

# 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



### Burgess Wear - Winter Store Is Open

The Burgess Wear Winter Store is now open through November 17. Perfect time to get holiday gifts for your student or their teacher. There are THREE Holiday specials offered during this store! To order: [burgessholiday19.itemorder.com/](http://burgessholiday19.itemorder.com/)

### Square 1 Art - Order Deadlines

Students worked 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 were sent home in backpacks. Paper Orders Due: November 6. Online Orders Due: November 15.



During Parent Teacher Conferences, be on the look out for the Square 1 Art classroom displays Mrs. Vinton created with your child's artwork!

### 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 - November 8 through November 15

The book fair is coming! Always one of the best times of the year. Come pick out the next bedtime read or grab a book for your student's classroom - many teachers create a wish list for books. The book fair is run by Burgess family volunteers. Volunteers are needed. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0848adad2ba1fa7-fall>

### Book Fair Shopping Hours

School days 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and during parent conferences.  
Reach out to Michele Phillips, [MPhillips@BronxLGJ.org](mailto:MPhillips@BronxLGJ.org) with any questions.

### *Your Burgess PTO Executive Board*

email: [BurgessPTO@gmail.com](mailto:BurgessPTO@gmail.com), web: [BurgessPTO.org](http://BurgessPTO.org)

## Month-At-A-Glance

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November 11 - No School, Veteran's Day  
 November 12 - Early Dismissal, Parent Conferences  
 November 27 - Early Dismissal, Thanksgiving  
 November 28-30 - No School Holiday Weekend

## Burgess PTO

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, November 12 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

**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!*

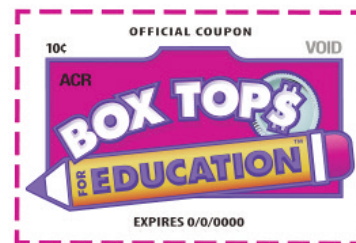
## THE OLD BOX TOPS CLIPS



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.

Burgess Elementary School PTO will receive a \$1 donation for every \$2.50 reusable Community Bag sold at the Stop & Shop store located at 100 Charlton Road, Sturbridge MA in the month of November.



## 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 Reading Program Offers Prizes

The special book shelf for this year's Massachusetts Children's Book Award program is nearly empty. We started the year with 50 books (2 of each on the list of 25), and as of October 21, the shelf has only 4! Some 92 percent are checked out.

The full list is here: [massachusettschildrensbookaward.blogspot.com](http://massachusettschildrensbookaward.blogspot.com) Your child can put any of these books on hold, borrow them from the Joshua Hyde Library, or purchase any that will be available at the November Scholastic Book Fair.

The 2019-2020 list is also on the library's website: [burgesslibrary.weebly.com/mass-childrens-book-award.html](http://burgesslibrary.weebly.com/mass-childrens-book-award.html)

Children who read five or more books from this list will be eligible to vote for their favorite, at the end of February. This year participants are asked to file a short reader response for each book they read. The responses are online, and accessible through the library website.

Children who read 10 or more will be able to choose a paperback for themselves at the Spring Scholastic Book Fair (priced under \$10). We'll have a pizza party in the library—where eating is usually forbidden—for all participants who read the entire collection, and files 25 short reader responses.

The program is run by Salem State University and open to grades four, five and six, because experts have noticed that older children start to read less for enjoyment, missing opportunities to improve their vocabulary and comprehension through a good book.

Sarah Swift, *Library Specialist*



## Tantasqua & Union 61 SEPAC Special Education Parent Advisory Council

NEXT MEETING:

Date: Wednesday, November 13th

Time: 6:00-8:00 PM

Location: Tantasqua High School Cafeteria  
(Kids are welcome)

Come find out about SEPAC, learn about how to support your child with learning struggles, and share your experience. To learn more or to inquire about becoming a Parent Liaison for Burgess contact: SEPAC president, Haran; [union61sepac@gmail.com](mailto:union61sepac@gmail.com) or 774.241.8141

## Notes from the Nurse's Office

Vision and Hearing screening for students grade 1-5 were completed on October 23 and 24. All referrals will be mailed home if your child needs an evaluation by an eye doctor.



