

LUFKIN ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL'S

BOLTS Broadcast

JANUARY 16-19, 2024

NOTE FROM MS. HANNA

We had so much fun with our Spirit Week! Check out Twitter/X for some photos of the fun! We also welcomed 2 new staff members this week: Ms. Stiehm (Lead Secretary) and Ms. Roche (Career Development Coordinator).

As a reminder, there is no school on Monday! If you are also off of work, enjoy the extra time with your child(ren).

Congratulations to the following students on making one of the All-District Bands:

- Ben C., 8-2: Trumpet
- Ezra J., 8-3: Tuba
- Julien I., 8-2: Snare (Based on his score/chair placement, Julien is eligible to audition for the NCBA All-State Band!)

Congratulations to all our 11 students who auditioned. ALL of our students had stronger auditions than they did at All-County in the Fall and represented our school well! We are proud of them!

Similarly, congratulations to our cheerleaders who recently took 3rd place in a competition. They shared their trophy with our school at our pep rally on Thursday! We are so excited to celebrate their hard work! In a similar vein, we have only a couple home basketball games left! We invite you to come to school and support our male and female basketball players!

TEAM NEWSLETTERS

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

LOCKDOWN DRILL - JANUARY or FEBRUARY

Student and staff safety is always a priority of ours! As such, we will have an unannounced Lockdown Drill in January or February. The drill date/time is not going to be announced for students or staff to ensure we are practicing timely and safe responses. If you feel your child would benefit, feel free to chat with him/her about expecting the drill sometime during these 2 months.

7th GRADE FAMILIES

In the next week or 2 students will receive information in regard to a class given in 7th grade by Student Services. The class is focused on prevention of human trafficking and awareness. Parents wishing to opt their student out of this lesson must do so in writing to the grade level school counselor prior to the presentation of the lesson. If you have any questions feel free to contact Ms. Barbian at mbarbian@wcpss.net.

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 - last call

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).

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 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

- 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

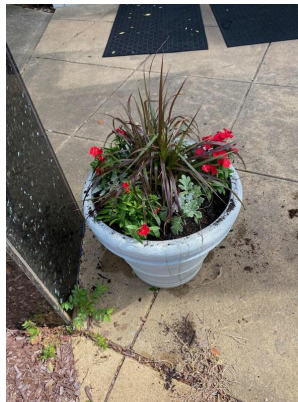
- Please help out with the distribution of prizes for BOLTS stickers - its every 3 weeks:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A49A5A82CABF58-44922005-bolts#/>

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)

