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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

## PTO Basket Raffle Donations

It is basket raffle time! Through March 8, the PTO is collecting *NEW* items for themed raffle baskets. Flyers with donation themes for each grade went home before Winter Break. Parents are asked to donate *NEW* items to the basket in the child's classroom.

**Preschool & Creative Pathways:** Play Time (playdough, dolls, puzzles, cars, trucks, etc)

**Kindergarten:** Crafts

**Grade 1:** Cooking & Baking

**Grade 2:** Legos

**Grade 3:** Nerf

**Grade 4:** Family Nights (movies & games)

**Grade 5:** STEM Activities (games, science kits, etc)

**Grade 6:** New England Sports (Red Sox, Patriots, Bruins, Celtics)

Please send in all donations by Friday, March 8. Gift cards are always welcome as well!

## Annual Burgess PTO Basket Raffle

Don't miss a chance to WIN! Nine different themes with 29 baskets total. All the fun happens during the week of Spring Conferences. Tickets can be purchased in advance or during conferences. Check your student's backpack for a detailed flyer coming home soon.

## Scholastic Book Fair Volunteers Requested

The book fair is BACK! Time to grab your next bedtime read or grab a book for your child's classroom - many teachers create a wish list for books. The book fair is run exclusively by Burgess family volunteers. Sign up here to help:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0848adad2ba1fa7-burgess2>

## Scholastic Book Fair Shopping:

School days March 18 - March 22; 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and during afternoon and evening conferences. Students will be able to preview the sale on Friday, March 15. Reach out to Michele Phillips, [MPhillips@BronxLGJ.org](mailto:MPhillips@BronxLGJ.org) with any questions.

## Burgess STEM Nights Are Back

Join us for a fun evening of exploration with your child. Parent and child work together on a STEM project in the Burgess cafeteria from 6:15-7:30 PM. A few parent volunteers will be needed in each grade for set up and clean up. Thank you to the Burgess PTO for sponsoring this event! To register you and your child, email [burgessmathandscience@outlook.com](mailto:burgessmathandscience@outlook.com) with your child's name and grade by March 9. If you are able to lend a hand please indicate that in the email.

March 11 - Kindergarten

March 12 - Grades 5 & 6 combined

March 13 - Grade 1

March 14 - Grade 2

March 18 - Grade 3

March 19 - Grade 4

The next PTO meeting will be held in the library: **Tuesday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. See you then!**

## Month-At-A-Glance

MARCH						
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Tuesday, March 19 - Early Release

## Burgess PTO

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, March 12 at 7:30 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](#)

**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.



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!

## Calendar of Important March Dates

March 12 - PTO Meeting at 7:30 P.M. Burgess Library \*time change\*  
 March 18 - March 22 - Scholastic Book Fair; 9:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.  
 March 19 - Early Release; Spring Conferences 1:00 - 3:00 P.M.  
 March 20 - Spring Conferences 6:00 - 8:30 P.M.



## 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)



## Read Across America Day

Burgess Elementary School celebrated Read Across America Day on March 1, 2019. This day recognized the birthday of Dr. Seuss. The event provided an opportunity for adults from our community to share the joy of reading with children. Members from various boards and agencies of our local government, police officers, fire fighters, school officials, and retired teachers volunteered as celebrity readers. The students enjoyed listening to the stories and participating in the various Dr. Seuss activities. This special literacy event is always an enjoyable and rewarding experience for everyone involved. Thank you to all who participated! Read Across America Day is truly a community celebration of reading.

Amy Cantwell, Literacy Coordinator



## Cafeteria Menu Addition



Starting every Wednesday in March the cafeteria is offering a new MUNCHABLE menu choice. This is a cold grab and go choice the students put together themselves.

Watch the March menu to see which one will be their favorite!

Kathy Davies, Burgess Cafeteria

## Celebrate our dedicated teachers and grant recipients!

Join us for a celebration of all past grant recipients and the announcement of this year's winners!

- Enjoy a spectacular brunch buffet and a chance to win a beautiful diamond donated by Cormier Jewelers
- Spotlight Grant Speakers will talk about their previous grants and student experiences
- 2019 Grant monies are awarded
- Silent auction and cash bar

**Publick House**  
 in the Garden Tent  
 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Tickets are \$50 per person  
 at [TedFound.org](http://TedFound.org)

**Sunday · May 5, 2019**



TANTASQUA EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Celebrate our dedicated teachers!

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



Facebook.com/TedFound



@TEDEFound #BrunchwithTed



Supporting innovative, teacher-initiated projects in the elementary schools of Brimfield, Brookfield, Holland, Sturbridge, and Wales, as well as the Tantasqua Junior, Senior, and Vocational schools.

