

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

PTO Executive Board Members

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

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



2019-2020 Budget

The PTO Budget for the 2019-2020 school year will be voted on at the May 14 PTO meeting.

Board Positions

Erin Perreault and Gretchen Marino are running for reelection of Vice President and Secretary respectively. The vote for board positions takes place during the May 14 PTO meeting.

Jog-A-Thon



This year the Jog-A-Thon fundraising is adding an on-line option this year.

The fundraising will be: burgesspto.org/fundraising/2019-jog-a-thon-donation

You can access the link to share with your friends and family via the PTO Facebook page and on the PTO website under the Fundraising Tab. Donation swag this year is a stainless steel water bottle with the Burgess Bear logo (same logo on the fundana given to each student at their jog-a-thon)! For each of your students to receive a stainless steel water bottle the minimum family donation is as follows: \$30.00 for 1 student; \$50.00 for 2 students; and \$60.00 for 3 or more students. Donations must be received by May 10 to receive your stainless steel water bottle(s) thank you swag. All donors will be listed as a thank you in the June Connection.

Cultural Arts Events - May 7 & May 9

The PTO is sponsoring two cultural art shows for students in May. The Sword and the Stone and the Jungle Book are coming to Burgess! The students will see the shows during the school day.

Last PTO Meeting of the Year

The last official PTO business meeting of the 2018-2019 school year will be Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m. PTO meetings are held in the school library and open to all parents, guardians, and teachers. Join us! We'd love to meet new families and see familiar faces.

Box Top Program Changes

Please send in any remaining Box Tops by May 31. The Box Top program will be changing and we will no longer collect them.

The next PTO meeting will be held in the library: **Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m.** See you then!

Month-At-A-Glance

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

May 10 - Early Release

May 27 - No School; Memorial Day

Burgess PTO

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 14 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

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

Submission Guidelines: • Submissions may be sent to the newsletter editor(s) at 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



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.

Stop and Shop® A+ School Rewards - Register online at 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

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 Day Field Days

Grade	Date	Time
K	May 28	1:15-2:30
1	May 29	9:30-11:00
2	May 29	1:00-2:30
3	May 30	1:00-2:30
4	May 30	10:00-11:30
5	*TBD*	
6	June 10	1:00-2:30

The grade 5 field day is a field trip to Wells Sate Park. The event date was not set at the time of the Connection printing.



Burgess Wear Day Every Friday!

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



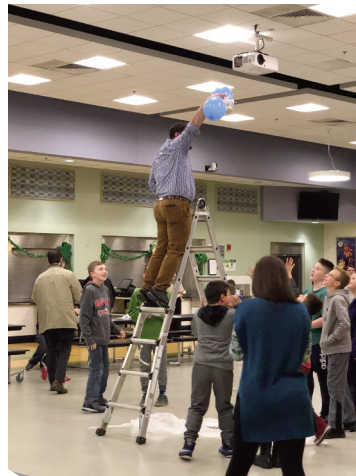
Burgess PTO STEM Nights

STEM nights were a great success again this year! Through hands on exploring in grades K/1 and utilizing the process of design in grades 2-6, students and parents had fun conquering the challenges presented to them.

A big Thank you to all the families who attended and to all the amazing volunteers that make this night possible: Mark, Griffin, Avery, Fenton, and Bryn Michalak, Keith, Parker and Annabelle Creelman, Sara Giddens, Amy and Steve Bunnell, Eileen DeMings, Pam DiPaola, Shaun Comee, Jessica Fahl, Nichole Fitzgerald, Amy Briggs, Gretchen Marino, Linda Norval, Paige Alexander, Kate Jones, Megan St. Claire, Melissa Nemet, Kristen Strasheim and NHS students. Interskate91 for their donation of roller skating passes.

Thank you to Mrs. Pelley and Ms. Jaegar for their time and continual support. A very special thank you to Albert Dionne, Carlos Rodriguez, Brian Filler and Bryan Mero who were always ready to lend a hand. Looking forward to next year's STEM nights!

Sarah Michalak and Jen Creelman
Burgess STEM coordinators





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

Calendar of Important May Dates

- May 8 Jazz & Blues Night 7 p.m.
- May 10 Early Release; Professional Development
- May 14 MCAS Grades 5 & 6 Math
PTO Meeting 7 p.m. Burgess Library
- May 15 MCAS Grades 5 & 6 Math
- May 16 MCAS Grades 3 & 4 Math
- May 17 MCAS Grades 3 & 4 Math
- May 20 MCAS Grade 5 STE
- May 21 MCAS Grade 5 STE
- May 27 No School; Memorial Day
- May 31 No Kindergarten Classes; Kindergarten Open House
Choral Spring Concert 7 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



The "REAL" Six Flags Tickets

The students who participated in the "Read to Succeed" program and earned a Six Flags ticket as a reward can expect to receive the "REAL TICKET" in May. The ticket will be placed in a white envelope with your child's name, grade, and homeroom teacher stated on the front of the envelope. The ticket is not for resale, and cannot be replaced if lost, stolen or damaged. Please be reminded of that the ticket is valid only at a Six Flags theme park on selected dates during the 2019 season and cannot be used after the expiration date. Once again, congratulations to all of our readers!

Amy Cantwell, *Literacy Coordinator*

The Burgess Way

In May we will be celebrating Appreciation. To appreciate means to acknowledge, recognize, and understand the full worth or impact that someone or something has on our lives. Since May is teacher appreciation month, our students will have the opportunity to recognize and appreciate the Burgess teachers and staff who have had an impact on their lives by reading personal stories and messages during morning announcements. In the spirit of appreciation, we would like to send our appreciation to all of you parents and guardians for the love and support that you give your children! Please continue the conversation with your children and discuss ways that they can appreciate the people, things and opportunities that you have in your lives. Remember the Burgess Way, let's be BEARS today!

~The Culture Club

Cafeteria Menu News



The new MUNCHABLE lunch option is quite successful! Children have enjoyed building their own pizza as well as putting together cheese and crackers!

Smoothies have returned and replaced the soup lunch option. More fresh fruits and vegetables will be offered as the warmer weather is approaching!

Kathy Davies, *Burgess Cafeteria*

V.I.P. (Volunteer Intergenerational Program)

We have recently started a wonderful program at Burgess that includes Seniors in some of our classrooms. There is a brief orientation program for them to attend, which includes being CORI checked and given a tour and introduction to the classroom they would be visiting. Teachers who are interested in having a Senior in their classroom have filled out request forms. Their schedule can be flexible. We are always looking for more volunteers! Please contact Lisa Meunier or Jess Trent for more information!



Community News



Registrations are now open for Sturbridge Fall 2019 Soccer Programs



Sturbridge Recreation Soccer League

Ages: 5 - 18 years of age.

Registrations will be open April 1 - May 15 without late fee, May 16 - May 31 with late fee

Registrations are online: <https://tshq.bluesombbrero.com/trysoccer>

New website: Click on the Register button then fill out the information for you and your player(s)

Please do not hesitate to reach out for more information or any questions to:
Audra Strause and/or Jennifer Bailey at sturbridgerecreationsoccer@gmail.com

TRY Travel Soccer Program

Ages: U10, U12, U14, U16, U18

Registrations will be open online from May 1 - May 31.

Register before June 1 to avoid a late fee and guarantee a spot on a team.

Registrations are online: <https://www.sportsmanager.us/tantasquasoccer.htm>

Please do not hesitate to reach out for more information or any questions to

Kadion Phillips and/or Ian McGrath:

Kadion@tantasquasoccer.com or Ian@tantasquasoccer.com



Order by
May 6

TANTASQUA EDUCATION FOUNDATION
Educational experience beyond the ordinary

WHO DO YOU APPRECIATE?

May 6-10 is National Teacher Appreciation Week!

A contribution to the **Tantasqua Education Foundation** is a great way to show appreciation of a teacher or staff member during Teacher Appreciation Week.

For every **\$5 donation** a flower and card with your name will be delivered to a teacher or staff member you choose to appreciate. Money from these donations will be used to fund innovative grants for the Tantasqua and Union 61 schools.

Look for the flyer coming home or order online by **May 6** at **Tedfound.org**

Thank you!



Brunch WITH
Ted.

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**

Sunday · May 5, 2019



Celebrate our dedicated teachers!
Brunch with Ted. benefits the Tantasqua Education Foundation. For more information about sponsorship & volunteer opportunities, please visit TedFound.org



TANTASQUA EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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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.

May 2019 Burgess Elementary BREAKFAST

Breakfast comes with choice of milk and fruit and yogurt and juice. \$1.50 reduced is .30 cents

Nutrition Tip: 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
		French toast 1	Scrambled eggs with hash brown potato and toast 2	Cinnamon roll 3
Pancakes 6	Breakfast sandwich 7	French toast 8	Scrambled eggs with hash brown potato and toast 9	Cinnamon roll 10
Pancakes 13	Breakfast sandwich 14	French toast 15	Scrambled eggs with hash brown potato and toast 16	Cinnamon roll 17
Pancakes 20	Breakfast sandwich 21	French toast 22	Scrambled eggs with hash brown potato and toast 23	Cinnamon roll 24
NO SCHOOL 27	Breakfast sandwich 28	French toast 29	Scrambled eggs with hash brown patty and toast 30	Cinnamon roll 31

May 2019 Burgess Elementary LUNCH

Daily offering: chicken patty, veggie burger, gluten free chicken, chef salad. Assorted milk and fruit offered with lunch. \$2.75 reduced is .40 cents

Fitness Tip: MyPlate recommends:

- Children need at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day.
- Be active together as a family.
- Physical activity should be fun and offer variety.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Spaghetti with meat sauce or cheese stick with green beans or MUNCHABLE cheese and pepperoni with crackers and fruit or fruity yogurt parfait 1	Grilled cheese with tomato soup and peas or fruit smoothie with a muffin 2	Cheese or pepperoni pizza spinach salad or fruity yogurt parfait gluten free pizza available 3
Chicken nuggets with baked fries and carrots or fruity yogurt parfait 6	Hamburger or cheeseburger with baked chips and squash or fruit smoothie with a muffin 7	Chicken parmesan sandwich with green beans or MUNCHABLE Build your own pizza or fruity yogurt parfait 8	Brunch for lunch pancakes with hash brown potato and sausage or fruit smoothie with a muffin 9	NO LUNCH 10
Mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce and green beans or fruity yogurt parfait 13	Corn dogs with emoji fries and mixed veggie or fruit smoothie and a muffin 14	Fish sticks with sweet potato fries, peas and cole slaw or MUNCHABLE bagel with cream cheese, yogurt & fruit or fruity yogurt parfait 15	Walking taco! All the fixings to put in your DORITO bag! Served with corn or fruit smoothie with a muffin Gluten free available 16	Cheese or BBQ chicken pizza with carrots and ice cream or fruity yogurt parfait gluten free pizza available 17
Popcorn chicken with mashed potatoes and gravy with corn or fruity yogurt parfait 20	Brunch for lunch waffles and sausage and hash brown potato or fruit smoothie with a muffin 21	Chicken alfredo over pasta with broccoli or MUNCHABLE ham and cheese with crackers and fruit or fruity yogurt parfait 22	Chicken nuggets with baked fries and green beans or fruit smoothie with a muffin 23	Cheese or veggie pizza with garden salad or fruity yogurt parfait gluten free pizza available 24
NO SCHOOL 27	Hamburger or cheeseburger with baked fries and peas or fruit smoothie with a muffin 28	Grilled cheese with tomato soup and green beans or MUNCHABLE build your own pizza or fruity yogurt parfait 29	Walking taco! All the fixings to put in your DORITO bag! Served with corn or fruit smoothie with a muffin Gluten free available 30	PICNIC IN THE PARK!! HOT DOG, CORN ON THE COB, WATERMELON AND POPSICLE! OR fruity yogurt parfait 31