



LUTHER BURBANK MIDDLE SCHOOL

BURBANK BULLETIN

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This past Friday, I was privileged to join our Junior Life Skills team as they participated in the 2018 Special Olympics at Fitchburg State. Our students demonstrated sportsmanship, kindness, and friendship, qualities that epitomize our Luther Burbank mission, as they cheered one another on while participating in relays, obstacle courses, and the like. The day concluded with each student receiving a well-deserved medal. A special thank you to Mrs. Lonardo and our Junior Life Skills staff for making the day so rewarding for all of us.

Speaking of recognition, earlier this month we acknowledged National Poetry Month with student-generated poetry. A number of our students participated in the 4th Annual Seven Bridge Writers' Collaborative poetry contest. Guest judge, James Nicola, read upwards of 200 poems submitted for the contest from students in grades 3-12. Taking top honors from Luther Burbank were Kaedyn Cova (gr. 6), Mariah Reisner (gr. 7), and Margot Sonia (gr. 8). All winning poems are published online at <https://sevenbridge.org/2018-winners/>.

Looking ahead, May is scheduled to be a very busy month. Our students will complete this year's state-wide testing with math MCAS and science technology engineering MCAS for our 8th graders. Testing will take place from May 8-18. We thank you in advance for supporting your child with positive encouragement and ensuring your child's timely attendance on his/her testing days. End-of-year events also begin this month. Please refer to this Bulletin for a list of days/times for these events and mark your calendars accordingly.

Finally, please join me in extending appreciation to our dedicated faculty for their hard work and commitment throughout the year as we acknowledge Teacher Appreciation Week at our school next week. Thank you! And, thank you to our Lancaster PTO for their efforts to make this week very special for our staff.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

May 2, Capital Experience Mandatory Parent/Guardian/Student Meeting, 6:30 PM

May 4, LBMS School Dance, 6:00-8:00 PM

May 7, Lancaster Town Meeting, 7:00 PM

May 7-11, Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week!

May 9, School Nurses Day!

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 5, "Do it for Douce" Relay, 6:00 PM, NRHS

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

June 20, Move Up Day

June 20, Gr. 8 Grade Recognition Night Ceremony & Dance

June 21, Last day of school (early release)

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

Spring Sports are Underway!

The Burbank Track and Field season gets underway Tuesday as the teams travel to Harvard to take on Bromfield. There are 34 members on the team, 19 girls and 15 boys of which 28 are in grade 6. The young team has worked hard to date and is excited to get into competition. Everyone will select 2 field events and run in 2 track events. This first meet will have athletes setting their benchmarks to continue to train hard and improve with each meet. The home opener will be at Nashoba Regional HS track on Monday, May 7th against Clinton. Come out and cheer the athletes on to victory.

The Luther Burbank boys' baseball team is excited about the new season. To date, the team has played in only one game, a setback to Hale Middle School. Despite the loss, the boys remain upbeat about their prospects for the remainder of the season. This year's baseball team has a strong emphasis on youth as eight of the thirteen boys on the team roster are in the 6th grade.

The softball team has seen some early success on the field this season. While there are six 8th graders, three 7th graders, and three 6th graders on the roster the players know that on the field they are simply teammates. Their talent and spirit has taken them to a 2-0 start.

Our upcoming home games are Tuesday, May 1, versus Tahanto, members of the community are welcome to come out to cheer the team on!

MMEA Junior Central District Music Festival

On Saturday April 28th, six Luther Burbank musicians performed in the MMEA Junior Central District Music Festival. Selected students and their ensemble placements are as follows: Dylan DeLisle (Gr. 7, Tenor Saxophone, Jazz Band), James Erickson (Gr. 7, Bass Clarinet, Band), William Nash (Gr. 7, French Horn, Band), Alexander Allison (Gr. 8, French Horn, Band), Emily Cote (Gr. 7, Soprano Voice, Chorus), and Margot Sonia (Gr. 8, Alto Voice, Chorus). Students were selected by audition in January, and have otherwise been preparing repertoire independently over the past month. Saturday's performances were impressive, featuring high level repertoire by composers such as John Philip Sousa, Frank Ticheli, and Lee Morgan. We would like to congratulate these young Luther Burbank musicians on their hard work, accomplishment, and exemplary musicianship. You make us very proud!

LBMS School Dance – This Friday, May 4th

Our Luther Burbank Student Council is holding a dance this Friday in the cafeteria. The dance is from 6-8. There will be some fun activities such as limbo and a jelly bean-guessing contest benefiting the Martin Richard Foundation. Make sure to bring \$5 for admission. Snacks will be provided for a small fee, so make sure to bring a little extra.

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

The 8th Annual "Do it for Douce" Nashoba Relay will be held on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at NRHS with a rain date of Wednesday, June 6. 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



Our Luther Burbank musicians performing in the MMEA Junior Central District Music Festival.