

LUFKIN ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL'S

BOLTS Broadcast

DECEMBER 18 - DECEMBER 21, 2023

NOTE FROM MS. HANNA

This coming week is our last week in 2023! Students do not have school on Friday and our campus will be closed from Friday, December 22nd through January 1st. While our Main Office will be open on January 2nd, we do not have students in the building on that day. When we come back on January 3rd, 2024, we will welcome Tracks 1, 2, and 3 back to campus!

We invite family members who are able and interested in becoming a substitute to do so. You can review [this information](#) on how to become a substitute teacher. In a similar vein, if you are interested in volunteering in our school, please ensure you've gone through [this](#) process. We welcome family members who want to take a more active role in our school and in their child's education!

TEAM NEWSLETTERS

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

DADS ON CAMPUS

We previously had an active Dads on Campus group at Lufkin Road MS and are wanting to get it up and going again. If you are interested in participating in some on-campus activities to support our students through Dads on Campus, please email Ms. Hanna directly (ehanna@wcpss.net).

LOST AND FOUND

If your child has any missing items in the Lost and Found, please ensure the items are retrieved. We have all clothing, water bottles, and lunchboxes set out for students to view what still has not been claimed.

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

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.



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.

Come out on **Monday 12/18** to watch the basketball teams play against Herbert Akins! The cost is \$6 a ticket and that gets you in for both games. This is the last home game before the holiday break so come on out and support the teams.

ATHLETICS BOOSTER CLUB -UPDATED SECTION

Are you looking for a fun last-minute gift for your Lufkin student & family members?!?! Consider a Lufkin hoodie, jammies, t-shirt, or tank! Your LRMS Athletic Booster Club will be selling their AWESOME Lufkin Athletic Apparel at the HOME GAME on Monday Dec 18th and we are running a special, **buy one apparel item and get TWO FREE Pom-Poms** of your choice (red, black, white or black/red mix) while supplies last.

T-shirts and Tanks are \$15
Hoodies and Jammies are \$30

Stop by the concession area inside of the cafeteria during the games on Monday, Dec 18th to make your purchase! Two free pom-poms are waiting on you! **GO LUFKIN!**

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

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



