AUGUST ISSUE
2024

BOBCAT NEWSLETTER

"Unity is strength. When there is team work and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved." -Mattie Stepanek



Dates and Events to know!

- 8/12 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- 8/14 PTO MEETING & 321 ICE CREAM SPIRIT NIGHT
- 8/15 FIRST DAY FOR KINDERGARTEN
- 8/19-23 BOOK FAIR
- 8/21 OPEN HOUSE PREK-2ND GRADE 5:00-7:00 PM
- 8/22 OPEN HOUSE 3RD-6TH GRADE 5:00-7:00 PM

LONGLEAF Bobcats ELEMENTARY

AUGUST

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12 First Day of School	13	14 PTO Meeting 3:00 321 Ice Cream Spirit Night!	15 First Day of School for Kindergarten	16		
19 Genna's Pizza! Spirit Night!	20 Open house for Prek-2nd	21 OPEN HOUSE	22 Open house for 3rd-6th OPEN HOUSE	23		
26	27 SAC Meeting 4:15	28 Dominos Spirit Night!	29 Volunteer Breakfast & Homeroom Parent Meeting	30		

BOOK FAIR!

RAISE CRAZE

calling all BOBCATS teal and blue!

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PTO WEBSITE

4290 N. Wickham Road.
Melbourne, FL 32935

321-242-4700

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

Principal Letter

August 12th, 2024

Dear Longleaf Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 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 550 students. Your partnership is important, and we look forward to working as TEAM through another successful year together.

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 concerning discipline, engaging classrooms, and activity classes. Longleaf will continue to strive to keep our Longleaf families informed. 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. The monthly Bobcat newsletter will also be sent at the beginning of every month via FOCUS and will contain valuable information for you and your family.

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 continue to grow this program which has been very successful for our students.

Positive Attitud**e** **A**cting Responsibly and Respectfully **W**ise Choices **S**afety 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



"CHECK OUT" our new Attendance Kiosk at Longleaf!

Simple Check-in and Check-out

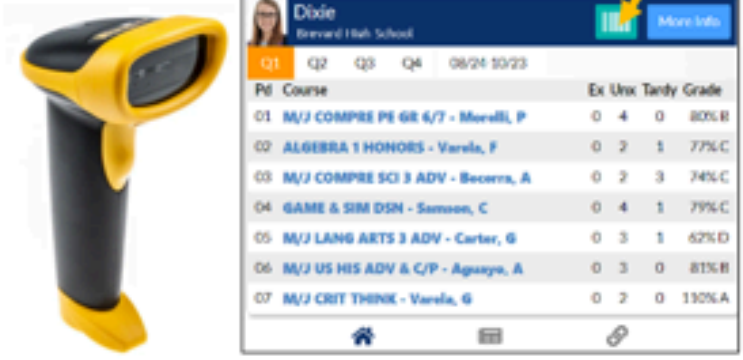
Step 1 Log-in to your Parent Portal on the BPS FOCUS App on your phone*

Step 2 Access your student's barcode

Step 3 Scan barcode

*If you don't have your phone, no worries, we have your student's barcode accessible at the front desk!





ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES





School Hours – Mon- Thurs 8:00AM- 2:30PM, Fri 8:00AM-1:15PM

School begins promptly at **8:00AM** and ends at **2:30PM** Monday-Thursday and **1:15PM** on Fridays. A student is not to report to the school campus before 7:30AM unless attending Morning Care or a school organized club. Students should report directly to the cafeteria or the black top for "Walk and Talk" until 7:45AM. Teachers will not admit students into the classroom before 7:45AM.

Children arriving before 7:30AM or who are not picked up by 3:00PM M-TH, or by 1:45PM on Friday, will automatically be placed with Brevard After School care, which is a paid before-and-after-school care program. You will be charged a late pick-up fee, in addition to a $25.00 registration fee, for each occurrence.

NOTE: Every Friday of the 2024-2025 school year is an early release day. Students will be dismissed at **1:15**PM Please make sure you have made arrangements for the pickup and care of your child(ren).

Drop Off & Pick Up Procedures

The rules for pick up and drop off of students will be strictly enforced in order to ensure student safety. The cooperation of all drivers is expected and appreciated. The bus loop is **only for school buses** and **VPK/PRE-K** morning drop off. Children **may not** cross the front parking lot unescorted, and all pedestrians are expected to use the **crosswalk**.

Parents dropping off or picking up students must use the car loop and follow the instructions of the staff. We will move traffic as quickly as possible.