Comfort Zone is a non-profit program that supports children and their families who have experienced the loss of a parent, sibling or primary caregiver.

Comfort Zone Camp  
Saturday, December 7, 2019  
9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Tantasqua High School

Registration is required.

The program is free and lunch is provided.

Burgess hosted a similar day 2 years ago and we were amazed at the ice breakers, pull out sessions for the children and the parents, the family buddy that is trained and paired with each family, the sharing activities and the openness that developed throughout the day. This program is not limited to Tantasqua district students. Flyers were emailed to parents at the end of October. Please call with any questions.

Lisa Meunier, *School Nurse*

## The Burgess Way

During the month of November we will be celebrating the people and things that we are thankful for. Students will be given the opportunity to fill out and submit "Thankful Feathers" to help us decorate our Burgess Turkey. Students will also have the opportunity to share their "Thankful Feathers" during morning announcements. Please take some time to discuss with your family ways to recognize and be thankful for everything that we have.

We will also be holding a Half Day Hat Day fundraiser on Wednesday, November 27. Students will have the opportunity to donate \$1 to wear a hat all day. Proceeds will go to support Racing For Everyone.


As always, Remember the Burgess Way  
Let's be BEARS today! Roar!

*The Culture Club*






## November 2019 Burgess Elementary BREAKFAST






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




**Nutrition Tip:** Enjoy a low-fat yogurt parfait for breakfast. Top with fruit and nuts to get in two more food groups. Look for seasonal flavors of yogurt or a fruit that's in season to add variety throughout the year.

Reference: USDA MyPlate




Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				
Donuts <span style="float: right;">4</span>	Breakfast sandwich <span style="float: right;">5</span>	French toast <span style="float: right;">6</span>	Scrambled eggs with toast and hash brown patty <span style="float: right;">7</span>	Cinnamon roll <span style="float: right;">1</span>
Donuts <span style="float: right;">11</span>	Breakfast sandwich <span style="float: right;">12</span>	French toast <span style="float: right;">13</span>	Pancakes <span style="float: right;">14</span>	Cinnamon roll <span style="float: right;">8</span>
Donuts <span style="float: right;">18</span>	Breakfast sandwich <span style="float: right;">19</span>	French toast <span style="float: right;">20</span>	Pancakes <span style="float: right;">21</span>	Cinnamon roll <span style="float: right;">15</span>
Donuts <span style="float: right;">25</span>	Breakfast sandwich <span style="float: right;">26</span>	French toast <span style="float: right;">27</span>	NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING! <span style="float: right;">28</span>	NO SCHOOL <span style="float: right;">22</span>
				NO SCHOOL <span style="float: right;">29</span>

## November 2019 Burgess Elementary LUNCH





Daily offering: chicken patty, veggie burger, gluten free chicken or yogurt parfait w/gluten free muffin, chef salad. Assorted milk and fruit with lunch. \$2.75 reduced .40



**Nutrition Tip:** Snacks can play an important role in meeting kids' nutrient needs. Choosing foods from all of the food groups will give them the energy they need between meals.

