy Lynn Kledzik by August 15, 2023. Voting will take place prior to the September 6 meeting. Please plan to attend the scheduled meetings.

Interested teachers, staff, parents and community members, please email [kledzik.eddy@brevardschools.org](mailto:kledzik.eddy@brevardschools.org)





# OPEN HOUSE

is your chance to:

Visit Classrooms

Meet Teachers

Shop Book Fair

Get your PTO spirit wear



Bobcat Merchandise Vendors & Food Vendors will be onsite.



Pre-K, VPK, K, 1st, & 2nd  
Wednesday, August 23  
5-7 PM

3rd, 4th, 5th, & 6th  
Thursday, August 24  
5-7 PM





# Library Media News



Summer reading logs are due to Mrs. Kledzik by  
Friday, August 18

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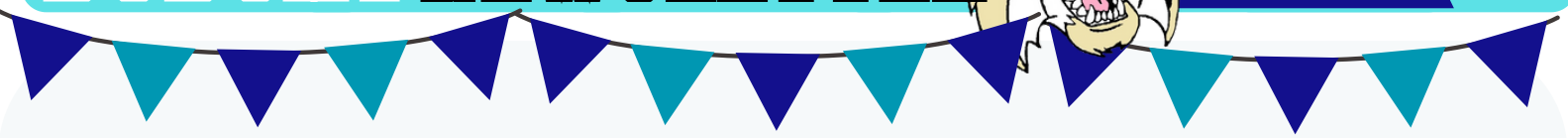
Book check out for grades 1-6 starts  
Monday, August 14

Click For the Following:

[Longleaf Library Media Mission Statement](#)  
[Letter to Families](#)  
[Library Media Collection](#)







# ARE YOU A VOLUNTEER?

**ONLY BPS APPROVED VOLUNTEERS MAY PARTICIPATE AND ATTEND EVENTS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.**

## Volunteers help with:

- Field Trips
- Field Day
- Book Fair
- Holiday Shop
- Class Parties
- Library Checkout
- Morning Mile
- Teacher Requests
- Volunteer Room
- Lunch Bunch
- and so much more!

## Becoming a Volunteer:

- Step 1:  
Fill out an application online:  
<https://www.brevardschools.org/Page/11104>
- Step 2:  
Get Fingerprinted at  
BPS School Board  
Office of District Security  
2700 JUDGE FRAN  
JAMIESON WAY  
VIERA, FL 32940  
Monday - Friday 8:00-4:00  
No appointment necessary

Once you are a BPS Approved Volunteer, to be placed on the volunteer email list and receive our Sign-Up Genius link, please reach out to our volunteer coordinator, EddyLynn Kledzik ([kledzik.eddy@brevardschools.org](mailto:kledzik.eddy@brevardschools.org))





# SCHOOL

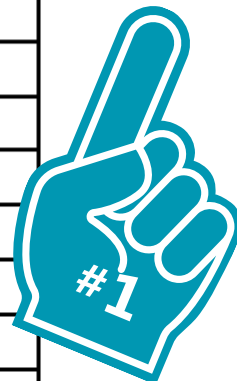
# Spirit Nights!



1st Wednesday of every month - Jeremiah's Ice Night 3-9 pm  
 2nd Wednesday of every month - 321 Ice Cream Bar 5-9 pm



8/16	Genna Pizza Co	4-9 pm
8/30	Long Doggers	5-8 pm
9/13	Domino's	4-9 pm
9/27	Texas Roadhouse (Viera)	5-8 pm
10/10	Walk-On's	4-9 pm
10/25	Bubbakoo's Burritos	4-9 pm
11/8	Domino's	4-8 pm
12/6	Beef 'O'Brady's	4-9 pm
12/19	Gator's Dockside	4-9 pm
1/17	Domino's	4-8 pm
2/13	Texas Roadhouse (Viera)	5-8 pm
2/27	Walk-On's	4-9 pm
3/13	Genna Pizza Co	4-9 pm
4/3	Bubbakoo's Burritos	4-9 pm
4/17	Domino's	4-8 pm
5/1	Gator's Dockside	4-9 pm
5/15	Long Doggers	5-8 pm





Whether you are going to shed a tear or give a cheer,  
Come join us to kick off the kindergarten school year!

KINDERGARTEN PARENTS ARE  
INVITED TO A

# TEARS & CHEERS BREAKFAST



TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 8:00 AM  
IN THE CAFETERIA  
FOLLOWING KINDERGARTEN DROP-OFF

Hosted by the Longleaf Bobcat PTO  
Kindergarten parents will enjoy breakfast, meet the Admin  
Team, find out about PTO and Volunteer opportunities  
including how to attend field trips, help in class, and more!

Kindergarten parents who plan to walk students to class will be directed to enter  
the kindergarten hall through the bus loop, drop off their student with their  
teacher, and exit the building. To attend the kindergarten parent breakfast,  
please come back into the building from the front entrance, sign in, and proceed  
to the cafeteria. School-age children will be in class, however younger children  
may attend.