DO NOT leave vehicles unattended in the car loop area, **DO NOT** park in the bus loop, **DO NOT** allow students to exit cars from the driver's side.

Traveling To and From School

Walkers and bike riders should walk/ride on sidewalks and use the crossing guards whenever possible. Pedestrian and bicycle safety rules are to be followed (buddy system, helmets, etc.). All bicycles, skateboards, or other means of travel (other than feet) must be secured in the appropriate bike rack. Bike riders that arrive to school without a helmet will not be permitted to remove their bikes from campus until they comply with the law

Check-in & Check-out Policy

Check - In Policy

Students are **Tardy** if they are not in the classroom by **8:00AM**. Students reporting to school after 8:00AM MUST be signed in by a parent or guardian to obtain a tardy slip from the office. If students are checked out of school and then returned to school before the end of the school day, they must have a guardian check them back in through the office before reporting to their classroom. Please do your best to schedule appointments after school to minimize loss of instructional time.

Check - Out Policy

Students will not be allowed to leave school prior to the normal dismissal time unless a parent or guardian comes into the school and checks them out through the front office. Parents, or other authorized adults, will be asked to **show identification** when signing children out, so please bring your driver's license or other photo ID with you. Please do not call the front office or classroom to change a student's normal departure routine except in the case of an emergency. In the event that a child's transportation for dismissal changes, the parent must send a signed written note to the teacher or front office that clearly states the change. In order to reduce end of the school day congestion, **no students will be checked out during the last 30 minutes** (after **2:00 PM** Mon-Thurs, after **12:45PM** Fri) unless it is an emergency. According to School Board Policy, students are released to the parent of record only. A parent/guardian must give advance written notice to the front office when requesting a child is to be released to anyone other than designated persons.


LONGLEAF
ELEMENTARY
Open
HOUSE
PREK- 2ND GRADE
AUG. 21
5:00-7:00
BOOK FAIR
OPEN
3RD-6TH GRADE
AUG. 22
5:00-7:00
THERE WILL BE
PTO SPIRIT WEAR ON SALE
&
ENTRY TO THE BOOK FAIR

FAST TESTING INFORMATION

Dear Parent/Guardian, **August 2024**

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 administration of the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) ELA Reading and Mathematics assessments on the dates listed below.

PM1 FAST for Grades K-2: ELA on 9/10 and Mathematics on 9/11
PM2 FAST for Grades K-2: ELA on 12/10 and Mathematics on 12/11
PM3 FAST for Grades K-2: ELA on 4/22 and Mathematics on 4/23

PM1 FAST for Grades 3-6: ELA on 8/27 and Mathematics on 8/28
PM2 FAST for Grades 3-6: ELA on 12/3 and Mathematics on 12/4
PM3 FAST for Grades 3-6: ELA on 5/1 and Mathematics on 5/6

PM3 Science for Grade 5 Only on 5/13

Your child's results are for informational purposes only. You will access the results via the link below. Your child's teacher will provide your child's 6- character unique code after testing is completed via their FOCUS account.
https://fl-familyportal.cambiumast.com/#/

FAST assessments are computer-adaptive tests taken on a computer or tablet. The questions get easier or more difficult depending on how the student responds, and each student will see different questions from a common item bank. Each test attempt (PM1, PM2, and PM3) will present 35–40 items that will 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.fldoe.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 ELA Reading and Mathematics sample items at home, sample test materials are available at https://flfast.org/families.html.

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

- **Electronic Devices**—Students are not permitted to access any electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, smartphones, and smartwatches, at any time during testing or during breaks (e.g., restroom). If your student is found with an electronic device or is found using Bluetooth/wireless headphones/earbuds during testing, his or her test may be invalidated.
- **Calculator Policy**—For Grades 7–8 FAST Mathematics, approved handheld scientific calculators may be used. For Grade 6 FAST Mathematics, a handheld four-function calculator 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.
- **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, please contact the school to discuss any testing accommodations that will be provided for your student.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact your child's teacher at 321-242-4700.

For more information about the FAST program, please visit the portal at FLFAST.org.

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

Sincerely,

Rick Dillon
Assistant Principal


Art Spark
art club
PERMISSION SLIPS FOR
3RD-6TH GRADE
COMING HOME SOON!
PERMISSION SLIPS FOR
K-2ND GRADE
COMING HOME IN DECEMBER.



AUGUST GAME PLAN

TEAM BONDING!

