

# **LUFKIN ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL'S**

## **BOLTS Broadcast**

NOVEMBER 20-NOVEMBER 21, 2023

### **NOTE FROM MS. HANNA**

We've had a fantastic week filled with field trips (primarily 8th grade) and fun! As a reminder, we are closed Wednesday-Friday of next week for the Thanksgiving break. Students have school only on Monday and Tuesday.

There are still PLENTY of slots available for our PTA's potluck luncheon for our staff on Monday. Please consider signing up, if you are able. You can also have food delivered here for the staff to enjoy. The sign-up can be accessed [here](#).

As we are entering the one-year anniversary of the untimely passing of our prior principal, Ms. Sinderson, please reach out to student services if your child is having a difficult time and needs additional support. Grief has no timeline and we want to be sure we are supporting our students. Counselors' emails are at the end of all BOLTS Broadcast messages.

Lastly, our attendance team met this week and we mailed out quite a few attendance letters. Remember to use our attendance email for all absences (also at the bottom of all BOLTS Broadcast messages), [attendance484@wcpss.net](mailto:attendance484@wcpss.net). Emails must be received within 2 days of the absence.

### **TEAM NEWSLETTERS**

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

### **FRONT OFFICE CLOSURE**

Our front office will be closed on Wednesday, November 22nd.

### **TOUR FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES/STUDENTS**

We are offering several different days/times for touring our school for prospective families. These tours are designed for folks who have to apply to attend Lufkin Road Middle School, not folks who are in a feeder pattern to be here. Please [click here](#) to sign up.

## **WELCOME TO OUR NEW SOCIAL WORKER, MS. ALEXANDRIA (ALEX) MUMFORD**

Please join us in welcoming Ms. Mumford to the Lufkin Road Middle School community. Her contact information has been added to the chart at the bottom of all BOLTS Broadcasts, for your convenience. Ms. Mumford is a great resource for when you need support with making ends meet and/or community resources for mental health.

## **BAND CONCERTS**

Our Winter Band Concert is on November 30th at 6:30 pm in the LRMS Gymnasium! Please come support our Lufkin Road Band Students. You can also find your LRMS Band Students at the Apex Tree Lighting on December 1st at 4:30 pm! Go Lufkin Road Band!!

## **LEGOS NEEDED - MS. HODGE**

Thank you to the families who have sent in some Legos! Ms. Hodge's 6th grade students are still in need of additional 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.

## **DOES YOUR FAMILY NEED HELP WITH THE HOLIDAYS? (FOOD/CLOTHING)**

We are working on gathering information on families who may need a little support for the holidays in the form of clothes and/or food. If your family is in need, please contact your child's counselor as soon as possible. Their email addresses are at the bottom of all BOLTS Broadcasts.

## **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!

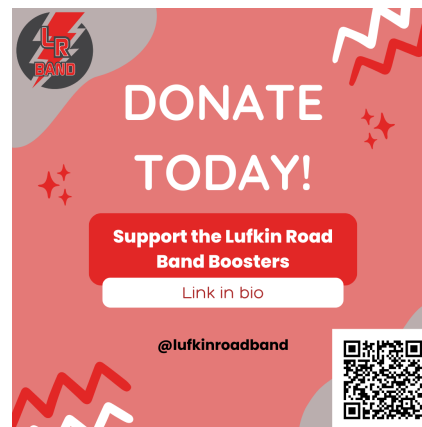
## YEARBOOKS

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.



## 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](mailto: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 Lufkin Booster Club, buy sports membership passes, and athletic sportswear. 2. Go Fan - where you can purchase online tickets to all home Lufkin athletic events.

## 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:

Social Worker	Alexandria (Alex) Mumford	amumford@wcpss.net
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
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If/When your child is going to be absent, in lieu of a paper note, send an email to [attendance484@wcpss.net](mailto: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

- Wednesday, November 22nd - Friday, November 24th - Thanksgiving break (no school)
- Tuesday, November 28th at 6:30 - PTA Meeting (in person and virtual - information below)
- Thursday, November 30th at 6:30 Band Concert
- Friday, December 1st at 4:30 Apex Tree Lighting (Band performance)
- 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

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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! Congratulations to:
  - Clara J. - Grade 6 Photography
  - Kyla B. - Grade 6 Literature
  - Grayson R. - Grade 8 Literature
  - Quin W. - Grade 7 Film
  - Antonio F. - Grade 7 Visual Arts
  - Autumn W. - Grade 7 Visual Arts
- November 20th will be a [teachers' pot luck](#) - please consider making something to bring to school. You can drop it off during drop off. Please consider signing up to [supervise lunch](#) so our wonderful teachers can attend their potluck. Shhhh! It's a secret!
- Please help out with the distribution of prizes for BOLTS stickers - its every 3 weeks:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A49A5A82CABF58-44922005-bolts#/>

The new picnic tables have been assembled and available for the kiddos to eat!!

Would Dads on Campus like to help with Campus Beautification? If so, please reach out to: [lufkinptavp@gmail.com](mailto:lufkinptavp@gmail.com).

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!**

### **Upcoming Events:**

- **November 28th: PTA General Meeting @ 6:30** - you can join on google meets or in our Media Center. Please considering joining as many hands make light work!

### 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#/>

