



LUTHER BURBANK MIDDLE SCHOOL

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I hope that everyone enjoyed the long weekend and had a chance to spend time with family and friends. We had a fantastic week last week at Luther Burbank. It was so nice to have our entire school community back with us and see the hallways filled once again. School is just so quiet without the voices and laughter of our students. The air-conditioning kept us cool and comfortable and the students seemed to enjoy their first week getting to know their teachers. On Friday, one of our 6th grade students commented to me as she jumped on the school bus, "I love middle school!" This unsolicited comment certainly struck a well-appreciated chord and served as the perfect closure for the long anticipated week.

And, yet, with "the good" sometimes comes the "not so good." At the tail end of last week, a small part within our air conditioning system broke. While the part is a small part, the part is unique and is not easily replaced by a local manufacturer. The part has been ordered and will be in by the end of next week. Right now, the building is relatively comfortable, and we will be doing our best to circulate air throughout the hallways and classrooms and provide water for students as needed. Please encourage your child to bring their water bottles and dress appropriately for the warm weather. Right now, we are all still on track for our Open House scheduled for September 12th. We will keep a close eye on the weather and temperature variability, and I will let you know immediately should the Open House need to be rescheduled.

As we look ahead to this week, our seventh and eighth grade students will receive their Chromebooks to take home. Our eighth graders will receive their Chromebooks on Wednesday, and our seventh graders will close out the week by receiving theirs on Friday. Please be reminded that it is critical that the 1:1 Chromebook Procedures and Guidelines consent form is signed by all parents/guardians. Students will not be able to receive their Chromebook without this consent form on record. This form is included in the returning student registration which is accessed online via InfoSnap. If you have more questions more about this, please contact Judy Ursuliak.

Our sixth graders are in the process of acclimating to their new middle school environment and will receive their Chromebooks to take home by the end of our first trimester. I will notify all sixth grade families of this date as the time approaches.

We really could not be more excited about the learning possibilities that full implementation of a 1:1 model at the middle level will bring. As we move forward, we will also be providing parents and families with educational forums on the key Chromebook features and academic applications, such as Google Classroom, that students and teachers will be accessing through the use of their Chromebook. Please stay tuned for more information about these forums.

In the meantime, we look forward to making the most of our jam-packed three day school week ahead.

Best Regards,

Laura Friend
Principal

Steven Grant
Assistant Principal

Judy Ursuliak
Administrative Assistant

Cross-Country Informational Meeting

Parents and athletes interested in joining Luther Burbank's Cross Country team, there will be a Mandatory Fall Sports Meeting on September 10th at 6:00 PM in the LBMS Cafeteria. This meeting will cover all information relevant to the upcoming season and should not last more than 30 minutes. The first practice for Cross Country will be on September 11th.

Back-to School Registration on InfoSnap – Important!

If you haven't already done so, please complete the registration process using the information provided to you via email from Luther Burbank Middle School by September 10th. This online process replaces the paper back-to-school packets we have used in the past and is critical for registration purposes, including providing important information for contact purposes and student safety. If you have more questions more about this, please contact Judy Ursuliak at jursuliak@nrsd.net.

Open House, September 12th

All parents/guardians are invited to our annual Open House on Wednesday, September 12th. The purpose of this evening is to provide you with an opportunity to meet our staff and learn important information about our school programs and expectations. Presentations will begin at 6:00 PM in the Rowlandson auditorium. The presentation will be preceded by a Title I presentation in our Luther Burbank library at 5:30 PM. All are welcome to attend. Since this evening is intended for parents and guardians only, I respectfully request that students do not attend this event. I am hopeful that at least one parent or guardian from each family is able to schedule time to join us for this important opportunity.

Early Release, September 14

Please be reminded that we will have an early release on September 14th. Lunch will be served and students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. Our teachers and staff will be engaged with professional development the afternoon of the 14th.

School Pictures, September 25

Please note that Tuesday, September 25th, is School Picture Day and that informational packets for purchasing pictures will be mailed home soon. Although all students will need to have their picture taken, purchasing pictures is strictly optional for families.

School Safety Presentation, September 26 – Save the Date

Please mark your calendars for a presentation on school safety by local law enforcement and our district coordinator of health and wellness, Lesa Breault-Gulbicki. More information, including specifics, to follow.

LBMS School Council

Parents and community members can become directly involved in the continual improvement of our school by serving on School Council. School Council plays an important role in shaping school policies and programs. This year, we are seeking one parent and one community member, respectively, to serve on School Council for a 2 year term. The Council meets on a monthly basis after school. Time and date will be determined based on member availability and consensus. Please email Judy Ursuliak at jursuliak@nrsd.net, by September 14th, if you are interested in serving on this important site-based committee.

Picture of the Week



First Day of School!