

LUFKIN ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL'S

BOLTS Broadcast

DECEMBER 11 - DECEMBER 15, 2023

NOTE FROM MS. HANNA

This coming week is our last full week of 2023! This is hard to believe!

We have postponed our Powderpuff game. More to come on that in 2024! We do have a Cultural Arts assembly, sponsored by our PTA this week. As a reminder, 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 for the PTA. Any help is greatly appreciated!

Our Band had a wonderful concert last week on Thursday. They also performed with Apex Middle School students at the Apex Tree Lighting on Friday. Check out Twitter/X for photos!

We are in a new athletic season (winter sports). Come out and enjoy a game and support our students! The dates and locations for games are on our school website in the Calendar section.

Some of our students also got some lessons taught by Google employees this week! We had several Google employees volunteer their times in Ms. Stevens and Ms. Johnson's classrooms. If your child has one of those teachers, ask your child about the experience. We are always delighted to have community partners interested in supporting our students!

TEAM NEWSLETTERS

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

STUDENT COUNCIL'S SPIRIT WEEK

Spirit Week is coming up on January 8-12. All students and teachers will be able to show their school spirit by dressing according to our theme for the day. The themes for each day are as follows:

- Monday – Favorite Movie / Cartoon Character Day
- Tuesday – Pajama Day
- Wednesday – Teacher / Student Swap (students will dress as their favorite teacher and teachers will dress like a student)
- Thursday – Lufkin Pride Day
- Friday – Plaid / Flannel Day

Students can contact a member of the Student Council if they have any questions.

STUDENT ASSIGNMENT PLAN

The county has added next year's school assignments to your PowerSchool account (or have been sent home with your student for you to review). Grade level placement is contingent upon the successful completion of the current grade level. Track assignments are given at the school and may change based upon enrollment. If your student is eligible for district transportation but currently does not ride, you will need to request service.

If you are satisfied with your 2024-25 school assignment, **no action is required on your part**. This will be your student's assigned school provided there is no change of address. Rising sixth and ninth grade students are automatically assigned to their base middle or high school unless there is a sibling who will continue at a magnet school next year. Those sixth and ninth grade students will be assigned to the magnet school with their sibling. Due to printing deadlines, this notification will not reflect the results of stability transfer requests.

More information can be found at www.wcpss.net/parents/student-assignment

SNOWFLAKE 'TREE' - last call

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!

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.

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) - last call

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.

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

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~~ Postponed
- No School - December 22nd - January 2nd (building is closed) Postponed
- 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#/>

