



LUTHER BURBANK MIDDLE SCHOOL

BURBANK BULLETIN

October 17, 2016

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As I walk through our hallways and into classrooms, I continue to be impressed by the level of enthusiasm and commitment for learning I am able to observe. Each day, I observe our teachers' efforts to develop and implement rigorous, yet creative, lessons that foster true student engagement. As a result, I observe students involved in academic discourse, problem-solving, reading, and critical thinking. Examples of these efforts are observable in each content area—at each grade level. Too numerous to articulate, but worthy of note in just the past two weeks, include: roundtable text-based discussions in 6th grade ELA, project-based learning focused on cell organisms in grade 7, and social studies simulations related to the Constitutional Convention in grade 8. If your child has yet to share these experiences with you, please ask them to “do tell!”

Speaking of experiences, this week we will acknowledge International Peace Day with a special *Pinwheels for Peace* activity during Friday's early release. *Pinwheels for Peace* is a project to support International Peace Day which is held annually on September 21st. In September, students learned about the meaning behind International Peace Day in their health classes. This learning then extended into art and technology education classes where students created and engineered their own pinwheels. We are pleased to report that students' pinwheels are now fully constructed and ready for public display. On Friday, our school community will be installing a *Pinwheels for Peace* Exhibit on the front lawn of our school. The exhibit will open officially with a musical celebration the students have been preparing during music classes under the direction of Ms. Belhumeur. It is our hope that students will connect this effort with the start of our advisory program to create a positive, peaceful environment.

So, next time you're in the neighborhood, please drive by our school and take a gander at our visual pinwheel display. Our exhibit will be on display for one week. For more information about this project, visit [Pinwheels for Peace](#). “Imagine... whirled peace....”

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura J. Friend".

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Early Release, Friday, October 21

Please be reminded that there will be an early release on Friday, October 21st. Dismissal will be at 11:30 a.m.

Nashoba Chieftain Home Football Games

Support for our Nashoba Chieftain football team is high and school spirit is strong. This school spirit makes us very proud of Nashoba. Many of our district middle school students have been attending our home football games to share in this spirit and join the fun. Most recently, it has come to my attention that while attending home football games, some of our district middle school students, who have attended unaccompanied by an adult, have been leaving the bleacher area for a period of time and then reentering the game or watching the game from an alternate location outside of the bleacher area. The high school grounds and facility are large and there are a many number of spectators in attendance. The high school has administrative staff and police officers who monitor the bleacher area and area immediate adjacent to the bleachers, but anything outside of the gated area is not actively monitored. This Friday, October 21st, marks our next home game. Should your middle school child be attending this game unaccompanied by an adult, please have a conversation with him/her about safety and the importance of staying within the gated areas during the game. Thank you, in advance, for your timely support with this matter.

Parent Teacher Conferences- Right Around the Corner

Parent Teacher Conferences are an optimal way for parents and teachers to come together to discuss student's strengths and areas for further growth. As such, our fall conferences are goal setting in nature. Conferences will be held on the fully day of November 4th and the afternoon and evening of November 7th. We will utilize an internet-based appointment booking system to schedule conferences again this year called Pick-A-Time. Registration for conferences will begin at 7:00 p.m. on October 24th. Please be on the lookout for more information about the registration process via email this week.

Student Council Update

Luther Burbank's Student Council has been hard at work organizing and planning activities designed to make our school one filled with spirit and fun!

Our tee shirt and hoodie sale will promote school spirit as well as raise funds for our student activity fund. Order forms have been distributed as well as sent electronically. Orders are due by October 28th. Student Council members conceptualized the two- sided design and have done a great job!

Our first social event of the year, The Fall Festival, is coming on October 28th! All students in grades six, seven and eight are invited from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. to enjoy some dancing, refreshments and just plain fun! Students should come dressed casually and ready to dance the Macarena with some of their favorite staff members. There is a \$5 admission to cover the cost of the DJ and refreshments will be sold. All students must be picked up promptly at 8:00 p.m.

Luther Burbank Drama – About to Begin!

A meeting for parents and students will be on Tuesday, November 1, 2016, in the Mary Rowlandson library, beginning promptly at 6:30 pm. All interested students should have representation at the meeting of a parent or guardian. Information about the drama club, auditions, and director will be given as well as an opportunity to ask questions. Folks who cannot attend the meeting but are interested in auditioning should contact the director at lbmsdramaclub@gmail.com.

An optional audition lesson will be held on Thurs, Nov. 3, 2016, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., and auditions will be on Tues, November 15, and Thurs, November 17, 2016, between 6 and 8 p.m. Students will need to attend both audition dates, unless they've made alternate arrangements ahead of time with the director. Rehearsals will begin on Tues, November 29, and will run every Tuesday and Thursday through the performances on Friday, March 31, and Saturday, April 1.

All events will be held in the auditorium. Questions before November 1, 2016 may be sent to Paula Castner at lbmsdramaclub@gmail.com. Attached to this Bulletin are forms to be filled out by students and parents and brought to the auditions.

LBMS Cross-Country Recap and Update

The Cross Country season is in full swing and the runners are all seeing better times as conditioning has increased. The last 3 races were all home events for the Lancers on their 1.5 mile course. Marlboro visited on Oct. 5th and our girls got the victory 20-35. Natasha Ramos led all runners completing the course in 11:05. Hanna Fish was 2nd while Lauren Basteri, Haley May, and Keira Petri rounded out the scoring. The boys were led by Ryan May who finished 3rd with a time of 10:30. Alex Allison, Chase McClintock, Zach Frommer and Andrew Dray scored for the boys who were defeated by a strong Marlboro team, 18-37.

