Hello to all of the Long Branch families!

If it’s March already, then that means Spring cannot be too far away! You know what else is not too far away? **Our annual Open House! It will be on Tuesday, March 5 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., and we are planning something fun and new for you and your children!** Each year, we try different formats and times of year to make our Open House a meaningful and memorable one for you and your family. In the past, we have combined it with “Back to School Night” or other events, and we have experimented with moving it to different parts of the year. This year, we are trying something brand new, and you are all invited!

**On Tuesday, March 5, we will have our Long Branch Open House/Community Night,** with each grade level hosting an activity that will help benefit our own LBE community and (in some cases) the larger Syracuse community as well. Here is what we have planned:

- **Kindergarten** and **first grade** will be in the blue cluster, and will feature a photo booth for each family, and a family book-reading activity (with a book to take home for each family).
- **Second** and **fourth grades** will be in the cafeteria, and will feature bowl-decorating with our art teacher, Mrs. Matott. Celebrity bowls will be auctioned off to benefit the Central New York Food Bank.
- **Third grade** will be in the library and will feature a fun family activity of “Cosmic Yoga”.
- **Fifth grade** will be in the red cluster and will feature a Sandwich-making activity to benefit the Rescue Mission.
- **Sixth grade** will be in the gym and will feature some fun family fitness activities like foul-shooting and rock wall climbing.
- In the green cluster, we will have a **popcorn/baked sale** to benefit the LBE Positivity Project activities that all of our students enjoy.
- All teachers will be here, including **classroom teachers, special area teachers**, our **reading teachers**, our **school counselor**, and more. Stop in to visit, say hi, and enjoy the great community that we have here at Long Branch Elementary!

We are hoping for 100% attendance at our Open House/Community Night on March 5. We hope you will enjoy your time here and will find the evening to be enjoyable and memorable for you and your children.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, and as always, please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
R. McCrone, Principal
LBE PTO Corner

Please don't forget to complete your Reading for Education Emails. This is an easy way to support LBE PTCO. All you need to do is register at www.RFE.net and send an email invitation to up to 6 people. RFE will pay us $0.50 for each email per student (up to 6) and your child will get a cool prize! Also the $100 golden ticket will once again be offered.

Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser flyers have come home. The fundraiser will be running through next week.

Don't forget to turn in an Yearbook ads and shout-outs! The yearbook committee is hard at work putting together this year's book. All ad revenue will help lower the cost of yearbooks for our students.

● Yearbook ads: A business card size ad may be purchased for the yearbook. Please consider buying one for your own business or passing on to local businesses you think might be interested. These advertisements help us lower the cost of yearbooks for our students
● Yearbook shout-outs: Place a message for your child in this year’s yearbook. It is a great way to show your support and recognition for your child's year at LBE

The next PTCO Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 12th at 7:00. Next Tuesday is Open House!

Event chairs are needed! Have you considered volunteering to chair or co-chair an event? We have several events that will be losing their chair at the end of this year. We are looking for volunteers to cover these events:

● Movie Nights
● Science Fair (parent helper to school staff)
● February Family Fun Nite
● School Store
● Ice Cream Social

Also, we will need to fill a PTCO board position next year. If you are interested in learning more about any of these events (or something not listed) let us know!

Don't forget to send in your Box Tops. The top 3 classes will win a party at the end of the year.

Have a great month!
LBE PTCO
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