This month, students in all grade levels will be going over routines and procedures for P.E. and participating in team bonding activities that focus on the utilization of responsible behaviors and values in the PE setting.





MORNING MILE

The Morning Mile program will be running for ALL grades this year. Beginning in September, this program will take place Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings on the PE field from 7:30-7:45. No sign up is needed for this optional program.

Library Media News

Summer reading logs are due to the Media Center by Friday, August 16.

Students in grades 1-6 will begin checking out library books during media the week of Aug. 12-15.

For information about library books, classroom libraries, and more, go to the Parents/Student and Media sections of our webpage:
https://www.brevardschools.org/o/loes



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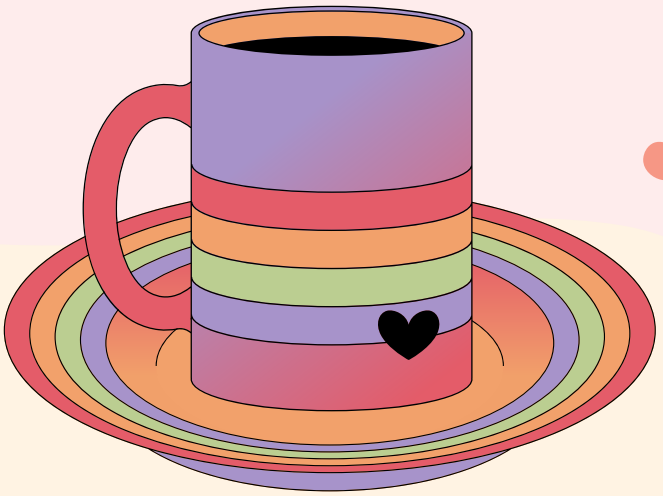
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Scholastic Book Fair is August 19-23
Information will be sent home with students the first week!

Longleaf ♥'s Volunteers



Volunteer Breakfast
August 30
8:00 AM
Please RSVP

Are you a volunteer or interested in volunteering? Come to our volunteer breakfast to learn more. Current volunteers, please sign up on the Sign-up Genius. New volunteers or those interested, please RSVP to Mrs. Kledzik at kledzik.eddy@brevardschools.org



Volunteers are able to chaperone field trips, help with school events, and more. For more information on becoming a volunteer, click the link: https://www.brevardschools.org/o/bps/page/volunteers

WHAT IS SAC?

S.A.C.
School Advisory Council
GET INVOLVED

6 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.

SAC Meeting Schedule for 2024-2025

August 28
October 2
November 6
December 4
January 8
February 5
March 5
April 2
May 7



Join SAC

SAC members are voted in for a two-tear term. There are currently 6 available positions with two members interested in serving another two-year term.
If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Eddy Lynn Kledzik (kledzik.eddy@brevardschools.org) by August 15. Online voting will take place prior to our first meeting on August 28.



THE CLINIC NEEDS CLOTHES!

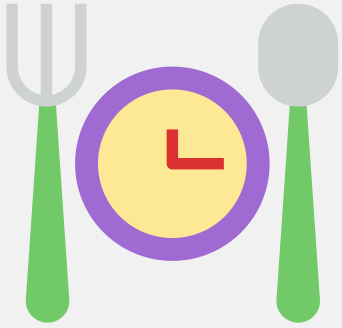
If you would like to donate clothing to the clinic, we are currently in need of kids clothing.

If your student is sent to the clinic for a change of clothing, please remember to return those clothes to the clinic.





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.
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 not receive a reminder email following your sign-up. Please mark your calendar. For further information, please contact our Front Office Clerk, Jess Hoppins Hopkins.Jessica@BrevardSchools.org.





PTO

Join PTO today!
Our goal is to help support our school, teachers, and students through fun organized events, hands on activities, fundraising, and much more!

Longleaf Merchandise

Spirit Wear, Planners, & Membership

PTO Meeting Dates

August 14
September 11
October 9
November 13
December 11
January 15
February 12
March 12
April 9
May 14

Longleaf PTO Website

Create an account with school code :VWK4TW

Party with Food & Nutrition SERVICES

24-25 Smart Snack Menu for classroom parties, special events, and more!

Order treats for your class to enjoy,
prepared by your school's cafeteria and delivered to the classroom.
All snacks and party options meet Brevard Public Schools' Student Wellness Policy guidelines corresponding with Smart Snack Guidelines nutrition standards.
These options are available for purchase by parents, PTA/PTO, organizations, teachers, and school-sponsored programs.
Fill out the order form and send it to your school's cafeteria manager.
Accepted Forms of payment: Check, Cash.
To ensure we have the choice you want, orders MUST be submitted 10 days prior to the event.

