



## LUTHER BURBANK MIDDLE SCHOOL

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### BURBANK BULLETIN

September 13, 2017

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I hope this message finds everyone well and enjoying the increasingly crisp New England weather. Hard to believe that we will be donning sweaters and jackets before too long!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our Luther Burbank Open House this Tuesday, September 19th. The evening will begin in the Mary Rowlandson auditorium at 6:00 PM. Just prior to Open House, a Title 1 Parent Information session will be held in the Burbank library at 5:30. The Title 1 presentation will conclude prior to the start of Open House. The purpose of this evening is to provide you with an opportunity to meet our staff and learn important information about our school programs, curriculum, and expectations. Open House is not a venue for individual conferences. Parent teacher conferences will be held in early November. We hope you will be able to join us on Tuesday!

This week's Bulletin is full of extra-curricular opportunities we have to offer this fall. Please check them out and encourage your child to participate. Extra-curriculars are an excellent way to try out something new and make new friends. With so many offerings, it may be hard to decide!

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

Warm Regards,

*Laura J. Friend*

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### Early Release

This Friday, September 15, will be our first early release of the year. Dismissal time for Luther Burbank will be 11:30 AM.

##### School Pictures

Please note that Tuesday, September 26, is School Picture Day and that informational packets for purchasing pictures will be distributed soon. Although all students will need to have their picture taken, purchasing pictures is strictly optional for families.

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

On Tuesday, September 26, 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.

### LBMS School Store – Still Open!

Luther Burbank's official online store is still open. Our store sells items to promote spirit and raise money for our Student Activity Fund. If you are interested in ordering items, click [here](#). Check it out and catch some school spirit! Items will be delivered to Luther Burbank and distributed from there. The store will be open for a limited time, so now is the time to SHOP! Go Lancers!

### From the Health Office

Massachusetts General Law requires that all students entering 7th grade must provide documentation of updated immunizations and a current physical exam. The deadline for meeting this requirement is Oct. 13, 2017. 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**

### Jazz Ensemble

In Jazz Ensemble, students have the opportunity to explore one of the only styles of music that is uniquely American. The ensemble rehearses as a traditional "Big Band," but is open to students who play nontraditional jazz instruments as well. Students study a mix of well-known charts, improvisation, jazz technique, and tunes arranged for Big Bands.

The ensemble rehearses after school on Tuesdays from 2:15-3:00. It is open to any student who plays an instrument at 6th grade proficiency.

### Chorus

In Chorus, students have the opportunity to learn how to sing in a healthy manner, and join in the making of music with their peers. Repertoire spans a wide variety, including jazz, folk, classical, and even pop!

Chorus at LBMS is a unique ensemble as it is encouraged for any student who has never been part of an ensemble before (or even never sung before!) as well as seasoned vocalists. The "come one, come all" attitude allows us to

create a safe space to join together and create something greater than ourselves. The ensemble rehearses after school on Wednesdays from 2:15-3:00. Our first rehearsal will be September 13, 2017

*To join either ensemble, attend the first rehearsal and take home permission paperwork for participation.*

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

### Drama Club

The LBMS Drama Club provides an opportunity for LBMS students to be a part of a musical production in the spring. No previous drama experience is necessary. There are opportunities for onstage roles or helping with backstage crew or lights and sounds. A meeting for parents and students will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, in the Mary Rowlandson auditorium, beginning promptly at 6:30 pm. All interested students should have representation at the meeting of a parent or guardian. Auditions will be on Tuesday, November 14, and Thursday, November 16, 2017, between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. Rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, November 28, and will run every Tuesday and Thursday through the performances on Friday, March 9, and Saturday, March 10, 2018. Questions before November 7, 2017 may be emailed to Paula Castner at [lbmsdramaclub@gmail.com](mailto:lbmsdramaclub@gmail.com).

