



LUTHER BURBANK MIDDLE SCHOOL

BURBANK BULLETIN

April 10, 2017

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our state-wide assessment window is upon us. Through April 12th, our students will be involved in the English language arts state assessment (MCAS). This testing 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. Last week, our eighth graders took their assessment online using their Chromebooks, while our 6th and 7th grade students participated in paper-based testing. We had minimal issues with the online testing platform. While the testing platform was new for all of us, everything ran seamlessly thanks to the concerted efforts of our student and faculty and the additional support of our instructional technology specialist, Mr. Newton, and our district IT team.

Thank you for your continued support as we collectively provide positive encouragement to our students during our assessment window. Thank you, also, for your support in ensuring your child's prompt arrival to school each day. Additional MCAS testing focusing on math and science/technology engineering will be held in May. As a reminder, 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.

On a completely different note, we had a great turnout for the Lancaster PTO "Lights, Camera, Auction" event on Saturday night. Thank you to all of you who attended! It was a fun evening, and one, we hope, will have generated some necessary funds to support the PTO in their efforts to provide our Lancaster schools with all kinds of great events and cultural enrichment opportunities. The most expensive auction item, you may ask? A ride to school in a Lancaster fire truck, sirens and all!

April vacation is nearly upon us. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate as the forecast ahead suggests. Enjoy!

Best Regards,

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

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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

May 26 – Memorial Day Assembly, 9:00 AM; Early Release Professional Development

May 29 – Memorial Day, No School

May 30-June 2 – 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip

June 14 – Field Day

June 19 – 8th Grade Recognition, 6:00 PM, Dance to Follow (pending last day)

June 20 – Last Day of School (as of today), Early Release (no lunch served)

LBMS MCAS Testing Dates

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Luther Burbank Award Recipients

Congratulations to our second trimester recipients of the Luther Burbank Award. As you are aware, the Luther Burbank Award is a new award for our school community. Recipients are selected by their teachers for demonstrating the qualities of citizenship, respect, and kindness. These qualities are ones that epitomize the vision set forth by our school’s namesake. We have prepared a special bulletin board in our main hallway to recognize our Luther Burbank Award recipients. Please take a look the next time you are in the building. Luther Burbank Award recipients: Nina Salvatelli (gr. 6), Nicolas Cerioni (gr. 6), Rowan Beary (gr. 7), Ava Reisner (gr. 7), Tori Lane (gr. 8), and Grant Follansbee (gr. 8).

2017-2018 School Calendar

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

Annual Volleyball Tournament to Support Relay for Life

The annual LBMS Volleyball Tournament to raise funds for Relay for Life was a huge success with a great student, family, and staff turnout. The event raised over \$280.00 – more than last year. Congratulations to the Otters, led by Cal Palmaccio, Bryan Dionne, Joey Scanlon, Nick LeBlanc, Andrew Spratt, and Cole Williams, who fought off the Wheat Kings in an overtime 17-15 win to claim the championship. Rematch anyone?

PICTURE OF THE WEEK



Mrs. Sorrows working with one of our 7th graders to construct a model of a phylum.