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# 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**

## PTO Executive Board Members

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

**Email:** BurgessPTO@gmail.com  
**Web:** BurgessPTO.org



## Thank You For Your Support

### Square 1 Art

Our annual Square 1 Art fundraiser was a great success. Thank you to our Art Teacher, Mrs. Vinton for coordinating and guiding your student(s) through this project. Your purchases raised \$2,261.96 for the PTO!

### Scholastic Book Fair

Huge THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered and supported our Fall Scholastic Book Fair. We successfully raised over \$3,000 cash profit to go towards PTO sponsored events and \$1,100 in Scholastic Dollars to return to the school in books. Please consider shopping with us again this Spring. Tentative Spring book fair dates are March 14- March 22, 2019.

### Baba Sushi Night

Thank you to Baba Sushi for including us in their give back program calendar. We received a \$90 donation from our October 2018 night. Our next night is February 17.

## Burgess Family Fun Events

### Burgess Night at the Worcester Railers

Join us January 12 at 7:05 p.m. for another great night at the Worcester Railers hockey game. Tickets are \$20 each. Orders due January 4.



### BURGESS ELEMENTARY DAY AT FENWAY PARK

JOIN YOUR CLASSMATES, TEACHERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR A DAY OF FUN AT FENWAY PARK!

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH  
1:05PM**



**TICKET PRICE**

BLEACHERS - \$30 PER TICKET  
\*INCLUDES DONATION TO PTO

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT CHRISTINE NEUSILIAN AT BURGESSPTOREDSEXGAME@GMAIL.COM

### Burgess & The World Series Champion Red Sox

Join us for our fourth annual game with the Red Sox. Game day is Sunday, April 14 at 1:05 p.m. Ticket price is \$30 each. Seats are located together in sections 41-43. Order deadline is January 25. For information email:burgessptoredsoxgame@gmail.com

The next PTO meeting will be held in the library: **Tuesday, January 8 at 7:00 p.m.** See you then!

## Month-At-A-Glance

JANUARY						
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	29	30	31			

January 1 No School, Holiday

January 18 No School, Staff development

January 21 No School, Martin Luther King Jr Day

## Burgess PTO

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, January 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the school library.

**Website:** [burgesspto.org](http://burgesspto.org)

**Email:** [burgesspto@gmail.com](mailto:burgesspto@gmail.com)

**Burgess Wear:** [burgesswear@gmail.com](mailto:burgesswear@gmail.com)

**Facebook:** Burgess Elementary School PTO

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

**Connection:** [burgessconnect@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.tantasqua.org/burgess)

**Address:** 45 Burgess School Road  
Sturbridge, MA 01566

Submission Guidelines: • Submissions may be sent to the newsletter editor(s) at [burgessconnect@gmail.com](mailto:burgessconnect@gmail.com). • The preferred format is electronic. All submissions are subject to reformatting. • All articles are limited to school-, PTO- or town-sponsored activities intended for Burgess students and their parents or guardians. • Publication of any submission is subject to space availability. • Approval of all articles is at the discretion of the school's Principal. • The submission deadline is on or around the 20th of the prior publishing month. • Late submissions will either be put in a subsequent issue or, if time permits, placed in the current issue at the discretion of the editor(s). 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



**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](http://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.

**Amazon Smile -** Use [smile.amazon.com/ch/04-3577534](http://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.

**Stop and Shop® A+ School Rewards -** Register online at [www.stopandshop.com/aplus](http://www.stopandshop.com/aplus) or register by phone at 1-877-275-2758 or register right at the store with your smart phone. After you register your card, each shopping trip at Stop&Shop using your Stop&Shop Card earns cash for our school. Once you registered you don't need to register your card again.

## Available online 2018-2019

### District School Calendar

You can access the 2018-2019 school year calendar online at [tantasqua.org](http://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.

