



## LUTHER BURBANK MIDDLE SCHOOL

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### BURBANK BULLETIN

September 19, 2016

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to thank everyone for attending our Luther Burbank Open House on Thursday. We had an incredible turnout of parents and family members. It's ALWAYS a good sign when our parking lot is jam-packed! At Luther Burbank, we know the importance of the home school partnership. For us, we believe, this partnership is really the hinge to student success. Working together as partners we can ensure that each child reaches his or her fullest potential – better yet, we can ensure that each child *exceeds* his or her potential. So, we thank you for spending a bit of your time with us as we look ahead to the amazing learning opportunities the school year will bring.

This week's Bulletin is full of extra-curricular opportunities we have to offer this fall. Please check them out and encourage your son/daughter to participate. With so many offerings, it may be hard to decide!

Thank you for a great start to a great year ahead!

Warm Regards,

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### Morning Drop-Off Reminder

Please be reminded that parents or guardians dropping off their child in the morning should drop off by the flagpole in the center parking lot. From this location students are able to access the crosswalk to our main entrance. Following this drop off procedure will ensure the safety of our students while maintaining a clear bus lane for morning bus arrival. This is critical for safe traffic flow. We thank you for your support.

##### Early Release: Friday, September 23rd

This Friday is an early release for students. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served. The focus for professional development for our teachers that afternoon will be on data and curriculum analysis. This is important work for us as we look ahead to maximizing our curriculum planning in light of student need.

## Student Council Elections, September 23rd

*"You miss 100% of the shots you don't take." - Wayne Gretsky*

Students interested in making our school a better place are encouraged to participate in our Student Council elections this Friday. Interested students should write a brief statement or speech, approximately 2 minutes in length, about their ideas to improve our school community, including the strengths they possess to help get us there. Speeches should be submitted to Mrs. Hutton by Wednesday, September 21. Speeches will be read to grade level classes on Friday morning with elections to follow.

## School Pictures

Please note that Tuesday, September 27, is School Picture Day and that informational packets for purchasing pictures have been mailed home. Extra packets are available in the school office. Although all students will need to have their picture taken, purchasing pictures is strictly optional for families.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student and Parent/Guardian Washington, D.C. Trip Meeting

On Tuesday, September 27, there will be a mandatory 2017 Capital Experience meeting for students and families. The meeting will take place in the Mary Rowlandson auditorium and will begin at 6:00 PM.

## Nashoba SEPAC

On Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, Nashoba SEPAC kicks off the school year with a "Meet the New Administration" event. Hear from Superintendent Brooke Clenchy and Joan DeAngelis, Director of Pupil Personnel Services. Learn about what's new in Special Education and other student services for 2016/17. Please see attached flyer for more information about this important group.

## 2017 Lancaster PTO Auction – Help Needed

We are looking forward to another successful Lancaster PTO Auction this spring. This event is a highly successful fund-raising event and a great opportunity to come together as a Lancaster community. Our last auction raised near \$60,000, and we are looking forward to raising even more funds to support our schools with the 2017 auction event this spring.

We need your help! Parent volunteers are needed to facilitate class projects. We have some ideas already and are excited to get going. Please email Laura Pagington, [lpagington@nrsd.net](mailto:lpagington@nrsd.net), if you are willing and available to lend a hand. Thank you!

## From the Health Office

Massachusetts General Law requires that all students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade must provide documentation of updated immunizations and a current physical exam. The deadline for meeting this requirement is Oct. 15, 2016. Please call Mrs. Perkins with questions.

Please notify the school if your child is going to be late or absent. You can do this by emailing [lbmsattendance@nrsd.net](mailto:lbmsattendance@nrsd.net) or calling the LBMS Health Office at [978-365-5629](tel:978-365-5629).

Please be reminded that if you have a child with a life-threatening allergy, you must provide an updated Allergy Action Plan signed by your child's physician and an epipen at the beginning of each school year. Please call to discuss this with Mrs. Perkins for more information.

Looking Ahead: The Lions Club Eye Mobile will be visiting LBMS on Thursday, Oct 20, to help screen all 7th grade students for vision and hearing.

## **LBMS EXTRA-CURRICULAR OFFERINGS**

### Extracurricular Ensembles Have Begun!

The Jazz Ensemble conducted their first rehearsal last Tuesday and sounded great! Students studied an old Duke Ellington classic called "C Jam Blues," and then took turns playing solos over the changes. If you have a student who missed the first rehearsal but who would still like to be in Jazz, please have him/her speak with Ms. Belhumeur. Permission slips will be coming home this week.

Chorus will hold its first rehearsal this Wednesday (9/21)! ALL STUDENTS are encouraged to participate in Chorus, where we'll take it from the ground--up and teach you to sing! If you have a student who would like to join chorus (or even just give it a try!) he/she should pick up a permission slip from Ms. Belhumeur and come to rehearsal on Wednesday!

*"If you can talk, you can sing!"*

### Destination Imagination is Coming!

The new Destination Imagination season is fast approaching at the Nashoba Regional School District. DI, a team-based, creative problem-solving enrichment program, is open to students in grades 3-8. Destination Imagination teams are forming at each school building and at many other schools across the state. DI students will be working on challenges and solving problems in preparation for the regional tournament on March 11th. The Nashoba DI Information Night is open to all on Tuesday, September 20th from 6:30-7:30 in the Florence Sawyer Library in Bolton. There will be challenge previews to check out, and Instant Challenges to try, with a veteran Nashoba DI team!

Students interested in DI, or parents interested in becoming involved with the program, should attend the Nashoba DI Information Night. Contact Nicole Caligiuri, [ncaligiuri@nrds.net](mailto:ncaligiuri@nrds.net) for more information.

