



## LUTHER BURBANK MIDDLE SCHOOL

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### BURBANK BULLETIN

October 2, 2017

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Is it really October? How did that happen?! Here's hoping we get some blasts of color from the fall foliage to sweeten the reality that winter will be upon us soon.

This week, Ellen Miller, from Worcester District Attorney Joseph Early's Community and School Outreach office, will be visiting Luther Burbank. Our 8th grade families may remember that Ms. Miller spoke to our students in January 2016. Her presentation was both informative and well-received, and we are looking forward to her return visit. Ms. Miller's presentation will focus on social media, cyber-safety, and one's digital footprint - all very important topics in our ever-evolving cyber environment. We will be holding three assemblies in the MRE auditorium, one for each grade level:

Grade 6 – 9:30-10:15, Thursday, Oct. 5th

Grade 7 – 9:40-10:25, Friday, Oct. 6th

Grade 8 – 10:20-11:05, Thursday, Oct. 5th

Parents and guardians are invited to attend any of these presentations. Attending parents/guardians are asked to check in at the Luther Burbank office upon arrival. Ms. Miller will be available to answer questions after the 10:20 assembly on October 5th and after the 9:40 assembly on October 6th.

This week, we will also begin Advisory for all students in grades 6-8. This year marks the second year of implementation of our advisory program at Luther Burbank. The implementation of advisory for us at the middle level has marked an important step in meeting the rapidly developing social and emotional needs of our adolescent students. Advisory also provides a proactive structure to develop community and connectedness amongst teachers and students. Advisory meets in the morning twice per cycle on B and D days; our first advisory will be held this Friday, October 6th.

Warm Regards,

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Columbus Day

Please be reminded that there will be no school on October 9<sup>th</sup> in honor of Columbus Day.

### PowerSchool Parent Access

Do you have PowerSchool Parent Access? PowerSchool Parent Access provides families and students with easy, instant access to real-time student performance. Did you know that PowerSchool is also available as an app? The app is available for download on any iOS or Android device, including Apple Watch. If you do not already have access to PowerSchool Parent Access, and would like to have access, please email Judy Ursuliak, [jursuliak@nrsd.net](mailto:jursuliak@nrsd.net), for assistance.

### A Reminder from Mr. Gormley

PE classes are held outdoors as the weather permits. In many cases there could be wet grass from early morning dew or previous rain. Students are asked to bring extra socks or a change of footwear to put on after class if this is the case. With colder days ahead, students need to come prepared with warm clothing and hats that will be allowed when outside. On hot, sunny days light white clothing is preferable. And, don't forget to apply sunscreen.

### Our Cross-Country Team is Off to a Fast Start

Our Cross-Country team has had a successful start to the season. This Wednesday, our team faces Charlton at home. Please come out and cheer on our athletes. The meet begins at 3:30.

For the full schedule, please visit our [school website](#).

### Intramurals – Space Available

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. Space is available for any interested student. All sessions begin at 2:15 and end at 4:00. 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 FLAG FOOTBALL on Tuesdays and Thursdays (2:15-4:00); MINDFUL MORNINGS on Tuesday mornings (7:00-7:30), BASKETBALL on Wednesday mornings (7:00-7:30) and FITNESS ROOM on Thursday mornings (7:00-7:30). SPEEDBALL will start in mid-October.

### Gaming Club – All New!

The LBMS Gaming Club is a fun and collaborative space where students will be invited to engage in a variety of table top and role-playing games. This is a great opportunity for students to make new friends, develop collaboration and critical thinking skills, and have lot of fun with Mr. Burks and Ms. Campbell. The Club begins today, this Monday, but it's never too late to join. Students should see Mr. Burks or Ms. Campbell if they are interested.

### From the Health Office

Flu shots will be available this week at the “Lancaster Health Fair” on October 4, at the Community Center, from 2:30-6:30 for anyone 6 months and over. Bring your Insurance card. If you forget or do not have a card, the cost is \$20.

Students who entered 7th grade this fall, are required to meet immunization requirements per Massachusetts General Law (MGL). Parents were notified in the spring as to what their student needed to meet these requirements. Reminders were emailed this fall. If you have not yet responded, please do so as soon as possible. The deadline to comply with this request is October 13. Failure to do so will result in your child being excluded from school until the state requirements are met. Please call Mrs. Perkins if you have any questions at 978-365-5629.

The holiday season is approaching. You may be aware that MRE and LBMS provide Thanksgiving Baskets with the essentials for a holiday meal for families in our school community that might benefit from a little help. Our request is twofold. Please feel free to call Nurse Ramae or Mrs. Perkins if you or someone you know needs assistance. We are also looking for families, organizations or businesses that might be willing to provide a Thanksgiving Basket. A basket would contain the makings of a Thanksgiving dinner (stuffing, fresh or canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, dinner rolls, pie crust, canned or fresh fruit or a pie, juice, coffee and/or tea, gravy, and a gift card for about \$20-25 for a turkey or ham) or a gift certificate in the amount of \$100 so the family can shop for themselves. If you would like to discuss this, please feel free to contact us. All inquiries and referrals are strictly confidential. Thanks!

### Picture of the Week



7<sup>th</sup> grade smiles during picture day last Tuesday