

# LOCKED IN WITH THE LYNX!



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# Exit the Tigers, Enter the Lynx!





At the end of our last school year (April 2024), our Assistant Principal spoke with our staff about our mascot--at the time the Tiger. As Long continues to grow and thrive in culture, literacy, and STEM, we want to continue to stand out! After months of discussion and research, the school mascot of the Lynx emerged. As a Long Lynx, we will use the characteristics of the Lynx to continue to strive towards academic excellence, be diligent workers, focused on the task(s) at hand, and use our strengths of observation and confidence to meet and exceed our goals.

Within in the first 2 weeks of school, our Lynx students will receive 1 Lynx polo shirt, 1 Lynx sweatshirt, and 1 Lynx water bottle. **These items will be no charge as we work to celebrate our rebrand!** Items lost or misplaced will need to be reordered at a cost; additional items can be purchased, as well. We will keep or Core Values as ROARR and will meet with the Lynx students rewrite our core values to reflect what it means to be a **LYNX**.

Our new logo! Work like a Lynx, Live like a Lynx!

## **LIMS Spotlight**

### School Renovations

This summer, construction crews worked around the clock to beautify the school. Here are a few highlights:

- New Water Bottle Water Fountains
- Renovated Bathrooms (Lower Level & Gymnasium)
- New Carpet in the Library
- New Tile in All Classrooms
- New Interior Paint



Renovated Bathrooms



New Water Fountains





Welcome to Long



### First Day of School: August 19th!

School for the 2024-2025 school year begins Monday, August 19th at 7:15 AM!

#### **Arrival Procedures:**

- Students can arrive as early as 6:45 AM at Door 7 (back parking lot).
- Please do not drop students off earlier than
   6:45 AM and do not drop students at the front entrance.

#### **Dismissal Procedures:**

- Dismissal will begin at 2:00 pm
- Car Riders and cab riders will be dismissed from the cafeteria at Door 7.
- Bus riders will be dismissed from the front of the building beginning at 2:00 PM.
- Walkers will be dismissed at 2:10 PM



#### Upcoming Dates/Events

Monday, August 19th: First Day of School Thursday, August 22nd: Open House Monday, August 26th: Harambe Sorting! Tuesday, August 27th: Fall Sports Tryouts Monday, September 2: Labor Day--NO SCHOOL





# Welcome Back to School Night: August 22nd

DO NOT miss our Welcome Back to School Night (Open House) Thursday, August 22nd from 5-8 pm! You will have an opportunity to tour the school, visit with teachers and staff, sign up for fall sports, and meet with our school partners. Additional school supplies will be available! The Kona Ice truck will be onsite to purchase a cool treat as well!

## Take 5: Faces of Long

### Ms. Wysinger, 8th Grade Math



Our new 8th Grade Math teacher, Ms. Wysinger, has transitioned from customer service to student support by bringing care and love of numbers to Long. Ubuntu, Ms. Wysinger!

### Ms. Sutton, 8th Grade Science



Ms. Sutton brings relativity, an understanding of the impact people and your environment, and a big, brighter, and better perception to her role as our new 8th grade Science teacher. Ubuntu, Ms. Sutton!

#### Cultural Background:

African American

#### Experience/Educational Background:

Member of the first graduating class of Carnahan School of Future. I have over 10 years of customer service experience.

#### Why do you "BeLong at Long"?

I'm the change I want to see in the children, so I'm here to be part of the solution

#### Fun Fact:

I love to travel and try different food

#### When I was in middle school,

I fell in love with math

#### **Cultural Background:**

African American. STL born and raised!

#### Experience/Educational Background:

SLPS student and graduate of Vashon High School. Attended St. Louis Community College.

### Why do you "BeLong at Long"?

Long reminds me of the middle school I attended. Some of my favorite teachers were my middle school teachers those of which helped me to become who I am today.

#### <u>Fun Fact:</u>

I am an athlete! I played every sport growing up. I also coach.

#### When I was in middle school,

I was a teacher's pet. I loved helping the teachers out and learned that being a "perfect" student was more rewarding and beneficial than seeking negative attention.