

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 & Board Positions

The PTO Budget for the 2019-2020 school year was approved during the May 14 PTO meeting. Erin Perreault and Gretchen Marino were re-elected to the positions of Vice President and Secretary respectively.

Next PTO Meeting

The next PTO business meeting is in the 2019-2020 school year. The meeting date is Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the school library.

To the grade 6 students and families

Congratulations to all of our graduating 6th Grade students. We hope you enjoyed your years at Burgess Elementary school, and we wish you well on all your future endeavors at Tantasqua Junior High School and beyond.

Jog-A-Thon

Great job, Burgess Bears! This year's Jog-A-Thon was a huge success. We raised a grand total of \$15,146.75! Thank you Burgess parents, families, friends and staff for your donations and enthusiasm for this event. If you donated the amount to receive a water bottle, your student should receive it from their teacher this week.

Roof Party! Camp Canavan & Emrich!

Wednesday, June 5 starting at 7:30 p.m.

Come to the main entrance of Burgess and party on the ground while Mr. Canavan & Mr. Emrich party on the roof and getting ready for their sleepover. The jog-a-thon raised enough money for this dynamic duo to sleep out all night on the school roof! Come join the pre-campout fun! Bring signs, snacks, cards, friends to this unique school event!



The next PTO meeting will be held in the library: **Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m.** See you in the next school year!

Month-At-A-Glance

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June 13 - Last Day of School; Early Release

Burgess PTO

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 10 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!*

We have been selected for the

BIG Y COMMUNITY BAG PROGRAM

Each time you buy this bag, a \$1 donation will go to us this month.

During the month of June, we will receive \$1 for every community bag purchased at Big Y in Southbridge!

Available online 2018-2019 District School Calendar

You can access the 2018-2019 and the 2019-2020 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
5	June 10	All Day*
6	June 10	1:00-2:30

*The grade 5 field day is a field trip to Wells Sate Park. Check your grade 5 student's folders for permission slip and details. Rain date is June 11.



Burgess Wear Day Every Friday!

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





We would like to thank the following families for their generous support of the Burgess PTO

Abramo	Carlisle	B. Gillette	LaFrance	Neslusan	Sabelis
Adams	Caron	J. Gillette	Lakhani	Ng	Santangelo
Aldenbergl	Caslowitz	Gingras	Lamparth	Ohanesian	M. & L. Santos
Alesbrook	Charpentier	Girard	Landon	Oko	Scanlon
Alicea	Chechile	Goding	Langevin	Olander	Scheffler
H. Andersen	Chevalier	Gomes	Lao	Olden	Scherer
W. Anderson	Chisholm	Grant	LaPlante	A. Olson	Shaughnessy
Andrade	Conant	Greaney	Laster	Olszta	Shea
Andrews	Cooper	Green	Lavoie	Orquiola	Shepard
Aponte	Cottone	Gregory	Lemovitz	Ortendahl	Sherman
Athans	Cowden	Grover	Leo	Ostiguy	Shute
Audi	Creelman	Haffty	Letendre	Pachis	Simpson
Azua	Cunningham	Haimila	Leveille	Papandrea	Slachetka
Bagdasarian	Cutler	A. Hall	Levesque	Parks	Sluhocki
Baker	Czech	Harold	L'Heureux	Parzych	Solari
Bailey	DaDalt	Hendrick	Linton	Patel	Spicer
Balunis	Dalton	E. Herrick	MacFarlane	Pecci	Spillane
Banniff	David	Hill	Mader	Peck	St. Clair
Barnes	DeMings	Hilborn	Maguire	Pedro	St. Laurent
Beaudry	Devlin	Hines	Malone	Pelletier	Stern
Belinskas	Deys	Hoenig	Martin	Percival	Strasheim
Bellofatto	Dion	Hope	Mathurin	Perreault	Sylvestre
Bercume	DiPaolo	Horrigari	Mattson-Campbell	Perez	Tenczar
Bergman	Donovan	Hoy	F. McCarthy	Peterson	A. & B. Thompson
Bernier	Dores	Inthirath	K. & L. McCarthy	A. Phillips	R. Thompson
Bucenec	Dougherty	Insull	K. & M. McCarthy	B. & T. Phillips	Ticlea
Bilodeau	K. & D. Downing	Iott	McCormack	Poller	Toomey
Bonneau	Eccleston	M. Johnson	McDermott	Proulx	Topolewski
B. & K. Bouchard	Epstein	C. Jones	McGrady	Pupa	Toro
Boucher	Ertsgard	Kadlik	McGrath	Pupka	Touloumtzis
Bradley	Espinoza	Kearns	Melillo	Rainville	Tremblay
Braney	Ezzo	Kenton	Michener	A. Reed	Trueman
Briggs	Fahl	Keppler	Michalak	E. Reed	Tully
Brodeur	Faugno	Khattar	Middleton	K. & J. Reed	Vallon
Brown	Fiume	Kiley	Milazzo	Resener	Waskiewicz
Bultron	Formigal	King	Miller	Ribauda	Weeden
Bunnell	Gadaire	Kitteredge	Mizikar	Abram Rice	Weetman
Burns	Garjian	Kluge	Mongeon	Andrew Rice	Wheeling
Busby	Garrett	Knott	Mrotek	Riley	Williams
Butler	Gaspar	Kowal	Muchi	Robdau	Willits
Byron	Gaudette	Krog	Mulcahy	Rodas	O. & N. Wilson
Caouette	Gambaccini	Kupranowicz	Mullen	Rodriguez	Wood
Capaldi	Gendreau	E. LaFortune	Mumford	Roy	Wotton
Cardenas	Gilbert	T. LaFortune	Ndugu	Russell	Yacavace



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

Calendar of Important May Dates

June 7	Spring Band Concert 7 p.m.
June 13	Last Day of School - Early Release
August 27	First Day of School 2019-2020
September 22	Burgess Bear 5k 9a.m.



Summer Reading

Burgess Elementary School has made it a priority to keep our students' skills sharp by encouraging them to read throughout the summer. On Step-up Day, students will receive a packet about summer reading. This packet includes a recommended reading book list and an activity to complete over the summer. Several summer reading books will be available as eBooks. Mrs. Swift has an article in this issue of The Connection explaining how to access Burgess eBooks from home. The recommended reading list will asterisk the eBook versions. Please continue to encourage your child to read throughout the summer in an effort to avoid the "summer slide" and, as always, please remember to keep reading a positive and enjoyable experience for your child.

Amy Cantwell, *Literacy Coordinator*

Overdue library books

A friendly reminder to parents that all library books were due back by May 28. Overdue notices have been given to students, and overdue letters will be sent home to parents/guardians on Monday, June 3. The list of missing books grows shorter each day. Thanks for your help in making this happen.

Mrs. Swift, *Librarian*

The Burgess Way

June is for Celebrations! We celebrate the end of the school year, we celebrate moving to the next grade level, and we celebrate our sixth graders as they move on from Burgess! As part of our celebration we invite our sixth graders to share Burgess Memories during morning announcements.

On the last day of school we will hold our annual End of the Year Celebration. All students are asked to wear their pack colors. In thinking of pack colors, we are looking to purchase shirts for all students. Please complete and return the forms as soon as you can.

Lastly, with the help of BED we were able to procure a school mascot! Thank you BED! The students will meet our new mascot during the Jog-A-Thon assembly. With the help of our students, we will have a name by the last day of school.

On behalf the Culture Club, we wish all of you a fun, happy, and safe summer! Remember the Burgess Way, Let's be BEARS Today, ROAR!

~The Culture Club

Library Volunteers

The library welcomes parent volunteers. We offer morning and afternoon slots each day of the week. Volunteers check books in and out to children, and help with various library tasks and activities. Classes cycle in and out all day, and there is a constantly changing group of children. Training is provided, whether or not you've ever done library work. If this sounds like a good deal, email Sarah Swift, swifts@tantasqua.org. We'd love to have you with us next school year.

Mrs. Swift, *Librarian*



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



Sturbridge Recreation Soccer League

Ages: 5 - 18 years of age.

Registrations are online:

<https://tshq.bluesombrero.com/trysoccer>

For more information or any questions email:

sturbridgerecreationsoccer@gmail.com

TRY Travel Soccer Program

Ages: U10, U12, U14, U16, U18

Registrations are online:

<https://www.sportsmanager.us/tantasquasoccer.htm>

For more information or any questions email:

Kadion@tantasquasoccer.com or

Ian@tantasquasoccer.com



Car Seat Check Point

Sturbridge Early Learning Center - 440 Main Street

Date: August 22, 2019

Time: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Motor Vehicle Crashes are the #1 cause of fatal injury for children and adults, age groups 1 to 34. Selecting a safe car and correctly using child restraints and seatbelts may be the most important things you can do to protect your family.

