



LUTHER BURBANK MIDDLE SCHOOL

BURBANK BULLETIN

May 14, 2018

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Luther Burbank Middle School is indebted to the partnership we share with our families. This partnership between home and school is critical to student success, and it is never more important than during the formative middle school years. Adolescence can be tough. Our students are navigating competing demands from academic and social angles all while trying to figure out their own identity, who they are as a “person.” This journey is exciting, albeit tumultuous. In the end, our students turn out great, but they need us, school and home, to help guide them along the way.

I write to you this week with the partnership we share in the forefront of my mind to talk for a moment about that old-fashioned term, “the rumor mill”. The term has been around for a long time. I looked it up. The term “rumor” has its [origins](#) in the 14th century, while the term “rumor mill” has found its way into our lexicon more recently during the swell of industrialization in the 19th century. With this long-standing history, it’s no surprise that the rumor mill can sometimes churn pretty swiftly with our middle school students. Middle-schoolers can thrive on rumors especially when the drama does not involve them directly. It is during these times that adults play a pivotal role by stepping in and reminding adolescents of the importance of sticking to the facts, remaining neutral and non-judgmental, and not “churning” potentially false information through that long-standing mill.

Last week, it came to my attention that a story was fabricated within a group of our students and then shared with others. The story was simply not true. I am thankful that the story, the rumor, was brought to my attention by one of our parents so that I could address the situation properly. As educators, we view every opportunity as a teachable moment. For this purpose, I ask that you take time to converse with your child about how quickly rumors and stories can make their way through one’s community via word of mouth and social media and how these stories can have a profound impact on others. Words matter.

As we enter into the final weeks of our school year and look ahead to next year, please take confidence in knowing that any situation that has the potential to impact our students and greater school community will be communicated to families, by me, with immediate attention. Please also be reminded that my door is always open. Should you have any questions or concerns about anything that your child may share with you, do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Yours in partnership,

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

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DATES TO REMEMBER

May 19, Sam Pawlak Memorial Fun Run 5K

May 21, Nashoba SINGS (District-Wide Choral Event), @ NRHS, 6:30 PM

May 24, Memorial Day Assembly, 12:45 PM

May 25, Gr. 7/8 Band Attends Great East Music Festival

May 28, Memorial Day (no school) & Memorial Day Ceremony/Parade, Town Green

May 29- June 1, Gr. 8 grade DC Trip

June 6, "Do it for Douce" Relay, 6:00 PM, NRHS (*note: rescheduled date)

June 14, Meet and Greet – Incoming grade 6, 6:30 PM with Title 1 event to precede Meet and Greet @ 6:00 PM

June 18: Field Day, All School Event (volunteers needed – see below for more information!)

June 20, Move Up Day

June 20, Gr. 8 Grade Recognition Night Ceremony & Dance (more information to follow the week of 5/21)

June 21, Last day of school (early release, no lunch served, dismissal 10:45 AM)

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
Last Day for Make-Ups (Math and STE) – May 24			

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Steve Grant, Luther Burbank Assistant Principal

I write with infinite pleasure to announce that Mr. Steve Grant will be joining the Luther Burbank Middle School as Assistant Principal beginning July 1, 2018. Mr. Grant is a veteran educator who has worked within the Nashoba Regional School District for the past twenty-six years. For the past six years, Mr. Grant has served as the Assistant Principal of the Florence Sawyer School. In addition to his role as Assistant Principal in Bolton, Mr. Grant has also served as Extended School Year Coordinator, a role which has further allowed him to become familiar with Luther Burbank, Mary Rowlandson, and the greater Nashoba school community. I am fully confident that Mr. Grant's

numerous talents will serve to further strengthen our school community, and I look forward to his partnership as we continue our work in making Luther Burbank the most exceptional place for our students.

LBMS Field Day – Parent Volunteers Needed! June 18th

We will be holding our Annual Field Day on June 18th. This event is a super-charged full day of fun and community-building. We would love your company and your help. Please consider donating your time and joining us! We are in need of parent/guardian volunteers from 8:00-11:00 AM for field day activities and from 11:00-12:30 PM to supervise our annual cookout and volleyball tournament. Please email Judy Ursuliak at jursuliak@nrsd.net if you are willing and able to volunteer. Please email by June 8th with your available time slot, 8:00-11:00 and/or 11:00-12:30. An updated CORI will be required.

LBMS School Store – Open with Spring and Summer Merchandise!

Our [LBMS School Store](#) has been reopened with lots of new SPRING and SUMMER merchandise. Check it out and show your school spirit! All proceeds will go to our Student Council. Go Lancers!

Warm Weather and Student Dress Code

The warm weather has finally arrived! And with the warm weather comes the natural inclination of many of our students to dress in lighter fashion. I write to you with a kind request to review with your child our school dress code that can be found in our school [handbook \(p.24\)](#). Our dress code is not intended to be fashion “backward” but it is intended to maintain a learning environment that is free from distraction and reflective of proper dress for a school setting. As we move forward, any student who is in violation of the decorum set forth in our dress code will be sent to the nurse and a phone call home will be made to solicit alternative clothing. Thank you, in advance, for your support with this matter.

Annual Sam Pawlak 5k

The annual Sam Pawlak 5k will be held on May 19, 2018. A fun mile run will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the 5k will begin at 10:30 a.m. There will be raffles at the end of race. The deadline for free race shirt is May 1. Sign up here: https://thedriven.net/event.race_reg/eid/9048024679

8th Annual “Do it for Douce” Relay – Please note date change

The 8th Annual "Do it for Douce" Nashoba Relay will be held on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at NRHS with a rain date of Thursday, June 7. Come on out to support the Doucette family and this great event!

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 Green Team with Miss Trahan beautifying our school landscape