



## LUTHER BURBANK MIDDLE SCHOOL

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### BURBANK BULLETIN

March 27, 2017

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Beginning next week, our students will commence state testing with the Next Generation MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System). The Next-Generation MCAS test builds upon aspects of prior MCAS assessments. The test includes items developed by PARCC, along with new items specifically created to assess the Massachusetts learning standards. If you are interested in taking a peek at a sample ELA, math, or STE practice test for your child's grade level, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has posted sample tests [here](#). The practice tests give a glimpse into this year's assessment and are worth checking out.

All in all, the MCAS is designed to measure student performance based on the Massachusetts Curriculum Framework learning standards and to provide information on the performance of individual students, schools, and districts. MCAS offers us an excellent opportunity for our students to show just how capable they are by demonstrating all that they have learned throughout the school year.

As parents/guardians, you can help!

- Ensure that your child attends school promptly on the scheduled testing day(s) for his/her grade level;
- Be sure that your child has had lots of rest prior to each test. A good night's sleep does wonders for the brain;
- Provide your child with a well-balanced, protein-packed breakfast on the morning of each test. We will not be providing a morning snack this year, so a healthy and hearty breakfast is especially key;
- Send your child to school with a bottle of water to stay hydrated;
- Ensure that your child leaves his/her eReader and wearable technology (eg., Smartwatch) at home. They will not be allowed in the classroom during MCAS;
- Continue your normal daily routine at home by ensuring a stress-free environment filled with lots of positive encouragement.
- Our testing schedule for April and May is listed below.
- ALL TESTING SESSIONS WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 8:00 a.m.

### LBMS MCAS Testing Dates

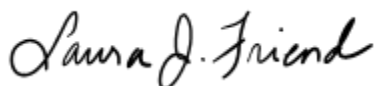
	<b>ELA</b>	<b>MATH</b>	<b>STE</b>
<b>Grade 6</b>	<b>April 4, 12</b>	<b>May 9, 11</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Grade 7</b>	<b>April 3, 5</b>	<b>May 10, 12</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Grade 8</b>	<b>April 6, 7</b>	<b>May 16, 17</b>	<b>May 18, 19</b>

The last day for ELA make-up exams for any student, regardless of grade, is May 2. The last day for mathematics and STE make up exams is May 25.

The MCAS are extremely important and teachers have worked hard to ensure that our students are well prepared. I ask all parents to make a special effort to ensure that students are in attendance on test days and that students arrive to school on time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best Regards,



### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- March 28 – Honor Roll Breakfast RSVP's Due
- March 28 - Track and Field Athlete and Parent/Guardian Meeting, 6:00 PM
- March 31- Trimester 2 Honor Roll Breakfast
- March 31/April 1 – LBMS Spring Musical, “You Ain’t Nothin’ But a Werewolf,” 6:30 PM, Auditorium
- April 3 – Spring MCAS Testing Window Opens
- April 4 – Annual Volleyball Tournament to Support Relay for Life, 2:15 PM, LBMS Gymnasium
- April 8 – Lancaster PTO Auction – Please Join Us! Purchase tickets [online](#)
- April 13 – LBMS Spring Concert, 6:30 PM
- April 17-21 – Patriot’s Day, April Vacation
- April 28 – Early Release Professional Development, Dismissal at 11:30 AM

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Spring Interscholastic Season Update: Baseball, Softball, and Track and Field

The LBMS 2017 interscholastic spring season has begun. Our baseball and softball teams have held tryouts and practices began last week. Coach Dillon will lead our boys’ team and Coach Gruca will lead our girls’ team. Track and field will also be starting up this week. Coach Gormley will hold a mandatory informational meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM in the LBMS library. For more information, including important registration information, please refer to our school [website](#).

### Intramurals are Back Up and Running and All are Welcome!

Monday and Wednesday afternoons your child can challenge Ms. Macharia in a game of badminton. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, we offer volleyball. Encourage your child to come on out, expend a little energy, and join the fun. We are still hoping to open the Fitness Room soon. Please be sure to have your child submit a permission slip so that he/she can participate. Permission slips can be found on the school website and in the school office. All students participating in intramurals should be picked up promptly at 4:00.

### LBMS Spring Musical, "You Ain't Nothin' But a Werewolf"

Luther Burbank Middle School Drama is proud to present *You Ain't Nothing But a Werewolf* on Friday, March 31, and Saturday, April 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the MRE and LBMS auditorium. Tickets will be available at the door for \$4.00 for students and seniors and \$6.00 for adults. For more information, email [lbmsdramaclub@gmail.com](mailto:lbmsdramaclub@gmail.com).

A spoof of 1950's B movies, *Ain't Nothing but a Werewolf* tells the story of the hero, Rupert Lydecker who is called a loser, so he visits the eerie hilltop asylum of the old and ancient Doctor Murdock Dangerfield. Hoping to change his personality, Rupert gulps down some icky goop and transforms from boy to hairy beast! A revitalized and confident Rupert hurries to the rockin' and rollin' Teen Canteen where he is discovered by Daisy, a musical talent scout, and the fun roars until Rupert realizes he needs to be true to himself. Will Rupert be able to return to being a normal teenager? (If there is such a thing!) Will he get the girl who has a secret crush on him? Will the bully get his come-uppance? Filled with upbeat, rockin' songs with tunes families will find familiar, this show is guaranteed to keep your feet tappin' and your fingers snappin'.

### Seven Bridge Poetry Contest

April is National Poetry month! To celebrate, the Seven Bridge Writer's Collaborative and Thayer Memorial Library are holding their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual study poetry contest. Submissions must be received no later than Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. All submissions must include: name, grade, best email and phone number. For more specifics, please see the community section attached to this week's Bulletin.

### Annual Volleyball Tournament to Support Relay for Life

Our annual LBMS Volleyball Tournament to raise funds for Relay for Life will be Tuesday, April 4. Please come on out and support a great annual event and an even better cause! The event will be held in the Luther Burbank gymnasium at 2:15 PM.

### Yearbook Sale Extended Until April 7

This year's yearbook will be in FULL-COLOR! Our yearbook will include individual student images, photos of various school activities, school events, groups, clubs, candid photos and fun moments from throughout the year. Buy your yearbook now for only \$21.00 each! Order forms may be found in the school office. All order must be remitted by April 7<sup>th</sup>.

## PTO Auction – An Important Fundraiser and a Great Night Out

The biennial PTO auction will be held on April 8, at 6:30 PM at the Sterling National Country Club in Sterling, MA. Please come on out to support our school and to have some fun! For tickets, please visit the [Lancaster PTO website](#).

On a related note, all 6th and 7th grade auction donation items may be sent in to the LBMS office. Thank you for your support!

### **PICTURE OF THE WEEK**



MRE, LBMS, and NRHS Jazz Bands onstage at the first annual Lancaster Jazz Night!