## PTO Store

Burgess Tervis Cup	\$20.00
Burgess Socks	\$15.00
Burgess Directory	\$6.00
Burgess Car Magnets	\$5.00
Burgess Laynard	\$3.00
Burgess Dismissal Pad	\$1.00

Items are available while supplies last by emailing [burgesspto@gmail.com](mailto:burgesspto@gmail.com)



## Burgess Wear Day Every Friday!

Every Friday is now Burgess Wear Day.  
Wear your Burgess Wear or Pack color!





Here is what is happening around the school. Dates and times to remember. Ways to get involved. And more!

## Children Choose

The Massachusetts Children's Book Award has come to Burgess. This grades 4-6 program invites children across the state to read from a list of 25 recently-published books and vote for their favorite. This is the only book award program where children decide the winner. Reading is happening now. Voting will be in March. For more information, go to the MCBA website: [massachusettschildrensbookaward.blogspot.com](http://massachusettschildrensbookaward.blogspot.com)

Mrs. Swift, *Librarian*

## Holiday Shoppe - Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to the Burgess community for supporting and shopping at the Lil' Holiday Shoppers Shoppe. The students were eager to buy gifts for their loved ones. Thank you to all who volunteered at the shoppe, your time was appreciated by us and the students you helped. We raised approximately \$2,800 for the Sixth Grade Graduation Celebration. It was definitely a success!

Heather Hendrick & Sherri Pelski  
BurgessHolidayShoppe@gmail.com

## READ TO SUCCEED

Burgess's annual read-a-thon program begins January 2, 2019 and ends February 4, 2019. READ TO SUCCEED is a free program sponsored by Six Flags. Students who complete the required number of reading hours may earn either one free Six Flags ticket or one book of their choice. Students record what and how long they have read on a student log accompanied with a parent initial. All reading logs must be returned to school by February 4, 2019.

## Burgess Author Visit

A reminder that author Susan Hood will be visiting Burgess on Thursday, January 31, 2019. Students who pre-ordered books will receive them that day and will have them signed by Susan Hood. Thank you to the Burgess PTO for sponsoring this exciting literacy event!

Amy Cantwell, *Literacy Coordinator*

## Annual Holiday Concert Cookie Walks - Thank You

Thank you to all the families who made or brought cookies to sell during the holiday concerts! I would also like to thank all who volunteered their time before, during, and after each concert. The concert cookie walks went so smoothly due to the additional help of the office staff and janitorial personnel, who have these type of events down to a science. The money raised goes to the current fifth grade class for the ecology trip during their sixth grade year. This year the cookie walks raised just shy of \$2,000. The most amount raised via cookie walks to date!

I hope everyone enjoyed all the baked goods they purchased. The current fifth grade class thanks all of you for your support as well as having a sweet tooth.

Megan Panek  
5thgradefundraisingburgess@gmail.com

## The Burgess Way



We celebrate a different character trait each month. In January, we will be celebrating Courage and Bravery.

Here at Burgess we can show that we are Brave by:

- Doing the right thing because it's the right thing to do
- Standing up for others
- Trying new things even though they may seem difficult

During morning announcements, we will invite students to share inspirational stories about Bravery and Courage over the loud speaker. Please continue the conversation with your student(s) and discuss ways they can be Brave and Courageous at home or in the community.





*The Culture Club*





## Burgess Math Games Lending Library

The Burgess Math Games Lending Library is open to all students in grades 3-6. It is funded through a generous grant from the Tantasqua Educational Foundation (TED). There are currently over 70 games that students can choose from to borrow. For more information and a list of available games, please visit: [burgessmathgameslibrary.weebly.com](http://burgessmathgameslibrary.weebly.com)





