



LUTHER BURBANK MIDDLE SCHOOL

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



A heartfelt thank you to all of our families who joined us for our first Walk and Bike to School event last Wednesday. We had an excellent turnout. Upon reaching school, we counted 35 students who either walked or biked to school and that doesn't include the parents, family members, and furry friends who joined in as well.

Our pace was definitely quickened by the army of mosquitoes out in full force, but an elevated heart rate is good for the mind and body, too!

Hopefully, this event will become an annual event and one in which our families, friends, students, and staff can come together to celebrate health and wellness as one community. As we look ahead to next year, we will look to even further strengthen the event in terms of scope and collective goals.

Thank you for your support!

Best Regards,

Laura J. Friend

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 16: Pick-A-Time for Parent Teacher Conferences Opens, 7:00 PM
October 18: Chromebook Parent Information Night, Florence Sawyer, Cafeteria, 6:00 PM
October 19: Early Release, 11:30 AM Dismissal
October 22-30: Scholastic Book Fair
October 24: Purple Pinkie Day
October 26: No School, Full Day Parent Teacher Conferences
October 27: Trunk or Treat, PTO Sponsored Event, 6:00-8:00 PM
October 28: [Fall Photo Fundraiser](#), PTO Sponsored Event, 9:00-2:00 PM
October 30: [SEPAC](#) - "An IEP for My Child", NRHS, Room 216, 7:00PM
November 1: Boxtops Due
November 5: Early Release, Afternoon and Evening Parent Teacher Conferences
November 6: Election Day, No School
November 8: LBMS Drama Parent Meeting, Auditorium, 6:30 PM
November 12: Veterans Day, No School
November 13: LBMS School Council, 3:00 PM
November 14: Picture Retakes, 7:45 AM

Laura Friend
Principal

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Assistant Principal

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parent Teacher Conferences Around the Corner

Parent Teacher Conferences are an optimal way for parents and teachers to come together to discuss student's strengths and areas for further growth. As such, our fall conferences are goal setting in nature. Conferences will be held on the full day of October 26th and the afternoon and evening of November 5th. We will use Pick-A-Time, an online appointment booking system, once again for the scheduling of all conferences. Registration will open on October 16th at 7:00 PM. A link to Pick-A-Time is provided on our Luther Burbank website.

Community Outreach – Looking for Parents and Community Members!

The LBMS faculty is seeking support from our parents and community members. This year, we are looking to make a concerted effort to foster real-world connections to our students' learning experiences within the classroom. Our goal is to bring the outside world "in" to help further inspire our students for the world ahead.

From knowledge derived from professional careers to personal interests, we know that our community possesses a wealth of knowledge. We ask that you consider sharing a bit of that knowledge with us. If you, or someone you know, would be willing to share your expertise either through a short in classroom presentation or other venue to be determined, we ask that you complete this VERY brief survey found at this [link](#) and we will be in touch. We thank you for your partnership. The survey will close on Friday, October 26th.

Cross Country – Update

The boys and girls Cross Country teams will host Oak Middle School from Shrewsbury this Wednesday, October 17. After a week off since their last meet, the teams are ready to get back into competition. Race starts at 3:30 so please come cheer the runners on!

Next Wednesday, October 24, will be their final meet of the season as they compete with Hale and Sawyer in the annual District meet. This will be held at Nashoba Regional HS and promises to highlight many future Nashoba XC running stars.

Chromebook Parent Information Night, October 18th

Please join us for a Chromebook informational session from 6:00-7:00 PM on October 18th in the Florence Sawyer School Cafeteria. This information session will review the district's 1:1 Technology Chromebook Program and provide useful information on Chromebook guidelines and procedures as well as provide parents and community members a chance to ask questions and learn more about the district's 1:1 Technology Program.

Additionally, the session will include information on the proper care for Chromebooks, guidelines for student use, expectations moving forward for our work around digital literacy, and more information about the Google platform. You may choose to bring a Chromebook or device to follow along, but one is not necessary for this informational session.

Early Release, Friday, October 19

Please be reminded that there will be an early release this Friday, October 19th. Dismissal will be at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served.

Scholastic Book Fair is Coming

The Book Fair is coming! Our LBMS students will attend the Book Fair during their ELA classes the week of October 22nd. 8th grade students will attend on October 23rd, 7th grade students will attend on October 29th, and 6th graders will attend on October 25th. There is now a NEW digital payment options: eWallet. Your child can shop the Fair cash free. Visit the Book Fair [homepage](#) to learn more and to create an account. Interested in volunteering? Click [here](#). Happy reading!

Purple Pinkie Day Returns on October 24

October 24th is Purple Pinkie Day at Luther Burbank. Join us as we help promote understanding and support of Rotary International's effort to eliminate the disease of polio for good.

Why is it called Purple Pinkie? When a child is vaccinated for polio, he/she has a purple stamp placed on their little finger. Building on this symbolism, our students will learn about the efforts to raise funds for oral vaccine in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria the three countries where polio still remains and become part of the solution. Since one dollar is the estimated cost to immunize a child from polio, students are encouraged to bring in a dollar or more to help with the cause. Each time a student puts a dollar in the Purple Pinkie Bucket, he/she will get a pinkie painted purple. Best of all, the donations will be matched by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation so every donation will go even farther.

The Luther Burbank Drama Year is About to Begin!

A meeting for parents and students will be held on Thursday, November 8, 2018, 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. Information about the drama club, auditions, and director will be given as well as an opportunity to ask questions. 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. Students interested in helping with lights and sounds should consider joining the LBTV/AV Club and express an interest to Mr. Newton about helping with drama. LBMS Drama is open to all LBMS students. Auditions are required for any students wishing to perform onstage.

Auditions will be on Tuesday, November 13, and Thursday, November 15, 2018, between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. Students will need to attend both audition dates if they would like to be considered for all roles, unless they've made alternate arrangements ahead of time with the director. The attached forms must be filled out by the first night of auditions. Rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, November 27, and will run every Tuesday and Thursday through the performances on Friday, March 29, Saturday, March 30, and Sunday, March 31, 2019. All events will be held in the auditorium.

This year, there will also be a special opportunity for drama students to help host a comedy show and concert fundraiser the evening of Saturday, April 20th, 2019. More information will be forthcoming at the parent meeting.

Questions before November 8, 2018 may be emailed to Paula Castner at lbmsdramaclub@gmail.com.

Help for the Holidays

As the holidays approach, we pause to take notice of all that we have to be appreciative of in our lives. At the same time, there are those in our community who find themselves with financial challenges during the holiday season. The MRE and LBMS community is trying to ease the burden of those among us for whom the holidays causes a financial hardship. We invite you to consider providing a Thanksgiving basket with the essentials for a holiday meal for a family in our community. If you are interested in participating, please call Darlene Perkins, the LBMS school nurse at 978-365-5629.

LBMS Intramurals Underway! 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. All sessions begin at 2:15 and end at 3:05. 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](#).

BASKETBALL

Wednesday Mornings
7:00 AM

FITNESS ROOM

Thursday Mornings
7:00 AM

SPEEDBALL

Monday and Thursday Afternoons
2:15-3:05 PM

FLAG FOOTBALL & SOCCER

Tuesday and Wednesday Afternoons
2:15-3:05

Picture of the Week



Nashoba Band Day 2018

Thank you, Ms. Belhumeur!

Go Nashoba!