

LUFKIN ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL'S

BOLTS Broadcast

NOVEMBER 6-NOVEMBER 10, 2023

NOTE FROM MS. HANNA

We all enjoyed seeing some of our students dress up for Halloween this week. Thank you to all of our families for ensuring their child came to school in attire that followed our policies!

Next week is a bit disjointed, schedule-wise. As a reminder, we have a Teacher Workday on Tuesday (Election Day). . We have no school on Friday in honor of Veteran's Day. On that note, know that we all recognize and appreciate those who have served and thank you for your service!



As we prepare to be intentionally thankful for our staff during the upcoming holiday season, the PTA is hosting a potluck luncheon for staff on Monday, November 20th. We appreciate anything you can contribute to our potluck!

TEAM NEWSLETTERS

[Click here](#) to view our Weekly Team Newsletters.

FRONT OFFICE CLOSURE

Our front office will be closed on Tuesday, November 7th and Wednesday, November 22nd.

EXTRA HALLOWEEN CANDY?

We will gladly accept any extra Halloween candy you are looking to get rid of. We will use it to stock our Teacher Workroom with treats for our staff. If you have some you want to donate, send it in to the Main Office, please.

LEGOS NEEDED - MS. HODGE

Ms. Hodge's 6th grade students are in need of any Legos you have laying around. They are going to be collecting them through January for a big activity at the start of 2024. Please send any extra legos you have into school, if you are willing/able to donate them.

WCPSS MAGNET AND EARLY COLLEGE FAIR - NOVEMBER 4 9:00-12:00

There is an in-person Magnet and Early College Fair this Saturday, November 4th from 9 am - 12 pm at Garner Magnet HS. A virtual Magnet information session will be held on November 16th from 10 am - 11 am. [Here](#) is an RSVP link if you are interested. The Early College Application Period is open until December 14th at wcpss.schoolmint.com. Magnet and Year-Round Applications are open until January 25th at wcpss.schoolmint.com.

SIGNS OF SUICIDE (7TH GRADE) and HUMAN TRAFFICKING (8TH GRADE)

Mrs. Barbian, our 7th grade counselor, will be doing SOS (Signs of Suicide) lessons to 7th graders this month and into December. Mrs. Alcorn, our 8th grade counselor, will begin doing Human Trafficking lessons to 8th graders this month and into December. Your student should bring home a letter explaining these lessons. An opt out form is included if you do not wish for your child to be in the class.

BIRD SEED NEEDED - MR. BOUNDS'S BIRDWATCHING GROUP

If you are able to donate bird seed to our school, Mr. Bounds's birdwatching group would appreciate it. They are trying to attract more birds to watch to the more natural parts of our campus and are in need of bird seed. If you have some lying around or can pick some up, please send it to the Main Office and we will get it to the students. We will even take opened bird seed bags!

FAMILY CONFERENCES AT WALNUT CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - RALEIGH/GARNER FAMILIES

We will be hosting family conferences at Walnut Creek Elementary School for our families that live in that area. You will receive an invitation from the classroom teachers if you are noted to live in that area. 15-minute conferences will be held on Thursday, November 9th from 5:00-7:00. We have also invited interpreters (Spanish and Arabic) and Family Academy. Family Academy provides classes for parents/guardians.

TARDY TO CLASS - LAST CALL

As we have previously shared, we have seen an uptick in tardies both in the morning and during the school day (between classes). If you are seeing in your child's PowerSchool account that they have a 2L listed for a class, that means they were late to the class, for an unexcused reason. Students who continue to acquire tardies to class will face consequences at school. Please chat with your child if you're seeing the 2L codes pop up to ensure that they arrive at class on time! Consequences for morning arrival tardies are not put in place, as our students are dependent on adults to get them here (carpool drivers and/or bus drivers) and we do not want to issue consequences to students for adult behavior. Keep in mind that if you are arriving on campus after 8:10 with your child, it is virtually impossible for them to get to their lockers and to class in time for our 8:15 start time. That said, we ask you to adjust, as you are able, to ensure your child is dropped off prior to 8:10AM daily.

YEARBOOKS

Our 2023-2024 yearbooks are available for purchase at [this link](#). Families of 8th grade students ONLY are invited to purchase a yearbook ad. All ads are screened to ensure they align with WCPSS policy and are for 8th grade students only.



