



LUTHER BURBANK MIDDLE SCHOOL

BURBANK BULLETIN

April 9, 2018

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our state-wide assessment window is officially upon us. Through April 12th, our students will be involved in the English language arts state assessment (MCAS). Last week, our sixth graders took both sessions of their ELA assessment and 7th graders took the first session of their ELA assessment online using Chromebooks. This week, our 7th graders will complete their testing on Tuesday and 8th graders will complete their testing on Wednesday and Thursday. We had minimal issues with the online testing platform. Test administration ran seamlessly thanks to the concerted efforts of our students 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. Our attendance rates last week were excellent! Thank you!

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 3. The last day for mathematics and STE make up exams is May 24.

On a musical note, we had a great turnout for the 2nd Annual Nashoba Jazz Night held at the high school on March 28th. The evening featured 120 jazz musicians from across the district in grades 5-12. It was inspiring to see our budding 5th grade musicians playing alongside musicians from Nashoba's Advanced Jazz Band. A huge thank you to our district music teachers, including our very own Ms. Belhumeur and Mr. Rossley, for making this event an annual tradition. Also of note, our Luther Burbank chorus earned a well-deserved nod for performing the National Anthem at the Worcester Railers' game on March 30th. And, not to be outdone, all of our musical ensembles were showcased at our annual spring concert held last Thursday evening. The concert was a huge success; the auditorium was standing room only admiring friends, family, and community members.

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

Best Regards,

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DATES TO REMEMBER

April 10 – Social Skills: Curriculum and Supports presentation, Nashoba SEPAC, 7:00 PM, Florence Sawyer School

April 13 – PTO Cultural Enrichment, “Justice at War,” Grade 8

April 16-20 – Patriot’s Day, April Vacation

April 24 – LBMS School Council, 3:00 PM

May 2 – DC Parent Meeting, 6:30 PM

May 25 – Memorial Day Assembly, 9:00 AM

May 28 – Memorial Day, No School

May 29-June 1 – 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip

June (TBA) – Field Day

June 20 – 8th Grade Recognition, 6:00 PM, Dance to Follow (pending last day)

June 21 – Last Day of School (as of today), Early Release (no lunch served)

LBMS MCAS Testing Dates

	ELA	MATH	STE
Grade 6	April 3, 5	May 8, 10	N/A
Grade 7	April 4, 10	May 9, 11	N/A
Grade 8	April 11, 12	May 15, 16	May 17, 18

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Volleyball Tournament to Support Relay for Life

Our annual LBMS Volleyball Tournament to raise funds for Relay for Life was a bit hit (pun intended)! The event raised over \$200.00 for a great cause. Congratulations to the Otters, grade 8 boys team that repeated as champions by defeating the Lancers (staff team) in the finals.

Nashoba SEPAC Social Skills Presentation, April 10, 7:00 PM, Florence Sawyer School

This Tuesday evening, district speech language pathologists will present an overview of the programs and approaches used to teach social skills. Learn more about social skills development and have a chance to participate in activities that will help support the social skills development of your child at this SEPAC sponsored event.

Luther Burbank Award Recipients

Congratulations to our second trimester recipients of the Luther Burbank Award. The Luther Burbank Award is in its second year. 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, Luther Burbank. Please take a peek at our special bulletin board in the main hallway where we recognize these award recipients: Hazel Hughes (gr. 6), Sydnie Nelson (gr. 6), Emily Cote (gr. 7), Kiera Petri (gr. 7), Carter Gruca (gr. 8), and Zoe Kramer (gr. 8).

2018-2019 School Calendar

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

PICTURE OF THE WEEK



LBMS "Lights it Up Blue" for greater understanding and accepting of autism.

World Autism Awareness Day, April 2, 2018