Reference: Eat Right

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				
Chicken nuggets with fries and carrots or fruity yogurt parfait <span style="float: right;">4</span>	Toasted cheese and tomato soup with peas or soup with a muffin and cheese sticks <span style="float: right;">5</span>	Thanksgiving turkey dinner! Roasted turkey with mashed potatoes with gravy, stuffing and green beans and apple spice cake or fruity yogurt parfait <span style="float: right;">6</span>	Walking taco! All the fixings to put into your DORITO bag! Served with corn or soup with a muffin and cheese sticks <span style="float: right;">7</span>	Cheese or pepperoni pizza with green beans or fruity yogurt parfait <b>gluten free pizza available</b> <span style="float: right;">1</span>
NO SCHOOL <span style="float: right;">11</span>	NO LUNCH <span style="float: right;">12</span>	Hamburger or cheese burger with baked chips and green beans or fruity yogurt parfait <span style="float: right;">13</span>	General Tso's chicken with rice and broccoli and a fortune cookie OR soup with a muffin and cheese sticks <span style="float: right;">14</span>	Cheese or pepperoni pizza with broccoli or fruity yogurt parfait <b>gluten free pizza available</b> <span style="float: right;">8</span>
Popcorn chicken with mashed potatoes and gravy and corn or fruity yogurt parfait <span style="float: right;">18</span>	Walking taco! All the fixings to put into your DORITO bag! Served with corn or soup with a muffin and cheese sticks <span style="float: right;">19</span>	Brunch for lunch! French toast with sausage and hash brown potatoes or fruity yogurt parfait <span style="float: right;">20</span>	Hamburger or cheeseburger with baked chips and green beans or soup with a muffin and cheese sticks <span style="float: right;">21</span>	Cheese or veggie pizza with carrots or fruity yogurt parfait <b>gluten free pizza available</b> <span style="float: right;">15</span>
Corn dog with baked fries and carrots or fruity yogurt parfait <span style="float: right;">25</span>	Toasted cheese with tomato soup and green beans or soup with a muffin and cheese sticks <span style="float: right;">26</span>	NO LUNCH <span style="float: right;">27</span>	NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING <span style="float: right;">28</span>	NO SCHOOL <span style="float: right;">22</span>
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# Community News

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TOWN OF STURBRIDGE

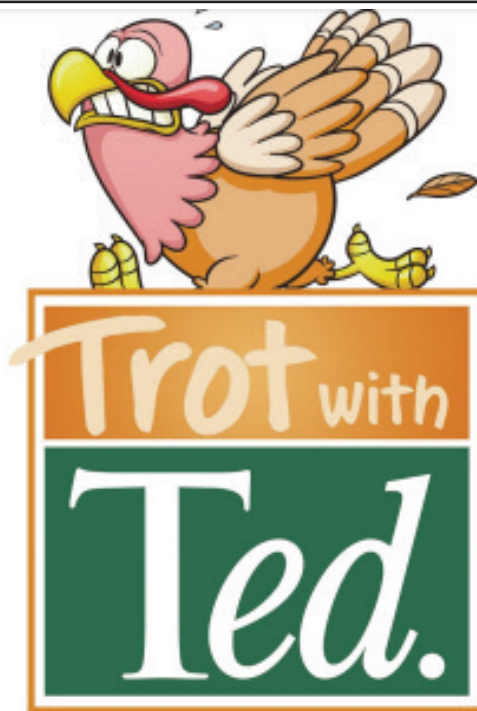
2019-2020 Recreational & Travel Basketball

Grades 1 – 12 (Sturbridge Residents Only)

Register on-line at: [www.sturbridgeball.com](http://www.sturbridgeball.com)  
Evaluation times and locations will be posted on the website

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR GRADES 1 & 2 IS NOV 15  
DUE TO SPACE LIMITATIONS KINDERGARTNERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE

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

**REGISTER NOW**

[www.empiretiming.com/events](http://www.empiretiming.com/events)

- \$25 if pre-reg/postmarked by 11/17/19
- \$30 Day of the race
- Family cap of \$75 (Online registration avail)  
*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](http://Tedfound.org)



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**2019**  
**TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY**  
*ON THE STURBRIDGE TOWN COMMON*

**FRIDAY November 29, 2019**  
**6:00PM**

*Featuring:*

**Santa Claus**

**Tantasqua Choraleers**

**Kidz Rock**

**Winter Tree Scavenger Hunt Kick Off**

**Holly the Elf**

**The Publick House**

**Annie's Country Kitchen**

**Lulus Accessories**

**Sturbridge Republican Committee**

**Sturbridge Fire Department**

**Boy Scout Troop #161**

**Local Area Merchants**

**\*Santa's Mailbox- Bring your letters to Santa!**

**\*Coloring Contest (see Reverse Side)**

**HOLIDAY RAFFLE:**

**Donate a nonperishable item for the local food pantry, and/or a new, unwrapped toy for local families at the ceremony to be entered into the raffle!**

**PRESENTED BY THE**  
**STURBRIDGE RECREATION COMMITTEE**



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**\*All coloring submissions must be received by  
Friday November 15, 2019 at 12:00 PM for consideration.  
Return to Sturbridge Recreation Department,  
301 Main Street. 508-347-2041**