



**Principal's Weekly Communication  
Week of November 7, 2022**

Greetings Lufkin families. If you haven't already done so, please set clocks back one hour; daylight savings time has ended so you get an extra hour this weekend!

It is going to be an interesting week, with students being out of school and having an early release day. Please read the following carefully so you will know when your Track 1, 2, or 4 child(ren) will be attending school this week.

Monday & Wednesday, November 7 & 9 are full school days;

Thursday, November 10 is an early release day - students will be dismissed at 1:00 PM;

There is no school for students on Tuesday, November 8 & Friday, November 11. There is also no school for staff on Friday, November 11. The building will be closed.

Please note the change in sports schedules this week as well; see under Athletics below.

**[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.

**ATHLETICS**

This week is our last week for fall sports. We host Holly Grove MS:  
Monday, November 7 is volleyball and girls soccer;  
Wednesday, November 9 is football

The start of the winter sports season is near. If your child is planning to try out for boys' basketball, girls' basketball, or cheerleading please make sure you have completed the paperwork on DragonFly. If you are not sure about your DragonFly status or academic eligibility, contact Coach Behrend at the beginning of next week. ALL paperwork must be complete in order to try out.

**Basketball tryout dates:**

11/17 Girls' - 3:30-5 PM; Boys' 5-6:30 PM  
11/18 Boys' - 3:30-5 PM; Girls' 5-6:30 PM  
11/21 Boys' - 3:30-5PM; Girls' 5-6:30 PM  
11/22 TBD IF NEEDED

**Cheerleading tryout dates:**

Tryouts are 11/17, 11/18, 11/21 3:30-5 PM. There are only 5 spots on the team for the winter season. During tryouts the athletes will be taught a chant and dance that they have to perform. They will also be evaluated on their tumbling and stunting.

**CANNED FOOD DRIVE**

The Lufkin food drive has started and students may bring in donations between now and December 2nd. All food donations will go to families in our local area. No glass bottles, please.

**NOVEMBER 3-  
DECEMBER 2  
FOOD DRIVE**

**Canned or boxed foods**

such as vegetables,  
rice, beans, fruit,  
stuffing, cereal bars,  
canned chicken/tuna,  
mac & cheese, PB&J,  
healthy cereal, etc.



**UNEXPIRED GOODS & NON  
PERISHABLE  
(PLEASE NO GLASS)**

**Our goal:** to collect 3000 cans/boxed items for families in need at Lufkin Road

Hosted by NJHS

**STUDENT SERVICES**

Snowflake Tree 2022: For the past several years, Lufkin has helped support families during the holidays and it's that time of year again. If you need support during the holidays or would like to help support a family that needs a little help for the holidays, please fill out this [form](#). It is a completely confidential program. This form must be completed by Monday, November 14. Families wishing to support a snowflake student may pick up snowflakes from our tree in the Main Office, November 16-22; items will be due to be brought to the school, wrapped with snowflake attached, by Friday, December 2. For questions, please contact one of our counselors: Brittany Egan at [began@wcpss.net](mailto:began@wcpss.net) or Cynthia Alcorn at [calcorn@wcpss.net](mailto:calcorn@wcpss.net); or our school social worker: Chelsea Hinton at [chinton5@wcpss.net](mailto:chinton5@wcpss.net). Thank you.

### **SPIRITWEAR ORDERS**

Coach Behrend has opened a school spirit store for this week only, it closes at 11:59 PM on Friday November 11. Fingers crossed that items ordered are here before Christmas break, but no guarantees.

Here is the website: [irmsspirit22.itemorder.com](http://irmsspirit22.itemorder.com)

### **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](mailto: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](#).

#### 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