



**Principal's Weekly Communication  
November 21 - December 2, 2022**

Happy Sunday Lufkin families. This is a short week as students are in school Monday and Tuesday, November 21 & 22 ONLY. Students are off the remainder of the week for Thanksgiving. Have a Happy Thanksgiving and enjoy your time together with your child(ren). Safe travels to families who may be traveling during this upcoming holiday. My next communication will be Sunday, December 4th.

**[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.

## ABSENCES

This is the season for colds and flu. If your child is out due to illness you can email our Data Manager, Gwen Nesbit, [gnesbit@wcpss.net](mailto:gnesbit@wcpss.net) with a note from a doctor or you; or send a note with your child when they return. Notes need to be turned into the Data Manager within 2 days of a student's return to school to be counted as unexcused. The note should include the child's name, grade & track, date(s) of absence, and reason for absence. Ms Nesbit is in the front office area each morning during arrival time to accept notes. Thank you.

## LUFKIN BAND

You have a couple of opportunities to hear our Lufkin band students perform.

### December 1

5:30 PM, gym - band concert

### December 2

The Apex Tree Lighting festivities begin at 4:30 PM with the Lufkin Road MS band performing in front of The Depot; the, where the tree lighting will take place. There are activities for the entire family. We hope you join us!

## CANNED FOOD DRIVE

We have had a slow start to the canned food drive. Thank you to families who have already donated. Food donations will go to families in our local area. No glass bottles, please.



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

## SNOWFLAKE TREE

We still have a few snowflakes available. Thank you to the families who picked up a snowflake(s) already. Items are 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.

## PTA NEWS

Thanks to all who joined our November meeting last Tuesday evening. Notes from the meeting can be found [here](#).

**Thanksgiving Lunch Volunteers:** We still need just a few more volunteers to help out on November 22 to supervise student lunch from 10:45 AM - 1:15 PM. Teachers are holding their own Thanksgiving potluck, and so volunteers will be standing in to supervise lunch. This is a great opportunity to get some in-school face time with our kids! **Sign up here:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a49a5a82cabf58-atschool>.

Thanks to all of you who have contributed to the PTA and life at Lufkin so far this year!

Principal, Karen Sinderson

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