



LUKACHUKAI COMMUNITY BOARD OF EDUCATION, INC.

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EAGLES NEWS



School & Community Notes

Book Fair

* Monday, 09/22/25 to
Friday, 09/26/25

Picture Day

* Tuesday, 09/23/25
9 am to 12 pm – School Gym

Volleyball Game w/ Tsaile Public School

* Wednesday, 09/24/25
3:30 pm & 4:30pm
Home Game

Cross Country Meet @ Lukachukai Community School

* Thursday, 09/25/25
Elementary Race @ 3 pm
Jr. High Race @ 4 pm

½ Day of School

* Friday, 09/26/25
School will dismiss students at
1:30 pm . . .

Professional Development

* Friday, 09/26/25
1:30 pm – 4 pm

Flu/COVID 19 Presentation

* Tuesday, 09/30/25
KG to 8th Grades
10:45 am – 2:45 pm

Flu/COVID 19 Shots

* Thursday, 10/02/25
Students & Staff
9 am to 2 pm



AIMS Web BOY Assessment

The school conducted its first AIMS Web Student Assessment, Beginning of the Year (BOY), August 18-22. An update of the assessments per the school's Instructional Coach are as follows:

• Math Benchmark Summary

Key Trends:

- * Stagnation in 2012-2022: No change in performance.
- * Improvement begins in 2023:
 - "Well Below" dropped from 56.6% to 46.6%
 - "Average" increased to 23.7%
 - "Above Average" emerged at 2.1%
 - 2-24 shows further decline in "Well Below" to 36.7%

• Reading Benchmark Summary

Key Trends:

- * Significant improvement in reading performance over five years.
- * "Well Below" category dropped from 56.0% (2021) to 21.5% (2025).
- * "Average" category increased to 25.2% (2021) to 43.5% (2025)
- * Growth in "Above Average" category reaching 6.2% and 'Well Above' category reaching 2.8% respectively in 2025.



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Students are steadily moving out of the lowest performance tier in Reading. Instructional strategies and interventions appear to be positively impacting reading outcomes. Math performance is improving, but at a slower pace than reading. Continued focus on math intervention is needed to accelerate growth. Recommendations for improvements per Instructional Coach are as follows:

- Celebrate reading gains with staff and students – highlight effective practices.
- Analyze math instruction and intervention strategies to identify areas for enhancement.
- Use data to guide PLC discussions, goal setting and targeted support.
- Monitor subgroup performance to ensure equity in growth

The school thank all parents/guardians for their support during the AIMS Web BOY student assessment week.



Parent Teacher Conference

The first Parent Teacher Conference (PTC) of the school year was a success as it collected 104 parent/guardian signatures. Of the 104 parents/guardians, 42 completed and turned in their parent surveys.

According to the completed surveys:

- 59% of parents/guardians became aware of the PTC via school monthly calendar.
- 95% of parent's/guardian's visit with child's teacher was comfortable.
- 95% of parents/guardians are satisfied with their child's studies and learning in class.
- 100% of parent's/guardian's visit at LCS was worthwhile.
- 95% of parents/guardians stated the PTC was organized.

Thank you to all parents/guardians who attended and participated in the PTC.

Message from New School Receptionist

Yá'át'ééh. My name is Deshaine Betony and I'm a proud community member of Lukachukai.

Nát'óh Dine'é Táchi'nii nishí. Tó'áhání báhíshchiin. Tabqghí dashicheii dóó Yoo'í' Dine'é da shi náli.

I am thrilled to introduce myself as the new receptionist here at LCS. I'll be working with the academic team. I am excited to bring my experience to the team and contribute to the amazing work LCS staff do.

I look forward to assisting and supporting everyone and ensure a smooth and welcoming experience happens for everyone who come through our doors daily. I am excited in meeting you all and as well as everyone in the community.

Best regards . . .





COGNIA Accreditation

Our school's accreditation review with COGNIA was a success and resulted in the school receiving four (4) years accreditation, 2025-2029.

The review is the beginning and not the end of the continuous improvement process.

The accreditation keeps the momentum going and gives our school a clear direction for enhancement of operations, leadership and student learning. It is recognized for its ability to effectively drive school improvement and student performance.