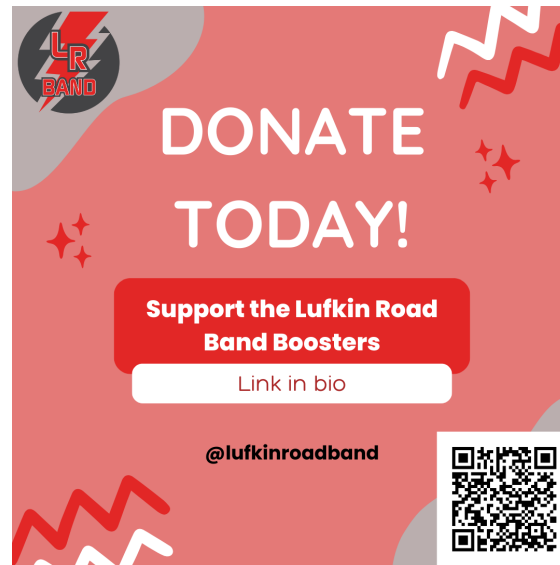
MATHCOUNTS and AMC8 - LAST CALL

Lufkin students are invited to participate in and try out for two **nationwide math competitions**: the AMC8 and Mathcounts! The AMC8 is a 25-question test that will be administered here at school on January 24th, 2024. Lufkin's goal is to make it onto the nationwide Honor Roll for this! The second competition is the Mathcounts Competition; the regional competition will be held on a Saturday in February (date TBD), and Lufkin will be taking 4-8 students this year. More information can be found by clicking here: AMC8 and Mathcounts Interest Letter. (<https://tinyurl.com/4jr2bcy3>)

BAND BOOSTERS

Hello Lufkin Road Families! Please consider donating to the LRMS Band Boosters! Your donation would do toward supporting the band program purchase needed instruments, contemporary music, and modern technology to aid in the

music education of our students! Thank you for your consideration, any donation helps our Lufkin Road Band Students. Go Lightning! [Click here](#).



CREDIT BY DEMONSTRATED MASTERY (CDM)

Credit by Demonstrated Mastery (CDM) has a very strict application window of October 16 - December 15, 2023. Phase I Testing is from February 16-29, 2024. [Click here](#) for more information on CDM. If you have questions about CDM at Lufkin, please contact Ms. Rutland at hrutland@wcpss.net.

ATHLETICS

If your child is tracked out and participates in athletics, please bring your child through carpool for drop off between 3:10 and 3:15. They can then sit on the benches inside the front lobby until athletics begins at 3:20. Families cannot drop off at the bus loop, because it disrupts our bus and cab dismissal.

After practices, student pick-up will follow this routine:

- Girls' soccer – carpool loop

- FB/VB/CH – bus loop

Families interested in attending athletic events can visit Go Fan by [clicking here](#) to purchase tickets.

There are two active links: 1. Join the Lukin Booster Club, buy sports membership passes, and athletic sportswear. 2. Go Fan - where you can purchase online tickets to all home Lufkin athletic events.

We are only 1.5 weeks away from the winter sports season starting. If you are planning on trying out make sure you have all of your DragonFly paperwork submitted. Any 7th or 8th grade girl interested in trying out for the girl's basketball team this year needs to see Coach B in the gym this week to sign up. Tryout times are as follows:

Wed. 11/15: Girls 3:30-5, Boys 5-6:30

Thurs. 11/16: Boys 3:30-5, Girls 5-6:30

Fri. 11/17: Girls 3:30-5 Boys 5-6:30

ATHLETICS BOOSTER CLUB

LRMS Athletic Booster Club is excited to offer athletes, students, families, teachers, coaches, and friends the following selection of Lufkin Road athletic inspired apparel! Hoodies, jammies, tanks, t-shirts and koozies! All items will be available for purchase in mid-Sept and will be sold at all home games. Cash, check, debit/credit cards will be accepted. Purchase multiple items and receive a free pompom! Go LUFKIN! *this is a fundraiser for the LRMS Athletic Booster Club



Booster club information can be found [here](#). Your support of our booster club allows us to fund and expand our athletic programming.

