

LUFKIN ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL'S

BOLTS Broadcast

JANUARY 8-12, 2024

NOTE FROM MS. HANNA

Thank you to the many families who supported our Snowflake "Tree"! We were able to shower many of our families in support and love during the holiday season because of your support! Thank you for also recognizing our staff during the holiday season! They work so hard for our students and are relentless in their passion for their work! You taking the time to recognize that during the holidays meant so much to our staff; thank you!

Congratulations to our Reflections Contest winners:

- Honorable Mention: Autumn W., 7th Grade, In My Dreams
- Honorable Mention: Antonio (Ace) F., 7th Grade, The Storm

We will celebrate all of our Reflections art students later on in the spring!

As a reminder, next week is **spirit week**! WCPSS dress code policies still apply during the week, but we look forward to the fun!

We also want to thank our community partner, Summit Church, for providing a wonderful luncheon for our staff on December 21st! We are always so grateful to have such a supportive community! Staff members also received gift cards from your donations throughout PTA! Thank you to our PTA for coordinating that and thank you to the many families that supported that distribution!

Lastly, thanking all of *YOU* cannot go unnoticed! Thank you to the many families who recognized our staff during the holiday season! Your notes and gestures of appreciation mean so much to educators! Something you may not know... Most educators keep a box or file of all of the thoughtful notes, cards, etc. they receive throughout their career. They read them on the 'harder' days. So many of you sent in messages, cards, and emails that meant the world to our staff; thank you for loving on them!

TEAM NEWSLETTERS

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

END OF YEAR AWARDS DAYS

We will be holding Track 1 awards on Friday, May 31st. Tracks 2-4 awards will be held on Tuesday, June 25th. Times will be determined closer to the dates, but we wanted to be sure you have the dates on your calendars.

RISING 6TH GRADE OPEN HOUSE - FEBRUARY 20TH AT 5:30PM

Do you have (or know) a rising 6th grader who will be attending Lufkin this coming school year? If so, mark your calendars for our Rising 6th Grade Open House on Tuesday, February 20th from 5:30-6:30PM where we will share some information with you about the school and transition to 6th grade!

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).

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.

BAND - 6TH GRADE FAMILIES

6th Grade Parents and Students!! It is not too late for your student to join Band! No prior knowledge is necessary and you do not need to have an instrument right now. We can take care of that once your student has joined! If your student is interested in joining Band, please send me an email at rwing@wcpss.net and we can discuss next steps and I can answer any questions you may have!

TOUR FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES/STUDENTS - last call

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.

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

- No School - Monday, January 15, 2024
- 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](#)

Lufkin Support

- 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#/)



