

LUFKIN ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL'S **BOLTS Broadcast** DECEMBER 4 - DECEMBER 8, 2023

NOTE FROM MS. HANNA

I would be remiss if I did not share some of the recent data we received from the State about our growth scores here at Lufkin Road Middle School. As a school, we **exceeded growth**. This means that our students outperformed the 1 year of expected growth in their learning for last year. This is the highest level of growth a school can have in North Carolina and is something to be celebrated! It is a testament to our collective work!



We welcome back Track 2 students on Monday and wish our Track 1 students farewell until next year! With only a couple short weeks before our next big break, we have a lot going on! We have an upcoming Cultural Arts assembly (12/13) and a powderpuff game coming up on Thursday, December 14th from 3:15-4:45. Practices will be held on Monday and Tuesday (December 11th and 12th) from 3:15-4:45. Permission slips are required and can be accessed [here](#). All of our eligible 7th and 8th grade students are encouraged to participate! All students and families are welcome to attend. We are collecting canned food, coats/jackets, new toys/athletic gear for Middle Schoolers, non-perishable groceries, and school supplies through our Student Services department to directly support our Lufkin Road Middle School families in lieu of an entry fee for the game.

Lastly, our PTA is hoping to give each staff member a gift card for the holiday season. [Purchase here](#) for hassle free delivery straight to the PTA. You are also welcome to drop off any gift cards at the front office. Any help is greatly appreciated!

TEAM NEWSLETTERS

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

SNOWFLAKE 'TREE'

Lufkin Road Middle School is sponsoring a snowflake 'tree' for our students who could use some additional support this holiday season. You can click on [this link](#) to sign-up to support a student. All items should be sent to the main office (or can be dropped off via carpool) by Friday, December 15th. Items should be sent in unwrapped and labeled with the student's identifying letter, written in the Sign-Up Genius comment section. Questions should be directed to our Social Worker, Ms. Mumford at amumford@wcpss.net. To receive support for your family, you can also reach out to Ms. Mumford. We will update the sign-up as we receive additional requests. Thank you for supporting our students!

SOCKS, HATS, and GLOVES DRIVE

Thank you to the Mocha Room, a coffee shop just down the street from our school, for holding a socks, hats, and gloves drive for our students for the winter season. We love and appreciate our community partnerships!



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.

LEGOS NEEDED - MS. HODGE - last call

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.

BIRD SEED NEEDED - MR. BOUNDS'S BIRDWATCHING GROUP - last call

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.



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.

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

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

- Powderpuff game - Thursday, December 14th 3:15-4:45
- No School - December 22nd - January 2nd
- 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](#)

Holiday Gift Card Donations Needed

We're gearing up for the holidays! The PTA would like to spread some cheer, and we could use your help! We'd love to be able to provide a giftcard for each of our hardworking staff members. Purchase here for hassle free delivery straight to the PTA: <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/22FYN5WHLXOQ1>

Alternatively, if you'd like to purchase directly, you are welcome to drop off any gift cards at the front office. Any help is greatly appreciated!

Lufkin Staff Thanks Form

In the spirit of gratitude, we've planned to share notes with our Lufkin staff letting them know how thankful we are for all that they do. If there's a staff member that has made a difference in your or your child's experience at Lufkin, please consider letting them know through our Lufkin Staff Thanks form: <https://forms.gle/eyMhN2qGHqcToBz78>

We'd love for each teacher and staff member to come back to school in the new year to a kind message in their mailbox! Thank you for your help in showing love for those who keep LRMS going!

- Thank you to everyone that donated to the Thanksgiving Teachers luncheons - it was much appreciated
- A big shout out to the Collins family and others for donating money to add new benches to the carpool area - This will be installed in the next few weeks.
- 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.

Have you seen the new flowers at the school and the new picnic tables? 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#/)