## Sturbridge Girls Softball League is looking for players

Ages: entering Kindergarten in the Fall of 2019 through U14.

Become part of our softball family!

Registration deadline extended until March 15, 2019.






Registration can be found here: <http://sturbridgegirlssoftball.activesports.com/>






If you have any questions, please contact

Amanda Normandin at [anormandin718@yahoo.com](mailto:anormandin718@yahoo.com)





March 2019		Burgess Elementary			BREAKFAST
 Breakfast comes with yogurt, choice of milk and fruit for \$1.50 reduced to .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	
 Pancakes <b>4</b>	 Breakfast sandwich <b>5</b>	French toast <b>6</b>	Scrambled eggs, toast and hash brown <b>7</b>	Cinnamon roll <b>1</b>	
Pancakes <b>11</b>	Breakfast sandwich <b>12</b>	French toast <b>13</b>	Scrambled eggs, toast and hash brown <b>14</b>	Cinnamon roll <b>8</b>	
Pancakes <b>18</b>	Breakfast sandwich <b>19</b>	French toast <b>20</b>	Scrambled eggs, toast and hash brown <b>21</b>	Cinnamon roll <b>15</b>	
Pancakes <b>25</b>	Breakfast sandwich <b>26</b>	French toast <b>27</b>	Scrambled eggs, toast and hash brown <b>28</b>	Cinnamon roll <b>22</b>	
				Cinnamon roll <b>29</b>	

March 2019		Burgess Elementary			LUNCH
 Daily offerings: chicken patty, veggie burger, <b>gluten free chicken</b> , chef salad or southwest salad. Assorted milk and fruit is offered with lunch. \$2.75 reduced to .40 cent		 Menu subject to change with snow days! No breakfast served of delayed days Every Wednesday NEW lunch will be a cold Munchable!			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
 Mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce and broccoli or fruity yogurt parfait <b>4</b>	 BBQ chicken with buttered noodles and green beans or soup with a muffin and cheese sticks <b>5</b>	Hot dog with baked beans or fruity yogurt parfait or <b>NEW MUNCHABLE!</b> Bagel with cream cheese, yogurt and fruit or fruity yogurt parfait <b>6</b>	Walking taco!! All the taco fixings to put in your DORITO bag! Served with corn <u>Or</u> soup with a muffin and cheese sticks <b>7</b>	Cheese or pepperoni pizza with squash or <u>fruity yogurt</u> parfait <b>gluten free pizza available</b> <b>1</b>	
<b>NEW!</b> Chicken and waffles with cold carrots and dip or fruity yogurt parfait <b>11</b>	Brunch for lunch! Pancakes with sausage and hash brown or soup with a muffin and cheese sticks <b>12</b>	Hamburger or cheeseburger with sweet potato fries and green beans or fruity yogurt parfait or <b>NEW MUNCHABLE!</b> Ham & cheese & crackers W/fruit & veggie <b>13</b>	Stuffed shells with broccoli or soup with muffin and cheese sticks <b>14</b>	Cheese or BBQ chicken pizza with carrots or fruity yogurt parfait <b>gluten free pizza available</b> <b>8</b>	
Pizza sticks with marinara sauce and peas or fruity yogurt parfait <b>18</b>	No Lunch <b>19</b>	fish sticks with fries, <u>coleslaw</u> & carrots or fruity yogurt parfait or <b>NEW MUNCHABLE!</b> Build your own pizza! <b>20</b>	Spaghetti with meat sauce or cheese stick with peas or soup with a muffin and cheese sticks <b>21</b>	Cheese or chicken alfredo pizza with carrots or fruity yogurt parfait <b>gluten free pizza available</b> <b>15</b>	
Grilled chicken sandwich with lettuce and tomato cheddar cheese goldfish <u>crackers</u> and peas or fruity yogurt parfait <b>25</b>	Brunch for lunch! French toast with <u>bagel</u> tots and bacon or soup with muffin and cheese stick <b>26</b>	Ham and cheese croissants with baked chips and green beans or fruity yogurt parfait or <b>NEW MUNCHABLE!</b> Bagel with cream cheese, yogurt and fruit <b>27</b>	NO LUNCH <b>28</b>	Cheese or pepperoni pizza with squash or fruity yogurt parfait <b>gluten free pizza available</b> <b>22</b>	
				Cheese or veggie pizza with carrots and ice cream or fruity yogurt parfait <b>gluten free pizza available</b> <b>29</b>	