Overlook came to town on Oct. 11th and Natasha Ramos, Hanna Fish, Kiera Petri, and Maeve Hughes placed 1,2,3,4 to take a decisive victory 16-39. Ryan May once again led all our boys with his 3rd place finish but Overlook boys took 8 of the first 10 places for an 18-37 win.

Closing out the week saw Turkey Hill from Lunenburg, fielding a talented group of runners, grab victories from the Lancer girls and boys, 24-31 and 17-38. Natasha Ramos ran her season best 10:49 to take home first place with Hanna Fish, Haley May, Kiera Petri, and Maeve Hughes all scoring. Ryan May, Alex Allison, Chase McClintock, Nicholas Cerioni and Zack Frommer all scored for Burbank.

Next meet will be Wednesday, Oct. 19th, vs. Oak Middle School. This will be the Lancers last home meet of the season. Come out and cheer the runners on!

The District Meet will be held Wednesday, Oct. 26th at Nashoba Regional HS vs. Hale and Sawyer.

Picture of the Week



Our new birthday pep band serenades 8th grade science teacher, Mrs. Courtois, with a birthday tune.

**LBMS DRAMA
AUDITION FORM**

Name _____

Male Female Age _____ Grade _____ Been in LBMS drama before Yes No

Check all applicable experience: Acting Dancing Singing Lights and Sounds Backstage crew

Please use this space to write anything you feel the director needs to know:

List any conflicts you may have with Tues/Thurs rehearsals: _____

Check box if **only interested in being** in: chorus backstage crew lights and sounds

Student Agreement:

I, _____, agree to play any role assigned to me and all costuming choices, dance choreography requirements, and pertinent singing scenes the director may choose for my role without complaint, understanding that the choices were made for the benefit of the overall performance. By accepting an assigned role, I agree to attend all mandatory rehearsals for my role and all the performances as defined by the director, except for sickness, a family emergency, or previous arrangements made with the director. I also agree to abide by all LBMS school rules and the rules for safety and respect as outlined by the LBMS handbook and by the director. I understand that at any time my conduct is not appropriate to school policy or the director's rules for respect and safety, that the director will speak with Principal Friend and my parents.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Agreement:

I, _____, understand the commitments required for my child to participate in the LBMS drama club as outlined in the student agreement, and I understand that the casting choices are made for the benefit of the overall performance and will not complain about my child's role to the director or Principal Friend. I also agree to be responsible for bringing and picking up my child from rehearsals and performances in a timely manner as well as support my child's involvement in this activity within the parameters of my abilities. Should my child break LBMS and safety and respect rules as outlined by the LBMS handbook and the director, I understand and accept that Principal Friend and I will receive a call from the director and that appropriate actions may be taken in line with the inappropriate conduct. I also understand that I will provide the best phone number and email address for the director to reach me.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Best Phone: _____ Best Email: _____

LBMS DRAMA CLUB NEEDS VOLUNTEER NEEDS

I AM INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH OR AS THE:

- Producer:** Functions as a drama producer: supporting the director and the production as needed, helping to find solutions as problems arise

- Backstage Manager:** Oversees the students who are working backstage during tech week and the performances, and coordinates other parent volunteers who are helping backstage for show nights; Functions as a drama stage manager: keeping track of the blocking and actor instructions or needs for the play
 - Backstage Volunteer:** helping to oversee students during tech week and performances

- Set Manager:** Oversees the making of sets and scenery and coordinating any parents who help with this endeavor
 - Set Committee Volunteer:** Helps to make sets

- Prop Manager:** Oversees pulling together the prop donations and making/getting props still needed
 - Props Volunteer:** Helping to create any props which are needed

- Costume Manager:** Oversees the pulling together of costume donations and making/getting what is still needed and coordinates the parent volunteers who are helping with costumes; Functions as a drama costume designer: working in collaboration with the director to ensure costumes are integrated into the production
 - Costume Volunteer:** Helping to create costumes as needed

- Lights and Sounds Parent:** Oversees the students working lights and sounds; needed for rehearsals and performances

- Publicity Manager:** Oversees all aspect of publicity and coordinates parent volunteers
 - Poster Volunteer:** Designs flyers/posters for the show
 - Program Volunteer:** Puts together the information given into a cohesive program
 - Publicity Volunteer:** Promoting performances through newspapers, cable and district means

- Front of House Manager:** Coordinates everything needed for front of house: the volunteers for selling tickets, raffles, and kiss grams or other form of fundraising, decorating the front hallway and overseeing the intermission refreshments
 - Front of House Volunteer:** Helping with the needs of Front of House

- Photographer:** Taking pictures for head shots and cast picture and of occasional rehearsals

DRAMA DATES:

Parent/Student Meeting: Tuesday, November 1, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. (Auditorium)

Optional Audition Lessons: Thurs, Nov. 3, 2016, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Auditions: Tues, November 15, & Thurs, November 17, 2016, between 6 and 8 p.m. (Auditorium)

Rehearsals: Tuesday and Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., December through March (Auditorium)

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Tech/Dress Rehearsal: Tuesday, March 28, 2017, 5:00-9:00 pm (Auditorium)

Tech/Dress Rehearsal: Thursday, March 30, 2017, 5:00-9:00 pm (Auditorium)

Shows: Friday, March 31, 2017, 5:00-9:00 p.m. (Auditorium/MRE Cafeteria)

Saturday, April 1, 2017, 5:00-9:00 p.m. (Auditorium/MRE Cafeteria)

Set breakdown/Cast Party: Sunday, April 2, 2017, 3:00-5:00 p.m. (Auditorium/Cafeteria)