



**Principal's Weekly Communication
Week of October 31, 2022**

Greetings Lufkin families. We have a full week of learning!

WEEKLY ACADEMIC PREVIEW

Families, click on the 'Weekly Academic Preview' link above and then select your child's grade and track to see important **academic** information for upcoming week. Elective teachers are also listed. Contact teams/teachers directly if you have specific questions.

NC CHECK-INS

The NC Check-Ins and NC Check-Ins 2.0 are formative interim assessments developed by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction's Annual Testing Program and are aligned to North Carolina grade-level content standards. Students will take these online assessments 2-3 times during the year in Reading, Math, and 8th grade Science.

The main purpose of the interim assessments is to provide students, teachers, and parents/guardians with immediate in-depth data and a reliable estimate of students' current performance on selected subsets of content standards. The end-of-grade (EOG) and end-of-course (EOC) tests share a common question bank with the NC Check-Ins and NC Check-Ins 2.0, which then exposes students to similar question types and rigor found on the EOGs and EOCs.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact our Instructional Facilitator, Michelle Moore: mlmoore@wcpss.net

REPORT CARDS

We had a glitch with the system so Track 4 students will be given their report cards no later than Wednesday, November 2 rather than October 31. You can also see your child's grades in PS.

STUDENT SERVICES

During the Month of November counselors in Student Services and the Healthful Living Department will partner to teach 7th grade students about the warning signs of Suicide and Depression through the SOS Signs of Suicide Prevention Program. If you have any questions, please contact Cynthia Alcorn, calcorn@wcpss.net, 7th grade counselor. Opt-out forms were sent home with students on October 26 and 27. We have asked for families who want their student to OPT OUT of the presentation to have their child return the form to their Healthful Living teacher by Monday, October 31, ideally.

Presentation dates are as follows:

Wednesday, November 2: Frazee and Brehend's Track 2 classes
Monday, November 14: Nichols Track 1 classes
Tuesday, November 15: Boettcher's Track 4 classes
Thursday, November 17: Behrend's all classes other than Track 2
Thursday, December 1: Brown's Track 3 classes

Families of current students, grades 6-8

Our Student Services department (school counselors, social worker, and school psychologist) would like feedback from families on how to better support you and your child(ren). Please complete the attached survey, see this [link](#), it will close on **November 4**. Thank you.

ATHLETICS

No home athletic events this week.

Winter sports (boys' basketball, girls' basketball) start in two weeks. Make sure you have your DragonFly account updated with physical and medical eligibility up-to-date.

Thursday, November 17: Girls' practice 3:30-5 PM; Boys' Practice 5-6:30 PM

Friday, November 18: Boys' practice 3:30-5 PM; Girls' practice 5-6:30 PM

PTA NEWS

Calling All Volunteers!

Volunteers are needed for two important PTA initiatives. Please sign up here to participate!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a49a5a82cabf58-atschool>

- Judges Needed for PTA Reflections Art Contest: Three parents are needed to judge student artwork submissions for the PTA Reflections Contest. Your help will be needed for about two hours (on your own time) during the week of November 14. You'll be viewing the artwork digitally from a slide presentation, and we will provide a rubric for judging the work. [Please sign up](#) or if you have questions, contact Stephanie Atwell, our PTA Reflections chair: atwellsr@yahoo.com.
- Thanksgiving Lunch Volunteers: Twelve volunteers are needed on November 22 to supervise student lunches from 10:45 AM-1:15 PM. Teachers would like to hold their own Thanksgiving potluck during that time, and volunteers would be standing in to supervise lunch. This is a great opportunity to get some in-school face time with our kids. [Sign up here](#).

Thank you to everyone who donated to our No Fuss Fundraiser this fall. The lightning bolts have been painted and look fabulous!

PTA Meeting

Tuesday, November 15, 6:30 PM. Please join us! We need at least 20 members present because we have some important money decisions to make. Make your voice heard and hear about events upcoming at LRMS! We will be meeting in person at school and via Google Meet. Please join us!

Thank you for all you do! Go Lightning!

Principal, Karen Sinderson