### Student Council

Student Council will be meeting every other Tuesday beginning on September 19th. Meetings are immediately after school until 3:15. Interested students should write a brief speech about how they can make the community of Luther Burbank a better place (with an emphasis on promoting kindness in our building) and submit it to Mrs. Hutton by September 13th). Students will read speeches to their respective class on September 15th during specials. Immediately following student read speeches, elections will occur with five representatives from each grade being named to student council.

### Yearbook

The Luther Burbank Middle School Yearbook Club, directed by Mrs. Brennan and Mrs. Parson, is charged with the task of creating a yearbook to be completed and distributed by the last day of the school. Club members will photograph school activities and events, format images, design pages, and assist with the cover contest and the coordination of communications between the yearbook club and students and teachers for submitting information for the yearbook. Meetings will be held Thursdays from 2:15 - 3:00 in the computer lab. The first meeting will be held Thursday, September 21st. A signed permission slip is required before attending a meeting and students can pick up a copy of the permission slip in the library.

### Best Buddies

Our Best Buddies chapter assists in facilitating mutually rewarding friendships between students with special needs and their middle school peers, by holding monthly activities after school. We plan to meet on the last Wednesday of each month, beginning September 27th, with a few exceptions (a couple of months we will meet on a different Wednesday). The activities are held from 2:15-3:10 in Mrs. Lonardo's classroom. Sign-ups have started on-line at [www.bestbuddiesonline.org](http://www.bestbuddiesonline.org), or a paper copy may be picked up at the school. Students may not participate in Best Buddies until a signed application has been received.

## Art Club

Art club is open to anyone in grades 6, 7, and 8. Art club is an opportunity to work with a variety of art materials and to explore and be creative. A specific project will be completed each week. Sample art projects include: Chinese brush painting, watercolor compositions, charcoal drawings, and collage. The last week of each month students may choose the art medium they wish to work with. Students must turn in a completed art club permission slip in order to attend the first meeting. Mrs. Slattery will have these available during class and will leave extra forms in a pocket folder on her door. Art club will start on Monday, September 18.

## Intramurals

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. Our Intramural Program is currently underway with Flag Football on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school, 2:15-4:00.

A morning program will be piloted on Tuesday mornings, 7:00-7:30. Starting next week on September 19th, "Mindful Mornings" will be offered. This is a great way to start the day with light exercise and "Yoga" style stretching. Research shows that by exercising in the morning the mind and body are better prepared to focus on the day ahead! Please refer to the Burbank website for more information about Intramurals.

## Math Club

Math 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 figuring out puzzles and problems. Math Club competes in several math meets during the year. The club will meet on Mondays from 2:15 until 3:00pm so students can take the MRE bus. The first meeting will be held on September 25. Sign-up sheets will be available through math teachers and in the office nearer the time.

## LBTV Club

In LBTV students will work with iPads and cameras to film school events and report back some "LBTV News". This offering is perfect for students who enjoy working with a green screen and engaging in video production. The club will meet on Tuesday afternoons from 2:15 -3:15 starting in October.

## Green Team

Now in its second year, the Burbank Green Team will continue with their recycling initiative, daily morning announcement Green Tips, and special Earth Day Advisory activities. The team hopes to start some new projects this year so students are asked to bring their eco-friendly ideas and work together to make a change! Green Team will meet on Thursdays after school from 2:15-3:05pm. Due to staff meetings that take place the first Thursday of each month, the team will, instead, meet in collaboration with the Art Club on Mondays during staff meeting weeks. The first meeting will take place this Thursday, Sept. 14th.

## GSA

GSA - A club for LGBTQ students and their allies. The first meeting will be held after school on Monday, October 2 in D-124, the 7th grade ELA room. Meetings will be held the first Monday of each month after that. All are welcome!

## 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 Mrs. Campbell. The club will plan to meet on Monday of each week. If there is a high level of interest, another meeting will be added on Wednesdays. The first meeting will be on October 2nd.

## Picture of the Week



Hard at work in 6<sup>th</sup> grade math