



## LUTHER BURBANK MIDDLE SCHOOL

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### BURBANK BULLETIN

December 12, 2016

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This Friday, students will receive their first trimester report cards. The culmination of the first trimester signifies the passage of a third of our school year, more or less three months. But, more importantly, the culmination symbolizes a passage of time in which our students engaged in *learning*. Not just one trimester down, two to go, but the close of the first trimester marks a passage of real learning time. When I reflect upon my visits to classrooms during the first trimester and think about the learning in which our students have been engaged, I think about our students building new knowledge upon old knowledge, engaging in tasks across multiple disciplines. I think about them studying, collaborating, and creating. Working hard.

Our school staff has also been reflecting on the first trimester and the hard work and dedication our students have demonstrated. As a result, we are thrilled to announce that we will be acknowledging all of this hard work with some school-wide positive recognition for students - three ways. Who doesn't like to celebrate, right?!

Honor Roll Breakfast - On December 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 7:00-7:30 a.m., we will be hosting our very first honor roll breakfast. Students achieving honor roll or high honor roll, and their parents/guardians, will be invited to enjoy breakfast together with us before school the Thursday morning before vacation. Eligible students will receive an invitation in their report card envelope this Friday. We will be requiring RSVPs by Monday, December 19, so that we may plan accordingly. Bon Appétit!

Luther Burbank Award - This award will be awarded to two students each trimester, at each grade level, who exemplify the qualities outlined in Luther Burbank's message to school children. For those of you who attended our Open House this fall, you may remember Luther Burbank's message from my opening remarks. In his message, Luther Burbank encourages us to be respectful to one another... "(to be) gentle, unselfish... peace-maker(s)." Thus, the Luther Burbank award will be given to students who typify these qualities, thereby making our school community a better place.

Luther Burbank Lancer (temporary) Tattoos - These spontaneous "good job" awards will be in the form of a temporary Lancer tattoo (unique and very cool) and will be given by any teacher/staff member, at his/her discretion, for any reason, at any time, from now until all 1,000 tattoos are handed out! Example "good jobs" may include... persevering through a challenging problem/assignment, providing a great answer, helping a peer - basically any example that demonstrates our LBMS vision in action.

With celebration and appreciation,

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

December 14 – Boys and girls basketball v. Florence Sawyer @Sawyer 3:45 (boys); 5:00 (girls)

December 15 – Boys and girls basketball v. Hale @ Burbank 3:45 (boys); 5:00 (girls)

December 15 – Winter Concert, 6:30 p.m.

December 16 – Report cards issued

December 22 – Honor Roll breakfast, 7:00-7:30 a.m.

December 23-January 2 – Winter Break (school resumes, January 3)

January 9 – Geography Bee (mark your calendars)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### It's Getting Cold Out There...

Winter has definitely made its presence known with the cold temperatures of late. I know it's difficult to wrangle with a middle-age student about clothing, but please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. When the temperature is 20 degrees or warmer, we go outside for recess. It is important that students have a coat. Hats and gloves are great. Pants, too! Please see Mrs. Perkins' message, below, about more on the importance of winter weather attire.

### Luther Burbank RoboLancers – A Shout Out!

On Saturday, December 3, our LBMS robotics team, the RoboLancers, competed in the 2016 FIRST Lego League Tournament in Westford. The team definitely made us proud. Our students were collaborative, active problem-solvers, and just darn smart. The way they were able to make adjustments and program their robots under pressure was nothing short of remarkable. I would also like to extend a thank you to Mrs. Sama. The team is a reflection of her positive leadership and awareness of the skills our students' need as they transition towards global citizenship. Just fantastic!

### Congratulations Felipe Cerioni, our Project 351 Ambassador

Over the last several years, state leaders have reached out to local schools in an effort to develop civic duty through volunteerism. Project 351 is a special program which invites each city and town to submit the name of one eighth grade student ambassador who can best represent his/her community as a leader of compassion and humility. We are very proud to announce that Felipe Cerioni will represent our school in this capacity as ambassador.

Congratulations to Felipe and his family!

### NRHS Holiday Band & Choir Concerts

The Nashoba Regional High School Holiday Band Concert will be on December 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM and the Nashoba Regional High School Holiday Choir Concert will be December 20, 2016 at 7:00 PM. The concerts will be at NRHS, 12 Green Road, Bolton. All are welcome. This is a FREE event, but donations are always welcomed.

## **FROM THE NURSE, MRS. PERKINS**

Our New England weather is constantly changing. This week forecasts snow and cold temperatures. Our students go out each day, weather permitting. It is important for students to be dressed appropriately. Layers are best. Research shows that the cold does lower the immune system's ability to protect against viruses. Dressing for the weather is as important as healthy eating and a getting a good night's sleep. These are important lessons for our children to learn to keep their bodies healthy and fit.

## **PICTURE OF THE WEEK**



Our 6th graders creating pop art sculpture in art class. Papier-mâché to follow!