SPIRIT WEAR

Do you want to order Lufkin spirit wear for next year? Visit [this link](#) and make your purchases now so that you can sport your new gear at the start of the year! You can even have the gear shipped directly to your house and your purchases support teacher grants!

WHO TO CONTACT and ATTENDANCE

As a reminder, when you are unsure of who to contact about specific situations, allow this quick list to be a support:

- Assignments, grading practices, content questions, class environment, peer issues - Classroom Teachers
- Schedule questions, mental health, family emergencies - Counselors
- Staff concerns, student issues teachers couldn't resolve, grade level questions - Assistant Principals
- Absences, attendance - attendance484@wcpss.net (*this is new*)
- Concerns that Assistant Principals were unable to resolve - Principal

For your reference, the names and emails of the aforementioned staff members are:

6th Grade Counselor	Thomas Evanoff	tevanoff@wcpss.net
6th Grade Assistant Principal	Keith McLendon	kmclendon@wcpss.net
7th Grade Counselor	Marta Barbian	mbarbian@wcpss.net
7th Grade Assistant Principal	Tameka Manning	tgregg-manning@wcpss.net
8th Grade Counselor	Cynthia Alcorn	calcorn@wcpss.net
8th Grade Assistant Principal	Lisa Adcock	ladcock2@wcpss.net
Principal	Elizabeth Hanna	ehanna@wcpss.net

If/When your child is going to be absent, in lieu of a paper note, send an email to attendance484@wcpss.net. Consider including your child's teachers so they know about the absence. Using an email allows us to maintain more accurate attendance than relying on Middle School students to turn notes in within 2 school days of an absence.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, November 7th - Teacher Workday
- Friday, November 10th - Veteran's Day (no school)
- You can access our Year Round Calendars for this year here:
 - [2023-24 Year-Round Calendar](#)
 - [Track 1](#)
 - [Track 2](#)
 - [Track 3](#)
 - [Track 4](#)



PTA News

There are so many ways for you to get involved to help the kids, teachers and school:

- Become a [member](#),
- [Help with a committee](#),
- Support our Fundraisers:
 - [Spirit Rock](#)
 - [Sidewalk Lightning Bolts](#)
- Reflections: Thank you to all the talented artists that submitted their work! We have 3 students that have gone on to the Wake County competition!!
- November 20th will be a [teachers pot luck](#) - please consider making something to bring to school. You can drop it off during drop off.

Have you seen the new flowers at the school? Thank you to the volunteers that continue to help make Lufkin beautiful inside and out!



Teacher Support

The PTA and teachers have been busy working on funding different activities to help support our kiddos! Here's a few recent grants approved:

- Art Supplies
- Spikeball Equipment
- Scholastic Storyworks Materials
- Magazine Subscription for Teachers

We don't want to deny any support the teachers request. Please consider making a donation to our "[No Fuss Fundraiser](#)" to keep our coffers full. We appreciate any help you can give.

Staff Appreciation Snack Cart

You can share some love with our staff by stocking up the PTA snack cart. Right now we are in need of coffee pods. We need to keep our teachers caffeinated to work with our kiddos! [Click here](#) to have snacks shipped directly to Lufkin from Amazon. Thanks for your support!

Please consider joining one of our [many committees](#) to help make this year extraordinary! Please note that the [volunteer registration](#) needs to be completed in order to volunteer:

Thank you again for your continued support!

Locks

If your child still needs a lock for their locker please submit payment online and bring the confirmation form to Ms Nichols in the main office. The price is \$7 and all locks must be purchased through the PTA.

<https://lufkinroad.memberhub.com/store/items/718631>

Sidewalk Lightning Bolts

You may have noticed the lightning bolts on the sidewalks around the school. You can purchase a lightning bolt and have your family or child's name painted on the bolt for the year. You can also renew your lightning bolt from last year.

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a49a5a82cabf58-nofuss1 #/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a49a5a82cabf58-nofuss1#/)

Spirit Rock



"Rent the Rock" to recognize a student's birthday, show school spirit, thank or recognize a teacher or staff member, congratulatory events, etc. It is a great way to spread positive messages and increase excitement in our community!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a49a5a82cabf58-lufkin2#/>