### Art Club

The Luther Burbank Art Club is an opportunity for students to participate in a variety of arts and crafts activities and to explore various art media. This club will appeal to students who want to draw and sketch or try zentangle. Other activities may include weaving arts such as crocheting or knitting, and experimenting with different paint media such as acrylic or watercolor. The club will meet on Mondays after school beginning today. Permission slips are available from Mrs. Slattery. Please contact Mrs. Slattery [pslattery@nrds.net](mailto:pslattery@nrds.net) for more information.

## LBMS Cross-Country

Students had a great start to cross-country training this week! The first meet will take place in Charlton on Wednesday, September 21st. For the full schedule, please visit our [school website](#). We'd love to have you come cheer us on at our first home meet!

## Intramurals are Underway

The LBMS intramural program is open to all students in grades 6-8. It is a supervised after school athletic activity that promotes fair play and physical fitness, free of charge to LBMS students. All sessions begin at 2:15 and end at 4:00 (with the exception of fitness room which ends at 3:15) at which time all participants must have transportation home. Students may not take the elementary bus at 3:15 due to space restrictions. Any student wishing to take part in any of the activities must submit an Emergency Contact/Parent Consent form which may be downloaded from this [link](#).

We are currently offering CAPTURE THE FLAG on Tuesdays and Fridays (2:15-4:00) and the FITNESS ROOM on Mondays and Wednesdays (2:15-3:15). FLAG FOOTBALL will start in mid-October. SPEED BALL and BASKETBALL will begin in late October.

## Math Club

LBMS MATH CLUB (formerly MATHCOUNTS CLUB) is an after school enrichment program that welcomes students from all grades. This club would be of interest to those students who love math, and are happy to work, both independently and collaboratively, to solve problems and challenges.

“If you are skilled with numbers and like to think outside the box, this is the club for you!”

There are several competitions that the club will have the option to take part in during the year, depending on student interest: fall and spring middle school math meets at St. John's High School in Shrewsbury, Mathcounts chapter competition in February, Purple Comet online meet in April.

Meetings will be held on Thursdays after school, starting on September 22nd and will finish in time for the elementary bus at 3:05 PM. If there is enough interest, meeting time may be extended to 3:30pm, especially if the students elect to participate in competitions.

Permission slips are available from math teachers and in the school office. Students are welcome to attend and try Math Club out for 2-3 sessions to see if it is a good fit for them. Please contact our Math Club Advisor, Ann Sadler, [asadler@nrsd.net](mailto:asadler@nrsd.net) for more information.

## BEST BUDDIES

The Luther Burbank Middle School Chapter of Best Buddies is a group of students that meet at least monthly for friendship-based activities. The Best Buddies program pairs students who are typically developing with their peers who have special needs, creating opportunities for social interaction and fun. Students should stay-tuned to the morning announcements for more information. Cheryl Lonardo, Best Buddies advisor, may also be contacted for more information, [clonardo@nrsd.net](mailto:clonardo@nrsd.net).

### MADE with CODE Event – Google Cambridge

On October 4, Google Cambridge will be hosting a Made with Code event for middle-school girls to get them excited about coding, science, and technology. This is a unique opportunity available to our Nashoba middle school girls. The event will take place from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Google Cambridge Office in Kendall Square. Parents/guardians and daughters interested in attending should contact [lfriend@nrsd.net](mailto:lfriend@nrsd.net).

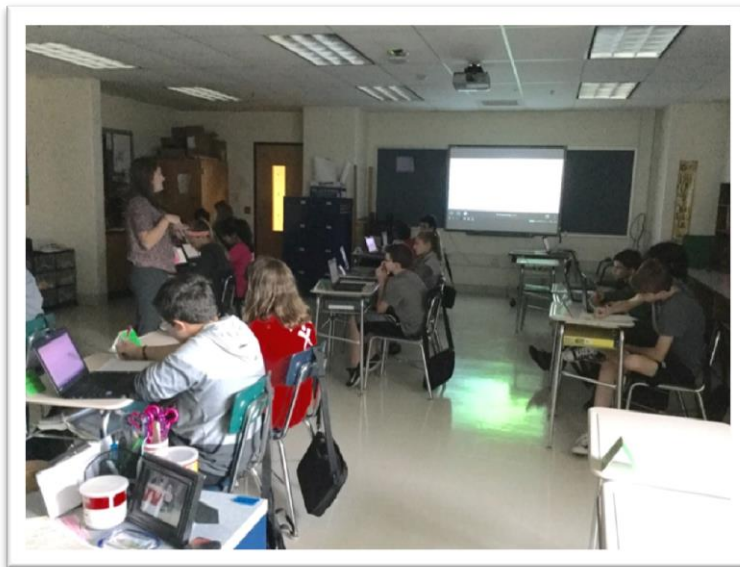
### LBMS Spring Musical – Survey to Close on Friday, September 23

LBMS Drama is in the process of selecting a musical for this year. The following survey is to help us determine the number and types of students who may be interested in being a part of drama this year. We appreciate your help in providing the information we need to complete our selection. Thank you!

Please complete the survey if your son/daughter is THINKING about participating in this year's musical by Friday, September 23rd. This is NOT a registration form. The form is simply intended for information-gathering purposes only. Click [here](#).

COMING SOON.... Audio-Visual Club, Movie Book Club, and Yearbook!

### Picture of the Week



8<sup>th</sup> grade ELA teacher, Ms. Campbell, teaching her students about irony using 1:1 Chromebooks and Pear Deck, an interactive presentation tool to engage students in learning.