Thank you to all parents/guardians for the positive support at LCS.



Our school was re-authorized by the Navajo Nation Department of Dine Education (DODE) for one (1) year July 01, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

The tribally operated schools on the Navajo Nation operate with grants from the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE). It is the responsibility of DODE to review all reauthorizations and standings. Upon approval, schools receive their federal grant funding for operational use.

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*** FALL BEGINS MONDAY,
09/22/25, 2025**

*** FALL BREAK
10/06/25 TO 10/10/25**



TRANSPORTATION COUNT WEEK

This school year's Transportation Count Week is scheduled September 22 to 26.

During this week, all students who ride the bus daily are encouraged to use school transportation each day. The ridership numbers collected during this time will be used to determine funding and resources for the school's transportation program. It is very important that accurate numbers are collected during count week. The funding helps maintain safe and reliable bus services for all students.

The Transportation department kindly request parent's/guardian's support in ensuring that their child ride the bus to and from school during count week. There will be no activity bus runs during count week.

For more information, call Transportation manager at (928) 291-0941 or email at hsmith@lukaschool.org.

21st Century Community Learning

The school has implemented an afterschool intervention service offered to selected students, Mondays through Thursdays from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The program began on Monday, September 15 and will continue through Thursday, March 27, 2026.

The first hour will focus on academic intervention in Math and ELA, followed by a creative enrichment hour. Teachers will select their students quarterly. If a child participates in more than one quarter, their permission form will continue with your child's participation in the program.

School Counselor to host Bully Prevention Sessions



The school's school counselor, Ms. Betone is proud to announce of upcoming social-emotional learning (SEL) lessons on bullying for sixth, seventh, and eighth-grade students.

These lessons will be delivered using the research-based Second Step digital curriculum and will cover essential topics such as: common types of bullying, recognizing bullying, responding to online bullying, bystander intervention, sexual harassment, gender harassment, rights, and responsibilities.

Each grade level will receive about six lessons. Ms. Betone will coordinate the specific dates and times. Most of the SEL lessons will also tie into Navajo Language & Culture topics (character building, etc.).

This initiative is also listed as an activity under the 21st Century Community Learning Center program activities.



Message from Athletic Director

The school's Athletic Director, Mr. Smiley, is excited to bring back Jr. High Co-Ed Flag Football after being in hiatus for years. This will be a trial run/developmental season and the program requests staff and parent/guardian support to make it successful. Neighboring schools have been contacted in hopes of scheduling games.

The league is about more than just flag football — it's about giving students a positive outlet that can boost attendance, behavior, and grades. Having something structured and fun to look forward to helps keep them focused and motivated both in and out of the classroom.

This will be a chance to build school pride, strengthen connections, and re-establish a program that benefits everyone.

Volleyball Result – LCS Eagles vs. Rough Rock Sand Devils (Sept. 17, 2025)

The Lady Eagles came out strong and secured a solid win over the Rough Rock Sand Devils in four sets. The girls played very well together, showing great teamwork and energy on the court.

Players delivered some amazing kills that kept the momentum in our favor, while others ran the offense with sharp, consistent sets to fuel our attack. The 6th graders also held their own and played well together in the 2nd and 3rd sets, showing growth and determination on the court.

With a 3–1 victory, the Eagles continue to build momentum and confidence as a team.

Cross Country Results – Black Mesa Community School (Sept. 18, 2025)

The Eagles Cross Country teams had a strong showing at the Black Mesa Invitational. The athletes ran tough on a challenging course and brought home three (3) second-place team finishes: Elementary Girls, Elementary Boys, and Jr. High Boys!

The elementary girls team placed second. Four (4) top-10 finishes pushed the Lady Eagles into the 2nd place spot.

The elementary boys team placed second. With five (5) top-15 finishes, the boys sealed their 2nd place team award.

The jr. high girls team placed fourth and the boys team placed second. The Eagles continue to grow stronger each meet, showing perseverance, teamwork, and heart.

This Week's Forecast for Lukachukai

SUNDAY 09/21/25	MONDAY 09/22/25	TUESDAY 09/23/25	WEDNESDAY 09/24/25	THURSDAY 09/25/25	FRIDAY 09/26/25	SATURDAY 09/27/25
Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny