

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

Fall Into PTO Happenings

Burgess Wear Store Ordered - Thank you

Thank you to all the parents, guardians, and staff who purchased from Burgess Wear Store! We can't wait to see all the Burgess Wear around school. Orders are expected to be sent home the second week of October.

Square 1 Art

Students have been working with Mrs. Vinton during art class to create a one of a kind art design. Each design was created by your student. Your student's art can then be turned into a variety of memorable keepsakes. Perfect for gifts! Catalogs arrive October 23. Orders are due November 5.



Baba Sushi Night - Save The Dates

Baba Sushi has partnered with WAITT (We're all in this together Business & Community) to give back to the community. Burgess PTO has been chosen as one of many organizations in our community to receive a portion of the total receipts on our designated day. No coupon necessary. Our dates are November 4 and December 15.

Scholastic Book Fair

Coming this November! Volunteers needed to help run the tables throughout the week. Be on the look out on our Facebook page for how to sign up for volunteer spots.

Burgess School Directory

Thank you to all the families who submitted to and ordered a Burgess School Directory. The directory is at the printers and will be sent home next month.

Worcester Railers Game - October 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets will be sent home with your student.

Your Burgess PTO Executive Board

email: BurgessPTO@gmail.com, web: BurgessPTO.org

Month-At-A-Glance

| OCTOBER | | | | | | |
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October 11 - No School, Professional Development
 October 14 - No School, Columbus Day

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](http://burgesspto.org)

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

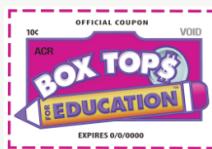
Address: 45 Burgess School Road
 Sturbridge, MA 01566

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!*

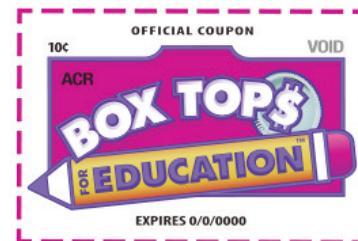
THE OLD BOX TOPS CLIPS



Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production, but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store. You can still clip and send them to school.

Every valid Box Tops clip is worth 10c for your school. Make sure each one has a clearly visible product acronym and expiration date.

* All valid Box Tops clips submitted per the Program Rules by a Coordinator(s) of (an) eligible, enrolled school(s) will be honored.



THE NEW BOX TOPS LABELS



Eventually the Box Tops program will become digital-only. Participating brands are starting to change their packaging from a traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Top label.

If you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. **Box Tops are still worth 10c each for your school.** The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online.

Available online 2019-2020 District School Calendar

You can access 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.



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.



Dine out at Baba Sushi on these dates and 1% of the days' receipts will go back to the PTO.

November 4
 December 15



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!



Library Book Borrowing



Book borrowing has begun! Kindergarteners begin borrowing library books after the December holidays, when they are well-established in full-day school. All other grades have been borrowing since the second week in September. First graders and kindergarteners may borrow a book at a time. All other students may borrow two at a time. Books are checked out—and due—on your child’s library day. Look in the back of a book to see the date due stamp. Books can be renewed, and reserved. Overdue notices are given to students in school. Letters are sent home when a book is out more than three weeks. There is no penalty for forgotten books, but lost or damaged books must be replaced or paid for. The first week of borrowing students were reminded about book care and common dangers to books—dogs, toddlers, food and drink. Water bottles in backpacks can be a disaster, so we suggest tucking a plastic bag into your child’s backpack to keep books safe. We encourage all children to read at or slightly above their grade level, and to follow their interests when choosing books. We try to match special interests, and are happy to work with you to steer your child towards books you think are more appropriate for your child. We offer picture books, early readers, and non-fiction for younger children, fiction, graphic novels, comics, non-fiction and magazines for older students. There is something for everyone!

Mrs. Swift, *Library Media Specialist*

Mass. Children’s Book Award

For the second year, the Burgess Library is participating in the Massachusetts Children’s Book Award. Children in grades 4-6 are eligible to read from a group of 25 books selected especially to interest them, in a state-wide effort to encourage reading in this age group. Books can be borrowed from Burgess, the Joshua Hyde library, purchased at the fall book fair or ordered online. Books can be read in any format: print, tablet, or audio. Classroom read-alouds also count. Information on the program and specifics about the books can be found on the Burgess Library website, burgesslibrary.weebly.com/mass-childrens-book-award.html This year the books were ready for check-out the first week of school, and have been flying off the shelves ever since. Last year some 64 Burgess students read five or more, and became eligible to vote for their favorite book, along with hundreds of other children around Massachusetts. Also this year, participating students will be asked to complete a short online reading response for each book read. Five or more books earns a child the right to vote. Anyone reading 10 or more—who completes a reading response for each book—will be eligible to choose a free paperback book at the spring book fair, courtesy of the school library. We hope to see many more than 64 students voting for their favorite book next February! Last year’s state-wide winner was the cold-war themed book, *A Night Divided*, by Jennifer A. Nielsen. What will it be in 2020? Your child could cast the winning ballot!

Mrs. Swift, *Library Media Specialist*

Breakfast At Burgess

Here at Burgess Elementary we offer a wonderful BREAKFAST! Breakfast meals include hot choices daily like pancakes or french toast or breakfast sandwich or warm cinnamon bun. Also we have daily cold choices of a variety of cereal and poptarts along with strawberry bagels with cream cheese and chocolate chip muffin. Fuel your child with energy and fill their bellies with delicious nutrition! Please allow your child to join our nutritious breakfast program, after all BREAKFAST is the most important meal of the day! Call the nurses office to set up your student to have breakfast at school.

Kathy Davies, *Cafeteria Manager*

Calendar of Important October

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| Thursday, October 10 | Mid Term |
| Friday, October 11 | No School, Prof. Dev. |
| Monday, October 14 | Columbus Day, No School |
| Tuesday, October 15 | School Pictures |
| Wednesday, October 16 | School Pictures |
| Thursday, October 17 | School Pictures |





On Sunday, September 22, Burgess held its second annual Burgess Bear 5k Run/Walk. It was a beautiful day for our school and community. HUGE thank you to the race planning team and all the sponsors, volunteers, runners, walkers, & spectators!



Photos by: Nicole Grace Photography & Associates
<https://nicolegracephotography84.pixieset.com/burgessbear5k2019/>

October 2019 Burgess Elementary BREAKFAST

Breakfast comes with yogurt, fruit, milk and juice. A large variety of cold choices cereal, muffin bagel in addition to a daily hot choice \$1.50 or reduced is .30 cents

Nutrition Tip: Start with breakfast. Eat a breakfast that helps you meet your food group needs. People who skip breakfast often weigh more. Eating a nutrient-dense breakfast may help you lose weight and keep it off. Reference: USDA MyPlate

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| | Breakfast sandwich 1 | French toast 2 | Scrambled eggs, hash brown and toast 3 | Cinnamon roll 4 |
| DONUTS 7 | Breakfast sandwich 8 | French toast 9 | Scrambled eggs, hash brown patty and toast 10 | NO SCHOOL 11 |
| NO SCHOOL 14 | Breakfast sandwich 15 | French toast 16 | Scrambled eggs, hash brown patty and toast 17 | Cinnamon roll 18 |
| Pancakes 21 | Breakfast sandwich 22 | French toast 23 | Scrambled eggs, hash brown patty and toast 24 | Cinnamon roll 25 |
| Pancakes 28 | Breakfast sandwich 29 | French toast 30 | Scrambled eggs, hash brown patty and toast 31 | |

October 2019 Type Your School Name Here LUNCH

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

Nutrition Tip: Make half your plate veggies and fruits. Vegetables and fruits are full of nutrients that support good health. Choose fruits and red, orange, and dark-green vegetables such as tomatoes, sweet potatoes, and broccoli. Reference: USDA MyPlate

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| | Hamburger or cheeseburger with baked chips and carrots or fruit smoothie with a muffin 1 | Mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce and green beans or fruity yogurt parfait or MUNCHABLE bagel & cream cheese 2 | Chicken parmesan sandwich with peas or fruit smoothie with a muffin 3 | Cheese or pepperoni pizza with spinach salad or fruity yogurt parfait gluten free pizza available 4 |
| chicken nuggets with sweet potatoes and peas or fruity yogurt parfait 7 | Walking taco! All the fixings to put into your DORITO bag! Served with corn or fruit smoothie with a muffin 8 | General Tso's chicken with rice and broccoli and fortune cookie or fruity yogurt parfait or MUNCHABLE cheese, pepperoni and crackers 9 | Brunch for lunch French toast with sausage and potatoes or fruit smoothie with a muffin 10 | NO SCHOOL 11 |
| NO SCHOOL 14 | Pizza stick with marinara sauce and peas or fruit smoothie with a muffin 15 | Toasted cheese sandwich with tomato soup and green beans or MUNCHABLE make your own pizza OR fruity yogurt parfait 16 | Grilled BBQ chicken sandwich with baked chips and carrots or fruit smoothie with a muffin 17 | Cheese or pepperoni pizza with buttered squash or fruity yogurt parfait gluten free pizza available 18 |
| NEW APPETIZER PLATE! (2) MOZZARELLA STICKS AND (3) CHICKEN NUGGETS! With mixed veggies or fruity yogurt parfait 21 | Macaroni and cheese with broccoli or fruit smoothie with a muffin 22 | Hamburger or cheeseburger with baked chips and green beans or fruity yogurt parfait or MUNCHABLE Bagel with cream cheese and yogurt 23 | Chicken tenders with lime cilantro rice and carrots or fruit smoothie with a muffin 24 | Cheese or BBQ chicken pizza with peas or fruity yogurt parfait gluten free pizza available 25 |
| Fish and cheese sandwich with cheddar cheese goldfish and green beans or fruity yogurt parfait 28 | Brunch for lunch! Pancakes with bacon and hash brown patty or fruit smoothie with a muffin 29 | chicken alfredo over bow tie pasta with broccoli or fruity yogurt parfait or MUNCHABLE cheese, pepperoni and crackers 30 | Halloweenies with frightful fries and mummy mixed vegetables with a pumpkin cookie or witches brew smoothie with a monster muffin! 31 | |

Community News

TOWN OF STURBRIDGE

2019-2020 Recreational & Travel Basketball

Grades 1 – 12 (Sturbridge Residents Only)

Register on-line at: www.sturbridgeball.com

REGISTRATIONS FOR GRADES 3 - 12
GRADES WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH
THE EVALUATION DATES (Week of October 28)

Evaluation times and locations will be posted at website
REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR GRADES 1 & 2 IS NOV 15
DUE TO SPACE LIMITATIONS KINDERGARTNERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE

October, 2019

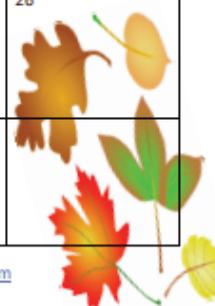
Brookfield Elementary School – 37 Central Street, Brookfield
Hitchcock Free Academy – 2 Brookfield Road, Brimfield
Holland Public Library – 23 Sturbridge Road, Holland
Wales Public Library – 77 Main Street, Wales
Heritage Green Community Room – 40 Heritage Green Dr, Fiskdale

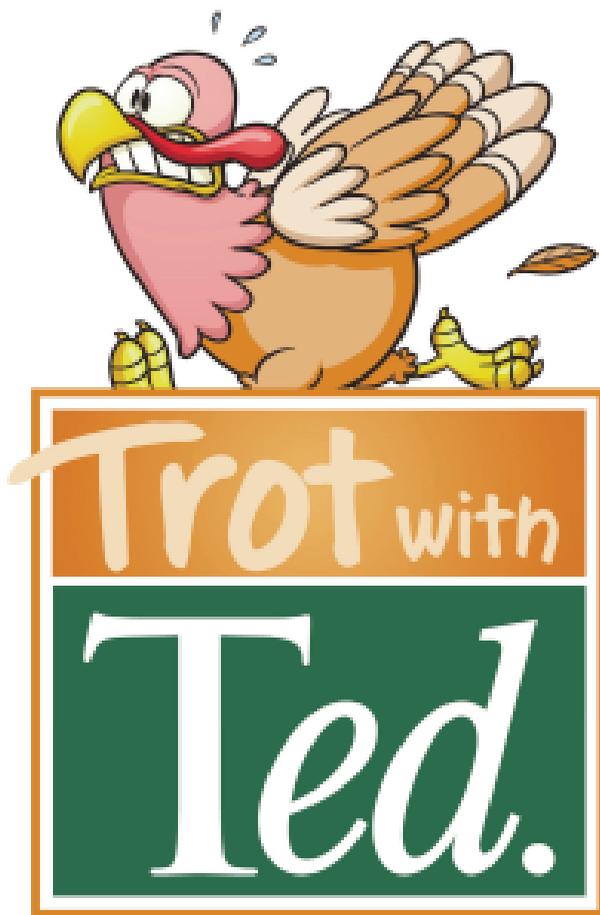


| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | *All programs are free. No prior registration is required unless noted otherwise. | 1 Playgroup 9-11AM Brookfield Elem Playgroup 10:30-11:30AM Heritage Green, Strbrdg | 2 Music & Mvmt 9-10AM Hitchcock Academy Story Time 10:30-11:30 Wales Public Library | 3 STEAM 9-10:30AM Brookfield Elem STEAM 9-10:30AM Hitchcock Academy | 4 Playgroup 9-11AM Brookfield Elem Story Time 10-11 Holland Public Library | 5 |
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Email: Union61cfce@tantasqua.org - Phone: 508-867-2232

If Union 61 Schools are closed due to inclement weather, scheduled school breaks, or have a two-hour delay, we are closed.





Join us for the **7th Annual Trot with Ted.!**

REGISTER NOW

www.thelastmileracing.com

- \$25 if pre-reg/postmarked by 11/17/19
- \$30 Day of the race
- Family cap of \$75 (mail-in only)
FREE Goodie bag & t-shirt if reg. by 11/17

RACE DAY

- 8:00 am Sign in, Registration & Refreshments
- 9:30 am 5K Run/Walk, 10K Run Starts
Fun Run Immediately Following

Sunday, December 1

Tantasqua High School, Fiskdale

Kids' Fun Run, crafts, raffles in the gym

FUN RUN **5K** **RUN WALK** **10K** **RUN**
for kids!

Sunday • December 1, 2019



TANTASQUA EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Fitness, Fun and Fundraising!

Trot with Ted. benefits the Tantasqua Education Foundation. For more information about sponsorship & volunteer opportunities, please visit Tedfound.org



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