

LUFKIN ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL'S

BOLTS Broadcast

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NOTE FROM MS. HANNA

I am thrilled to share some wonderful news with our school community. In the recent board meeting, a decision was made to unanimously approve the naming of our school gymnasium after our highly respected former principal, Karen Sinderson!

This decision reflects the immense impact Ms. Sinderson had on our school during her dedicated years of service. Her leadership, passion, and tireless efforts to ensure Lufkin Road Middle School students had a gymnasium have left a lasting impression on our school community. Naming the gym after Karen Sinderson is a fitting tribute to her legacy.

The Karen Sinderson Gymnasium will stand as a lasting symbol of the positive influence and contributions made by our beloved former principal. It serves as a reminder of the values she instilled in our school and the countless students whose lives were touched by her guidance and leadership.

We are planning a special ceremony to unveil the new gymnasium name, and we extend a warm invitation to all parents to join us in commemorating this momentous occasion. Further details about the ceremony will be shared with you in the upcoming weeks.

We express our heartfelt gratitude to you for your continued support and partnership in fostering a positive and enriching educational environment at Lufkin Road Middle School. Together, we celebrate the achievements of our school community and the legacy of Karen Sinderson.

Thank you for being an integral part of Lufkin Road Middle School.

TEAM NEWSLETTERS

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

MARCH 5

Please note that the Board voted to make March 5th a non-school day for students. This means that students will NOT have school that day and the system will utilize 'banked hours' for the day.

ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

When your child is absent for any reason, please use the attendance email (attendance484@wcpss.net). Please include the student's first and last name, grade/track, reason for absence, and the dates they are absent. This will help code your student accurately. If you have any questions about an absence, please contact Ms. Nesbit, our Data Manager, at gnesbit@wcpss.net. If your student is marked absent from a specific class period, please reach out to the teacher first.

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.

RIISING 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! We are going to be changing this date so that more families will know they are attending Lufkin. More information will be forthcoming.~~

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 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
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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

- January 29th at 6:30 PM - PTA Meeting (online and in the Media Center)
- 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](#),
 - Attend upcoming General PTA Meeting - January 29th at 6:30 at school or online
- [Help with a committee](#),
- Support our Fundraisers:
 - [2nd Semester Golden Cone is back!!! Enter a raffle to skip the carpool line for the rest of the year!!](#)
 - [Spirit Rock](#)
 - [Sidewalk Lightning Bolts](#)
- Help out at School:
 - Jan 24th - A teachers appreciation luncheon is planned with a baked potato bar and chilis and soups - Please consider making a soup/chili
 - Bolts Distribution - Please help out with the distribution of prizes for BOLTS stickers - its every 3 weeks:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A49A5A82CABF58-44922005-bolts#/>
 - Donate Food for a Teachers luncheon - Soup R Bowl - Feb 9th
 - Volunteer for Election Day - you do need to be volunteer approved
 - Help Volunteer for Spring Fling - Talent Show included - reach out to lufkinPTAVp@gmail.com
 - Help out with 8th grade end of year celebrations - including dance, picnic and celebration (used to be called graduation) - meeting coming up soon watch FB for invite
 - Donate to the 8th Grade celebrations using this link - the more you give the more we can make the 8th graders final months special
 - Help install the school benches...anyone own an auger??? Email lufkinPTAPresident@gmail.com

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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!

Upcoming Events:

- January 29th:: PTA General Meeting @ 6:30 - you can join on Google Meet or in our Media Center. Please consider joining as many hands make light work!

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#/>

Spirit Rock



“Rent the Rock” to recognize a student's birthday, show school spirit, thank or recognize a teacher or staff member, congratulatory events, etc. It is a great way to spread positive messages and increase excitement in our community!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a49a5a82cabf58-lufkin2#/>