Themed party options, customize to your students classroom. Please see order form on reverse side.

- **Small Cookie Cake; Serves 24: $10.00**—The Birthday Child will receive a cookie cake to share with classmates.
- **Large Cookie Cake; Serves 40: $18.00**—The Birthday Child will receive a cookie cake to share with classmates.
- **Cookies & Milk Party: 75¢ per student**—Each student gets a chilled milk and one cookie.
  - ***Choose One:*** Cookie Flavors: Chocolate Chip, Sugar, Carnival Candy, Double Chocolate Chip
- **Brownie Party: $1.00 per student**—Each student receives one brownie.
- **Cupcake Tower; Serves 24: $15.00**—Each student receives one lightly frosted cupcake.
  - ***Choose One:*** Cake: Chocolate or Yellow Frosting Flavors: Chocolate or White
- **Pop Party: $1.00 per student**—Each student receives their very own bag of popcorn to enjoy.
  - ***Choose One:*** Popcorn Flavors: Kettle Corn or Pirate's Booty
- **Go Bananas!: $1.00 per student**—Each student can monkey around with a fresh banana and a pack of goldfish.
- **Veggie Dipper Party; Serves 24: $16.00**—A platter of fresh veggies with light ranch dip for students to enjoy.
- **Fresh Fruit Party: $12.00**—A basket of 24 pieces of fresh fruit delivered to the classroom for students to enjoy.
  - ***Choose One or Variety:*** Apples, Oranges, Bananas
- **Say Cheese!: $1.00 per student**—Students receive baked Cheez-It crackers and a cheese stick.
  - ***Choose One:*** Cheese Stick Flavors: Mozzarella String, Cheddar, or Colby Jack
- **I Scream, You Scream! Party: $1.00-$1.25 per student**—Beat the heat with a frozen treat!
  - **Ice Cream Flavors vary by school– Prices vary by flavor:** Contact café manager for available options
- **Rice Krispies Treat Party: $1.00 per student**—Each student gets a yummy Rice Krispies Treat
  - ***Choose one:*** Rice Krispie Flavors: Original , Chocolate Chip, or Confetti

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Smart Snack Order Form for classroom parties, special events, and more!

Please fill out the order form below and return or email it to your Cafeteria Manager.
Orders MUST be submitted *no later than 10 days prior to the event.*
All payments to be submitted at time of order.

Today's Date: _____

Date/Time of Event: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Number: _ _ _

Child's Name/ID#: _____

Child's Teacher: _ _ _ _____

Number of Students: _ _ _ _____

Form of Payment:

☐ Check # _____
☐ Cash

Total price:

$_____

	Price	Quantity	Flavor Choice	Total Price
Small Cookie Cake; Serves 24 *	$10.00			$
Large Cookie Cake; Serves 40 *	$18.00			$
Cookies & Milk Party *	$0.75 each			$
Brownie Party	$1.00 each		N/A	$
Cupcake Tower; Serves 24 **	$15.00			$
Pop! Party ***	$1.00 each			$
Go Bananas!	$1.00 each		N/A	$
Veggie Dipper Party; Serves 24	$16.00		N/A	$
Fresh Fruit Party; Serves 24	$12.00		N/A	$
Say Cheese! ****	$1.00 each			$
I Scream, You Scream! Party ##	$1.00 - $1.25			$
Rice Krispies Treat Party *^	$1.00 each			$

***Cookie flavors**
Choose One
Chocolate Chip, Sugar, Carnival, Double Chocolate Chip

****Cake Flavors**
Choose One
Chocolate or Yellow

Frosting Flavors
Choose One
Chocolate or White

*****Popcorn Choice**
Kettle Corn
Pirate's Booty

******Cheese Stick Choice**
Colby Jack
Cheddar
Mozzarella String

Ice Cream Options
Please contact your Cafeteria Manager for flavors & pricing

***^ Rice Krispies Party**
Choose One
Original
Chocolate Chip
Confetti

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WE LOVE OUR PIE TEAM!

We appreciate our Partners in Education!
Do you have a business who would like
to support Longleaf as a Partner in Education?
Reach out to our PIE Coordinator,
Eddy Lynn Kledzik kledzik.eddy@brevardschools.org

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Domino's Pizza

JEREMIAH'S ITALIAN ICE

LONG DOGGERS Radically Relaxed Grill & Brew

321 bar

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RICHARD'S PAINT