**CONTACT LONGLEAF BOBCAT PTO**

for more information:

[BobcatPTO4290@gmail.com](mailto:BobcatPTO4290@gmail.com)





# 2023/24 Testing Updates

*Mandatory infrastructure trial on 8/29 @ 10:00AM*

## GRADES 3-6

iReady D1 Week of  
8/28-9/1

## GRADES 3-6

iReady D1 Week of  
12/4-12/8

## GRADES 3-6

ELA 9/6  
Math 9/7

## GRADES 3-6

ELA 1/10  
Math 1/11

## GRADES K-2

ELA 9/12  
Math 9/13

## GRADES K-2

ELA 12/5  
Math 12/6

## GRADES K-2

iReady D1 Week of  
10/2-10/6

## GRADES K-2

iReady D1 Week of  
1/10-1/17





# LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch is an opportunity for families to have lunch in school with their students. This program is available on Thursdays and supervised by our approved BPS volunteers or school designees. The families of our Bobcats are asked to limit sign up to once a month 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 students 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.

### [Lunch Bunch Sign-Up Link](#)

You will receive a confirmation email following your sign-up. Please mark your calendar. For further information, please contact our Front Office Clerk, Jessica Hoppins  
[Hoppins.Jessica@BrevardSchools.org](mailto:Hoppins.Jessica@BrevardSchools.org).



# ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL



## Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

- Arrival- Early arrival is a major safety issue! There is no supervision before 7:30 am. Please do not drop off your students prior to 7:30 as they are not being monitored. This also pertains to walkers/bikers arriving early on campus. Longleaf before/after care is available for a fee if you have a need. Please contact the front office for more information.
- Dismissal- As a reminder everyone is required to have a car tag to receive your student(s) when walking up to the front of the building. If you are not a resident of the apartment complex, Longleaf Preserves, you are asked to use the Longleaf car loop or park in our campus parking lots for dismissal and arrival. We cannot escort kindergarten students down to the gate and release them nor can we walk students off campus. This procedure is to ensure student safety. If you would like to request car tags, you will need to come to the front office with proper identification. Car tags will only be given to the custodial parents.
- Car Riders- Please leave your car tag visible until you have secured your student(s) in your vehicle. The teachers at the lanes need to know what student(s) they are putting in the car. We appreciate your help and cooperation to ensure a safe and speedy dismissal.
  - o We are asking parents to be courteous and mindful of the traffic laws when arriving for dismissal. Please refrain from blocking traffic and impeding others from entering the car loop or overflow parking lot. For safety purposes, we ask to refrain from use of cell phone in our car loop. Thank you for doing your part to make this a safe and efficient process for all!

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact the front office.

## Request for Change in Transportation Plans

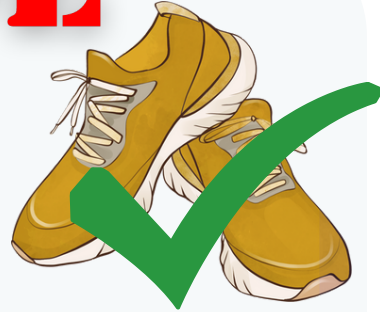
Students must bring a note from home if using a different method of transportation or going to a different destination at dismissal time. Transportation changes will never be taken over the phone. If a student is enrolled in Brevard After School program, it is the parent's responsibility to notify the classroom teacher, as well as Brevard After School when transportation plans have been changed.



# DRESS CODE



# UPDATE!



There have been updates made to the district dress code for this school year.

One of these updates, along with a few others, are to the section under footwear. It states...

**"Students must wear shoes that are safe and appropriate for the learning environment, including recess, PE, CTE, and labs. (Crocs are not appropriate for grades K-6)."**

To see the full dress code please click the link below.





**WELCOME**

**NEW MUSIC TEACHER!**

**MRS. RODRIGUEZ**

**Longleaf Music Message:**

Hey Bobcats! My name is Mrs. Rodriguez and I am the new music teacher here at Longleaf Elementary School. I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are rested and ready to jump right into making music with me. I was previously a music teacher at Cambridge Elementary School, and I am a graduate of Mississippi State University. I am so excited to join the bobcat family! We have a lot of fun things planned for music this school year, and I will be sending out more information as time goes on. I can't wait to meet you all and start this musical journey with you.

**Musical groups for your student to think about joining:**

**Encore Choir:**

- 4-6th grade

**Beginning Strings:**

- 5th-6th grade
- Your student does not need any prior knowledge of the instrument
- There are 4 different string instruments for your student to choose to learn:
  - Violin
  - Viola
  - Cello
  - Double Bass

**Intermediate Strings:**

- 6th grade
- Your student needs to have at least 1 year of strings experience.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out to me!

Musically,

Mrs. Taylor Rodriguez  
 Music Educator  
 Longleaf Elementary School  
 (321)242-4700 ext. 46639

[Jenkins.Taylor@brevardschools.org](mailto:Jenkins.Taylor@brevardschools.org) ( I was recently married and my last name is still in the process of being changed in the school district system)

\*Best phone call availability is between 8:00am-8:30am







# LONGLEAF ELEMENTARY PTO MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please support the Longleaf Elementary by joining the PTO! The cost is only \$5 which goes toward raising money to fund special events and operating expenses.

Keep in mind that anyone in the Longleaf community can join the PTO: parents, grandparents, and guardians. We need your unique your unique talents, whether its volunteering a few hours a month or a few hours a year, attending meetings , or sharing your ideas.

visit <https://longleaf.ptboard.com>, enter code **6H9AVA** to join and for more information!

LONGLEAF ELEMENTARY PTO  
MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE#: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

ALL VOLUNTEERS NEED TO BE APPROVED THROUGH THE DISTRICT. YOU CAN APPLY ONLINE AT THE BPS WEBPAGE.

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

PTO members do not need to be volunteers.

Please contact the Longleaf Elementary PTO if you have any questions:

Bobcatpto4290@gmail.com

# LONGLEAF'S MVPS

We love our PIE Teammates!

