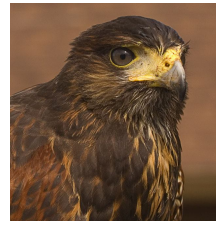


Lufkin Road Middle School
8-4 Hawks
2008-2009



Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

Welcome to 8-4, home of the Hawks! We are looking forward to a great year together. Following is the list of the Hawk teachers:

Mrs. Renee Farrow*	Mathematics	rfarrow@wcpss.net
Mrs. Karen Kromenacker	Language Arts	kkromenacker@wcpss.net
Mrs. Shannon McCale	Science	
Mrs. Jeri Jeffries	Social Studies	jcjeffries@wcpss.net
Ms. Heather McNamara	Special Programs	hmcnamara@wcpss.net
*Team Leader		

Periodically, you will receive progress reports. However, if you have questions at any time, do not hesitate to contact us. Email is the easiest way for us to respond in a timely manner. If necessary, you may leave a message for us at 387-4465. In keeping with the middle school philosophy, we meet with parents as a team. If you would like to schedule a conference, please contact Jeri Jeffries who arranges our conferences.

Students should log in to Blackboard (blackboard.wcpss.net) as a guest. Follow these links: Course Sites, Middle School, Lufkin Road, 484 Kromenacker, Hawk Information, Podcast. Former Hawks have created a podcast for you that explains all you need to know to be a successful **Hawk!**

Listed below you will find information to help you better understand our team expectations. This is going to be a great year for all of us!

Sincerely,

The 8-4 Hawks

Supply List

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| a 2 or a 3-inch D-ring binder
(D-rings hold more pages) | colored pencils | white loose-leaf paper |
| 1 marble-top notebook (LA) | #2 pencils (many) | glue stick |
| 2 spiral notebooks (SS, Science) | 3X5 note cards | TI-83 Plus |
| 2 packs of dividers (8 in each) | 1 red ink pen | highlighters |
| 1 8-pack of AAA batteries (Math) | blue or black erasable pens | <u>The Pearl</u> (novel by J. Steinbeck) |
| sticky notes | (no gel pens) | |

Helpful Supplies (not required): TI-83 plus calculator, sheet protectors, hole puncher that fits in binder, mini-stapler, and personal pencil sharpener

Hawks Wish List

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| disposable cameras | tissues, tissues, and more tissues |
| disinfecting wipes and spray | qt. and gallon sandwich size Ziploc bags |
| table salt (in a box) | |

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OPEN HOUSE for TRACK 4

Open House for the 8-4 Hawks will be August 7, 2008 from 6:30 – 7:30 PM. Please plan on attending as we will be discussing important events and providing critical information about the team. **Open House is for adults only!**

STUDENT INFORMATION

Agendas

Agenda will be sold (\$8.00) by the PTA during the Saturday Open House **and** during the first week of school. We hope each student will purchase an agenda as it is a great organizational tool.

Make-up Work

- ❖ We will adhere to the LRMS makeup work policy for excused and unexcused absences. Please refer to this policy in your student agenda.
- ❖ If you are absent, you are responsible for obtaining missed assignments. Don't wait until your return. Once you are feeling better, call a friend or check Blackboard.
- ❖ If you are absent on an "A day" and return on a "B day," you are expected to have your work ready for the following "A day."
- ❖ **Late work** is accepted only in extreme circumstances. Don't wait until the day something is due to inform your teacher that a personal situation is keeping you from completing a project or big assignment. Talk to your teacher well in advance if you have a problem.

Absences

Since students have a three week break after each quarter, it is our hope that it would be **rare** for a student to miss school due to a trip or vacation. However, if you find yourself in a situation where you will be absent for a trip, you must obtain prior approval (from the principal) for the absence to be excused. In addition, our team **does not distribute work in advance** for students who will miss our class for a trip. Students need to follow team procedures for obtaining and turning in missed assignments.

Academic Assistance

Each core teacher will designate days before and after school for extra help.

Dress Code

Girls: No low-cut tops. Shorts and skirts should be **at least** mid-thigh. There is a simple way to measure this if you are unsure of what mid-thigh means. (Shorts: The length of the **inseam** should be half the distance between the top of the inner leg and the top of the knee. Skirts: The hem should hit the same spot that you determined was mid-thigh for shorts. Too much trouble? Wear capris or long pants...we have air conditioning!) **Guys:** Keep those pants pulled up. Use a belt if this is a problem for you.