

**November 2018**

**A Note From the Principal...**



As the excitement and hustle and bustle of our annual Trunk and Treat, Red Ribbon festivities and fall festival parties come to an end, the big top becomes a little calmer. But don't you worry, our Lions are jumping through rings of fire and in center ring as they work towards making sure student achievement is a priority. While maintaining our course of learning, we realize that attention will focus upon the role of teachers and the school staff and the tremendous impact these people have on the lives and futures of our students. As educators we acknowledge our responsibility for, and the involvement in, the education of our students. However, it would be unfair to all of the other people if we did not take the time to recognize their efforts, too.

Please take time to consider, recognize and perhaps thank the many people in our community who have such a positive influence upon the "raising" of our students. On behalf of the school staff I wish to recognize those parents who give so much of themselves to enhance the lives of our little "Lions". Thank you scout leaders, Dividends, religious institutions, coaches, community charities, good neighbors and good friends. Your efforts reinforce and support what we are trying to achieve within the school. Most importantly your efforts enhance the lives of children in our community, probably more than you will ever realize, and unfortunately more than what you are often given credit for.

Finally, I hope you take the time to recognize the most important person in your child's education, future and life.... Yourself. The ultimate responsibility of, and the most significant impact upon, raising and educating a child belongs to the parent. When parents do their job well there is no way in which any amount of "Thank You" can suffice. Good parenting is the foundation for a happy childhood, a bright future, productive citizen and the betterment of society. No "thank you" can suffice, but "THANKS" anyway!

Please take time to enjoy your family and friends over the Thanksgiving holiday. We as Longwood Lions are thankful for all of your support you give us. We are thankful to serve you and your child to the best of our ability.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- November 6th—Fall Picture RETAKES
- November 7th—Family Bingo Night 6:00 PM—7:30 PM
- November 12th—Skate Night Semoran Skateway at 6:15 PM—8:15 PM
- November 12th—16th American Education Week
- November 13th—All Pro Dads Breakfast at 7:30 AM
- November 13th—SAC at 5:30 PM
- November 15th—Roaring Readers at 5:30 PM
- November 19th—23rd—Thanksgiving Break!
- November 27th—Progress Reports go home
- November 29th—Kindergarten Field Trip



Principal- Brian Emmons \* Assistant Principal- Leigh Jones

**THE LONGWOOD ROAR**

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION

In observance of Veteran's Day on November 12th, we at Longwood Elementary would like to honor family members, past and present, which are Veterans by hosting a luncheon in honor of our Veterans.

If you or a family member are serving or have served in the military and would like to participate, please send in the completed luncheon form by November 7th. We will not be able to accommodate veterans without a reservation.



## AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

**November 12th –November 16th**

During this year's American Education Week, millions of educators, parents, students and community leaders will join the National Education Association (NEA) in raising awareness about the critical need to provide every child with a quality public education.

At Longwood we will be celebrating with some special events:

**Monday** — Students dress up as the job you want to pursue

**Tuesday** — Teach-In

**Wednesday** — Education Support Professional Day— Write a nice note to recognize our assistants

**Thursday** — Parents Day— Write a note to your child and put it in their planner or lunch box

**Friday** — School Spirit Day— wear your Longwood shirt

For more information about American Education Week, please visit [www.nea.org/aew](http://www.nea.org/aew)

# COMMUNITY PROJECTS

## GIRLS ON THE RUN

Our Girls on the Run team packed 103 backpacks full of supplies! These backpacks will be shipped to students in need in the Panama City and Mexico Beach areas. A huge "thank you" to all the donations that helped make this possible!



## SCPS TEACH-IN

Be a part of *Teach-In* on Tuesday, November 13, 2018. *Teach-In* offers you the opportunity to read a book aloud, talk about your career, or tell students about your travels and hobbies. The time you spend will make a lasting impression on the children you speak to. *Teach-In* highlights the importance of bringing together teachers, school staff, parents, students and communities in a unified effort to build great public schools.

Please remember that before entering a classroom, you must be a registered Dividend Volunteer. **Visit** [www.scps.k12.fl.us](http://www.scps.k12.fl.us) and click on the Dividend link to register.

# COUNSELOR CORNER

## UNITY DAY

Longwood Elementary School came together against bullying as we celebrated Unity Day on October 24, 2018. Students and staff wore the color orange as we UNITED for **kindness, acceptance and inclusion.**



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### OCTOBER MINI PAW LUNCH WINNERS

We are proud of the hard work our students put into school each day. Teachers and staff can reward our positive lions by completing a "Mini Paws award" at any time. Students then turn in their award for a chance to win a lunch with administration.

Congrats to our recent winners:

- ◆ Edwin Cartagena
- ◆ Macy Champion
- ◆ Daniel Chung
- ◆ Lindsey Glover
- ◆ Logan Leigh
- ◆ Lexington Mason
- ◆ Ava Solivan



### REGISTER AS A DIVIDEND

The Dividends School Volunteer Program is a district wide effort that encourages and promotes community involvement in Seminole County Public Schools.

If you plan to volunteer at school this year (including being a field trip chaperone), you MUST first register as a Dividend.

Register online at [www.scps.k12.fl.us](http://www.scps.k12.fl.us) Click on Parents tab, "Learn More" under the Get involved link. Select the Dividend Link. Click on the [Dividend/Volunteer Registration](#) link and complete the application.

Please remember that must register to be a dividend every school year.



## Longwood Business Partners

We would like to take time to thank our wonderful Partners in Excellence. If you get a chance to visit and support our Business Partners, it would be greatly appreciated!

