



LUTHER BURBANK MIDDLE SCHOOL

BURBANK BULLETIN

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It's been a busy past two weeks here at Luther Burbank. We've had a lot of great happenings going on in within our classrooms and within our larger school community. Here's just a snapshot of all that is current and noteworthy... (I'm going to take a minute to list while I catch my breath!)

- MCAS for our 6th and 7th graders... with 8th grade math and STE MCAS on the docket for this week
- Transition meetings for several of our 8th graders
- A student-generated presentation on 3-D Modeling and Printing to School Committee
- Scientific exploration and comparison of adaptations of different invertebrates such as insects, crayfish and starfish in 7th grade science
- Use of NOVA's Cloud Lab and NASA's Worldview tools to access satellite data and imagery to trace historical storm movement in 6th grade science
- A bowling excursion for students in our Junior Life Skills program
- Passionate debates in 8th grade social studies on the topic of "Why the United States dropped the atomic bomb"
- New "writing moves" for narrative writing in 7th grade ELA; self-selected nonfiction reading and research with oral presentations to follow for our 6th graders; and coming of age literature circles in grade 8
- Continued beautification of our front lawn with the spreading of bark mulch - thanks Green Team!
- Impressive individual and team results for softball, baseball, and track and field
- Conclusion of a community service learning project to support children in Uganda through the work of Sole Hope

As we head into our final stretch of learning in the short time left in the year ahead, we are committed to making every day count!

Best Regards,

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DATES TO REMEMBER

May 17, Capital Experience Mandatory Parent/Guardian/Student Meeting, 6:30 PM
May 20, Sam Pawlak Memorial Fun Run 5K, 10:00 AM
May 24, Keith Munslow, All School Presentation. Keith Munslow is a musician, story-teller, cartoonist, and comedian for kids, 1:00 PM
May 25, Last day for math and STE MCAS make-ups
May 25, Memorial Day Assembly, NOTE Date Change!
May 26, Early release. Gr. 7 & 8 Instrumental Band travel to Great East
May 29, Memorial Day (no school) & Memorial Day Ceremony/Parade, Town Green, 8:30 AM
May 30- June 2, Gr. 8 DC Trip
June 9, 7th Annual "Do it for Douce Relay", 6:00 PM, NRHS
June 13, Meet & Greet – Rising 6th grade parents/guardians presentation, 6:00 PM (Title 1 presentation)
6:30 PM (Meet & Greet)
June 14: Field Day, All School Event
June 14: High School Fall Sports Meeting – Rising Freshmen, 6:30 PM, NRHS
June 19, Move Up Day
June 19, Gr. 8 Grade Recognition Night Ceremony & Dance
June 20, Last day of school (early release)

LBMS MCAS Testing Dates

	MATH	STE
Grade 6	May 9, 11	N/A
Grade 7	May 10, 12	N/A
Grade 8	May 16, 17	May 18. 19

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Luther Burbank Apparel and Other Items! Online Store Open!](#)

We are pleased to announce the launch of our official Luther Burbank online store. We now have an official online store selling items to promote spirit and raise money for our Student Activity Fund. If you are interested in ordering items, click [here](#) to access the online store. Check it out and catch some school spirit! Items will be delivered to Luther Burbank and distributed from there. Thank you, Mrs. Hutton and Student Council, for all of your work to get this store up and running!

Happy Shopping and Go Lancers!

2017 Field Day and All School Event – Parent Volunteers Needed!

Last year's full day field day event was such a success, we have decided to make it a tradition. On June 14, we will be hosting a full day of fun and community building for our students. We need your help! Please consider donating your time and joining us as we offer field games and entertainment for our students. We would love your company. It's going to be a blast – and we really do NEED your help!