Stop in and have a Car Seat Technician check or install your car seat.

Any questions or information needed call Sturbridge Police

Department 508-347-2525 and ask to speak with a car seat technician.



Join Us for Our End of Year Party

June 7th 2019 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Lewis Field Playground

Brookfield

This will be the last program for the school year.

Watch for our special summer events!!!

You don't want to miss them!!

*Please feel free to bring snacks or drinks to share.

FAMILY FOUNDATIONS 5



The Friends Annual Bookmark Contest 2019

"A Universe of Stories"

1. GUIDELINES:

- Draw your bookmark design here. Keep your design within the space provided.
- Bookmarks will be judged on **Design, Originality, and Reproducibility.**
- Design must match the theme "A Universe of Stories"
- **Original entries only** (i.e. no tracing or use of copyrighted images.)
- Colors should be filled-in and **solid**, using pressure – Light sketching does not reproduce well.
- **DO NOT SIGN your name ON THE BOOKMARK!** (It will be disqualified!)

2. Please complete (print clearly):

(name) _____

(address) _____

(phone) _____

(email) _____

Age: _____

3. Return your design to the Joshua Hyde Library by:

Friday, August 2, 2019

4. One entry per person. One winner per age category will be chosen by a panel of judges whose decisions will be final. Winners will be notified and posted on our website:

www.SLFriends.org

and presented with a framed copy of their bookmark at a special Friends' presentation in mid-August. The winning bookmarks will be reprinted and made available for distribution at the Joshua Hyde Public Library.

5. Anything you submit may be used by the Friends of the Joshua Hyde Public Library anywhere, at any time, including on the Friends' website.

6. ELIGIBILITY

All Joshua Hyde Library patrons may enter in one of the following age groups:

4 - 6 years

10 - 13 years

18 years & up

7 - 9 years

14 - 17 years

Additional Forms are available at the Library or
www.SLFriends.org

Print at 100% (No Scaling)
Bookmark Dimensions 3" x 9"
Use this entry form or an exact copy of it.

THS/Union 61 Summer Camps/Programs

FAMILY FOUNDATIONS 5

Family Foundations 5 is awarded funding through a grant from the Department of Early Education and Care

Wednesday Summer Fun!!!

 July 24th Heritage Green Playground Sturbridge 9:30 am – 11:00 am	 July 31st Burgess Elementary School Sturbridge 9:30 am – 11:00 am	 August 7th Lewis Field Brookfield 9:30 am – 11:00 am
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Please check Facebook for weather-related cancellations



Burgess Summer STEM!

During each one-week session, students entering grade 3-6 will participate in a wide variety of interdisciplinary Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math activities. Activities will be hands-on with focus on the engineering and design process, critical thinking skills, and teamwork.

Session Dates:

Session One:	July 8 – July 11 (Monday – Thursday) Force and Motion STEM
Session Two:	July 15 – July 18 (Monday – Thursday) STEM Sports and Games
Session Three:	July 22 – July 25 (Monday – Thursday) Invention Convention*
Session Four:	July 29 – August 1 (Monday-Thursday) STEM Escape! (Escape room focus)
Session Five:	August 5 – August 8 (Monday – Thursday) STEM Structures
Time:	9:00 am – 12:30 pm (families responsible for providing transportation)
Cost:	\$140 per week OR \$250 for any two weeks (contact Bethany for pricing for more than two weeks)
What to Bring:	All materials will be included, but students should bring a snack and a water bottle.
Any Questions:	Contact Bethany Runnals (runnalsb@tantasqua.org)

* During Invention Convention Week, students will spend Monday planning and designing an invention and the rest of the week building and testing their prototypes. All other weeks will consist of 7-10 different STEM projects based on the weekly theme.

THS/Union 61 Summer Camps/Programs

Tantasqua Sports Camps

2019

June 17 – August 15 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

The #1 goal of the Tantasqua Camps is for every camper to have a positive learning experience. The sports camps offer athletes the opportunity to improve their skills and develop strategies. Our outstanding staff consists of teachers, coaches, college and high school students with years of camp experience. Cost is \$115/week unless noted otherwise.

