

THE CONNECTION

NEWS AND UPDATES FROM YOUR BURGESS PTO

Who the PTO is

We are parents and guardians.
We are teachers and staff.
We care about our children.
We want to build a better Burgess.
We are you.

Every parent and guardian is already a member of the PTO. Please get involved. We welcome your participation. Even as little as an hour or two can make a significant difference.

What the PTO does

By raising funds, we are able to provide school supplies, field trips, cultural events and more, and in turn, improve the educational experiences of our children.

By publishing *The Connection*, we promote communication between the school and families.

By involving families in the betterment of our children's school and experiences, we foster a spirit of community and cooperation.



Building a Better Burgess

School Breakfast/Lunch Menu

For current school breakfast and lunch menus, go to: tantasqua.org/burgess

Click on Breakfast/Lunch in the left hand toolbar

Welcome Back to School!

We hope you all had a happy and healthy summer vacation. We are looking forward to the upcoming school year. Every parent and guardian can make a difference at our school!

PTO Executive Board Members

President: Alicia Rice
Vice-President: Erin Perreault
Treasurer: Melissa David
Secretary: Gretchen Marino

Thank you

Thank you to all the parents and guardians who volunteered through out last school year. Your time and energy enhanced the learning experience of our Burgess students! Volunteer opportunities are plentiful and varied enough to fit just about everyone's talents and schedules. It is a great way to get to know other families and learn about our school. Do you feel called to volunteer? Send an email to burgesspto@gmail.com

Burgess Open House - Wednesday, September 5; 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Grades K - 3: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Grades 4 - 6: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Visit the PTO table in the foyer to purchase Burgess Magnets, Dismissal Pads, and check out our **NEW line of Burgess swag**. Some items will be available for sale, all forms of payment accepted. Come check out the **new** Burgess Bear Wear in person or online at burgesspto18.itemorder.com. First orders due by September 16, 2018.

Dismissal Pads

Our standardized dismissal pads make it easier to notify the school of a change to your student's dismissal plan. Cost is \$1.00/pad. Dismissal pads will be available for purchase at the PTO Open House table.

Burgess School Directory

Did you know Burgess has a directory for class lists, family contact information (you must opt in to be included), and school administration information? The Directory is a great resource for getting to know your student's classmates. To be listed in The Directory and to order your 2018/2019 school year copy, go to burgesspto.org. Click on Forms and Documents then Directory Form. Directory submission deadline is September 19, 2018. Cost for Directory is \$6.00 and a personal message is \$4.00.

6th Graders

We wish all of our 6th grade students and staff a wonderful and safe trip to The Ecology School in Saco, Maine.

Wishing all of our wonderful Burgess families a safe and happy school year,

Your Burgess PTO Executive Board

Month-At-A-Glance

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER						
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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August 28 - First Day of School

August 31 - No school

September 3 - No school, Labor Day

September 5 - Open House

September 17 - Early Release, Professional Dev.

Burgess PTO

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the school library.

Website: burgesspto.org

Email: burgesspto@gmail.com

Burgess Wear: burgesswear@gmail.com

Facebook: Burgess Elementary School PTO

Remind App: [burgesspto](https://www.remind.com)

Connection: burgessconnect@gmail.com

All parents and guardians are welcome to attend.

School Improvement Council

will meet at the Burgess Elementary School in the Conference Room on the

Second Monday of each month at 3:15 p.m. (unless otherwise posted)

Open to the public.

Sturbridge School Committee

will meet at the Burgess Elementary School in the Library on the

First Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. (unless otherwise posted)

All parents and guardians are welcome to attend.

Contact Burgess

Main Office: 508-347-7041

Nurse: 774-241-3004

Website: www.tantasqua.org/burgess

Address: 45 Burgess School Road
Sturbridge, MA 01566

All students, regardless of race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, or homelessness, have equal access to the general education program and the full range of any occupational/vocational education programs offered by the district.

PTO Bulletin Board

Though fundraisers are not mandatory, please know that your participation in ANY form is invaluable to our students, our staff and our school - and we always appreciate all that YOU do to make our students' community the best it can be. *Thank you!*

Easy Everyday Ways To Support Your School

Amazon Smile - Use smile.amazon.com/ch/04-3577534 while shopping and Amazon donates to Burgess Elementary School PTO

Box Tops for Education - Keep collecting those box tops all year long. Send them into school with your student, label the envelope; PTO Box Tops or stop by the PTO table at the Open House and drop them in our Box Top Mailbox

Entenmann's Turn Trash to Cash Project A+ - Little Bites has teamed up with TerraCycle to help eliminate waste. Save your Little Bites Snack Pouches and drop them off to the PTO Mailbox. Burgess receives \$.02 for each pouch turned in.

Target® Take Charge of Education - If you're a Target REDcard holder, each purchase you make with your card can earn dollars for Burgess. Simply enroll in the program at www.target.com/tcoe.

Mabel's Labels - Keep all those items our kids lose track of labeled and hopefully out of lost and found! Click on the link, campaigns.mabelslabels.com, now select Burgess PTO (Sturbridge) from the School/Organization list. Next, click the pink "click here to buy" button. You are now on our website and are ready to shop through our fundraiser. To ensure your order gets credited to our campaign, make sure you see Burgess PTO (Sturbridge) listed on the top left of each page.



Available online 2018-2019

District School Calendar

You can access the 2018-2019 school year calendar online at tantasqua.org

Click on **District Calendars**.



Download the remind app to stay connected to the Burgess PTO. Once you set up your free account; select "Join Class", enter "burgesspto" next to the @ symbol, and select "Join" account. You will receive messages from Burgess PTO directly to your phone like a text.



During the month of September students will create a unique art design for our Square 1 Art fundraiser. Designs can be turned into a variety of things for one of a kind gifts. Be on the look out for order information.

Burgess Family Night Out

Worcester Railers Hockey Game 

**Saturday, November 3, 2018
7:05 p.m**

Ticket ordering information coming soon!



Burgess SPIRIT DAY

Our next SPIRIT DAY will be **Friday, September 21.**
Wear your BLUE and GOLD and/or Burgess Wear!