Activity Schedule:

___ 8:00-11:00: Field day activities outside

___ 11:00-12:30: Cookout & Volleyball tourney

___ 12:30-1:45: Activity in in the auditorium (volunteers not needed)

Please email Judy Ursuliak at jursuliak@nrsd.net if you are willing and able to volunteer. Please email with your available time slot, 8:00-11:00 and/or 11:00-12:30.

Note: An updated CORI will be required.

LBMS Book Swap

Do you have any middle school appropriate books that your children have already read? Would you be willing to part with them knowing they could be enjoyed by your child's classmates? Would you like your child to have easy access to books of their choosing this summer?

We're excited to announce plans for a Book Swap in June. Please check your bookshelves to see what you might be willing to contribute. We're looking to circulate gently used books in preparation for the summer break." Please refer to the attached flyer for more information! Happy reading!

7th Annual "Do it for Douce" Relay

The 7th Annual "Do it for Douce" Nashoba Relay will be held on Friday, June 9, 2017 at NRHS at 6 p.m. immediately following the district middle school track meet. Come on out to support this great event!

Spring Interscholastic Sports Off to a Tremendous Start

The girls and boys Track and Field teams have competed in two meets to date with the girls undefeated at 2-0 and the boys seeking their first victory. This week the teams travel to Westboro to face Gibbons Middle School on Wednesday, the 17th. Clinton comes to Nashoba Stadium on Wednesday, May 24th and the District meet with Hale and Sawyer will be on Friday, June 9th.

With an appealing combination of students from all three grade levels, the boy's baseball team currently has a record of one win and three losses. Given the numerous game postponements the team has experienced, the next

few weeks of the season is likely to feature much baseball action, with the boys scheduled to play three games per week. Whether the Lancers win, lose, or draw, the team will undoubtedly continue to demonstrate a great deal of enthusiasm and solid work ethic for the remainder of the season. Go, Lancers!

The girls' softball team is off to an impressive 4-1 start. They've defeated Whitcomb, Tyngsboro, Hale, and Tahanto. The one loss to Littleton was by only two runs. They have seen outstanding pitching performances by Lauren Basteri, Olivia Barrett, and Tes DeBono. The defense has been supported by a strong batting line-up and Lancers have outscored their opponents 74-31.

Come out and cheer the teams on to victory!

8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip – Mandatory Meeting

There will be a mandatory Washington, D.C. trip meeting for all 8th grade students and their parents/guardians this Wednesday, May 17, at 6:30 PM in the auditorium. Agenda topics will include: trip information, medical forms, expectations, and questions/answers. Students are asked to sit with their family during the meeting.

NRSD Enrichment

The [NRSD Spring Enrichment Newsletter](#) is now available. Please check it out for information and updates.

2017-2018 School Calendar

The Nashoba Regional School District School Committee has approved next year's school calendar. Click [here](#) to access the calendar.

FROM THE NURSE:

As you know, it can be difficult to keep up with all that our kids are involved with on the internet. While there are lots of great learning tools, fun games, movies, innovative ways to keep in touch with friends around the world to name a few of the many positives, there is also a darker side, too. One of the newer games or challenges that seems to be making the rounds is the Blue Whale Challenge. Reportedly, it is aimed at the 10-14 year age group. There are a series of escalating challenges that the child must complete over the course of 50 days with the final one to win, being suicide. It is difficult to determine if this is real or urban legend. But, either way, it can provide parents/guardians with an opportunity to open a dialogue with their child about the positives and negatives of surfing the world wide web as well as the topic of self-harm and suicide. While the hope is that no child would ever become immersed in something that seems so absurd, there are kids that could be vulnerable. To learn more about the Blue Whale Challenge and for some help in differentiating between good and bad tween/teen apps, check out safesmartsocial.com. Please note that although this website is a good resource, I am not endorsing any of their products.

Mrs. Perkins

PICTURE OF THE WEEK



Margot Sonia and Sarah Leonard presenting to School Committee last Wednesday on 3-D Modeling and Printing with the leadership of Mrs. Sama. Tremendous!