"All Sports" and "Arts & Crafts", Grades 2-6:

A great opportunity for kids entering grades 2-6 to experience 4 different sports per day in All Sports or to be creative and have fun in Arts & Crafts. There is a daily swim in the pool as a part of this camp.

"Sport Specific Camps", Grades 4-12 as noted in Additional Sports Camps Information under each camp:

An opportunity for kids entering grades 4-12 to learn and practice the fundamentals of their sport with the emphasis on "fun"! Our varsity coaches typically direct these camps with an emphasis on skill development and game strategy. Please check the website for important info on each of these camps.

Extended Camp Day Option, 7:30-8:30 a.m. & 3:00-5:00 p.m. daily:

Modified camp activities available all 8 weeks Additional \$50 weekly fee (may be added to camp fee)

- Morning & afternoon activities will differ daily and will not necessarily coincide with the same sports specific camps that campers are attending.
- Parents are welcome to pick up their children at anytime during the afternoon as long as that is communicated to the staff.
- You must pay and sign up for the Extended Day Camp for the entire week ahead of time so that we may provide proper staffing.

Campers must register on CampDocs and pay online through Unipay

No mail-in registrations will be accepted.

Go to www.tantasqua.org/this/summercamps

IMPORTANT CAMP INFORMATION:

1. All campers must have the medical form completed and uploaded to CampDocs
2. Snacks may be purchased daily. All campers should bring their own lunch.
3. Balls and equipment for all camps will be provided; however, if possible, campers should bring their own sport-related equipment (i.e., gloves, racquets, etc.)
4. Camp will operate rain or shine. Campers should be dropped off after 8:15 a.m. and picked up by 3:00 p.m. unless in Extended Day. All campers have a daily 1 hour swim in the pool as a part of every camp.
5. Campers should pack sunscreen, hat, water bottle, lunch, a towel, and a bathing suit on a daily basis.

Questions? E-mail camps@tantasqua.org

Campers must have COMPLETED GRADE 1 in order to be eligible to enroll in any camp.




(This camp complies with code 105 CMR 430.000 for the state of Massachusetts.)

2019 Summer Camp Schedule

(This camp complies with code 105 CMR 430.000 for the state of Massachusetts.)

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8
June 17-20	June 24-27	July 8-11	July 15-18	July 22-25	July 29-August 1	August 5-8	August 12-15
All Sports	All Sports	All Sports	All Sports	All Sports	All Sports	All Sports	All Sports
Boys LAX	Boys Basketball	Arts & Crafts	Arts & Crafts	Arts & Crafts	Arts & Crafts	Soccer I	Soccer II
Swim Lessons	Track II	Baseball	Softball	Swim Lessons	Field Hockey	Advanced Show Choir Grades 9-12	Volleyball II
Girls Basketball	Golf I	Cheer Camp	Football I	Golf II	Swim Team Camp	Volleyball I	
Dance I	Dance II	Culinary Grades 4-6 (20 max)	Tennis	Girls LAX	Football II	Golf III	
Track I		Bakery Grades 4-6 (20 max)	Show Choir I Grades 4-8	Show Choir I Grades 4-8	Advanced Culinary Grades 6-8 (20 max)		
			Culinary Grades 6-8 (20 max)		Advanced Bakery Grades 6-8 (20 max)		
			Bakery Grades 6-8 (20 max)				

All camps are \$115 with the exception of Golf I, II & III, cost are \$150, and all Culinary/Bakery are \$125. For Advanced Culinary campers must have attended a previous Culinary Camp.

June 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 to .40 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	
chicken nuggets with baked fries and squash or fruity yogurt parfait kindergarten picnic in the park!	Brunch for lunch French toast with sausage and potatoes or fruit smoothie with a muffin	Ham and cheese croissant with baked chips and broccoli or fruity yogurt parfait OR MUNCHABLE	walking taco! All the fixings to put in your DORITO bag! Served with corn or fruit smoothie with a muffin gluten free available	Cheese or pepperoni pizza with spinach salad or fruity yogurt parfait gluten free pizza available	
Hamburger or cheeseburger with baked fries and carrots or fruity yogurt parfait	BBQ pulled pork sandwich with sweet potato fries and green peas or fruit smoothie with a muffin	CHEF'S CHOICE!!			