January 2019					Burgess Elementary	BREAKFAST
 Breakfast includes: milk, juice, yogurt and fresh or canned fruit. \$1.50 or reduced is .30 cents					 <b>Nutrition Tip:</b> Practice stealth health - sneak veggies into favorite foods. Go light on the meat and top your pizza with vegetables like tomatoes, onions, bell peppers, mushrooms, zucchini, and artichoke hearts.	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
	No School 1	French toast 2	Scrambled eggs, toast and hash brown patty 3	Cinnamon roll 4		
Pancakes 7	Breakfast sandwich 8	French toast 9	Scrambled eggs, toast and hash brown patty 10	Cinnamon roll 11		
Pancakes 14	Breakfast sandwich 15	French toast 16	Scrambled eggs, toast and hash brown patty 17	No School 18		
No School 21	Breakfast sandwich 22	French toast 23	Scrambled eggs, toast and hash brown patty 24	Cinnamon roll 25		
Pancakes 28	Breakfast sandwich 29	French toast 30	Scrambled eggs, toast and hash brown patty 31			

January 2019					Burgess Elementary	LUNCH
 Daily offerings: chicken patty, veggie burger, gluten free chicken, chef salad or southwest salad. Assorted milk and fruit offered with lunch. \$2.75 reduced .40 cents					 MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH SNOW DAYS! NO BREAKFAST SERVED ON DELAYED DAYS	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
	NO SCHOOL 1	Chicken nuggets with fries and carrots or fruity yogurt parfait 2	Ham and cheese croissant with chicken noodle soup and mixed vegetables or soup with a muffin and cheese sticks 3	Cheese or pepperoni pizza with green beans or fruity yogurt parfait <b>gluten free pizza available</b> 4		
Chicken fajitas with peppers and onions with <a href="#">seasoned corn</a> 7	Hamburger or cheeseburger with baked chips and peas or soup with a muffin and cheese sticks 8	Brunch for lunch! Pancakes with sausage and hash brown patty or fruity yogurt parfait 9	Macaroni and cheese with broccoli or soup with a muffin and cheese sticks 10	Cheese or Buffalo chicken pizza with carrots or fruity yogurt parfait <b>gluten free pizza available</b> 11		
Popcorn chicken with mashed potatoes and gravy with corn or fruity yogurt parfait 14	Fish sticks with smiley fries <b>coleslaw</b> and green beans or soup with a muffin and cheese sticks 15	Pizza sticks with a marinara dipping sauce and peas or fruity yogurt parfait 16	Nacho chip basket with meat, cheese and salsa with carrots or soup with a muffin and cheese sticks 17	NO SCHOOL 18		
NO SCHOOL 21	Hot dog with baked beans or soup with a muffin and <a href="#">cheese sticks</a> 22	Spaghetti with meat sauce or a cheese stick with green beans or fruity yogurt parfait 23	Chicken tenders with rice and carrots or soup with a muffin and cheese sticks 24	Cheese or pepperoni pizza with mixed vegetables or fruity yogurt parfait <b>gluten free pizza available</b> 25		
Nacho Lil Bites with beans and cheese served with salsa and corn or fruity yogurt parfait 28	Hamburger or cheeseburger with baked fries and carrots or soup with muffin and cheese sticks 29	Brunch for lunch! French toast with bacon and <del>hash brown</del> tots or fruity yogurt parfait 30	mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce with peas or soup with a muffin and cheese sticks 31			



*Join us! Decadent desserts, appetizers,  
local music and good friends*

Tastefully Ted. is a pre-Valentine's celebration benefiting the Tantasqua Education Foundation. Indulge in decadent desserts, delicious appetizers while enjoying local entertainment.

*Cash bar and silent auction.*

**Publick House Paige Hall**  
**7:00-10:00 pm**

- Tickets are \$20 per person at **TedFound.org** (\$25 per person at the door)

**Friday • February 8, 2019**



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**Good Food, Friends & Fundraising!**

Tastefully Ted. benefits the Tantasqua Education Foundation. For more information about sponsorship & volunteer opportunities, please visit [Tedfound.org](http://Tedfound.org)



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