

# 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



### Thank You For Your Support

#### Square 1 Art

Our annual Square 1 Art fundraiser was a great success. Thank you to our Art Teacher, Mrs. Vinton for coordinating and guiding your student(s) through this project. Your purchases raised \$2682.40, the most in three years!

#### Scholastic Book Fair

Huge THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered and supported our Fall Scholastic Book Fair. We successfully raised over \$2,500 cash profit to go towards PTO sponsored events and \$1,800 in Scholastic Dollars to return to the school library in books. Please consider shopping with us again this Spring. Tentative Spring book fair dates are March 13- March 20, 2020.

### Burgess Family Fun Events

#### Burgess Night at the Worcester Railers

Save The Date! February 8 at 7:05 p.m. for another great night at the Worcester Railers hockey game. Order deadline is January 27. Flyer attached at end of newsletter.



#### Burgess Day at the Boston Red Sox

Join us for our fifth annual game with the Red Sox. Game day is Sunday, April 19 at 1:05 p.m. Ticket price is \$30 each. Seats located together in Section 37. Order deadline is January 31. Flyer attached at end of newsletter.

#### Family Night at Burgess with The Brain Show

Save The Date - February 28, 2020 for another family fun night with The Brain Show! More details to come.



## Month-At-A-Glance

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

January 1 No School, Holiday

January 17 Half day, Staff development

January 20 No School, Martin Luther King Jr Day

### Burgess PTO

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, January 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 -



NO MORE CLIPPING. SCAN YOUR RECEIPT.

#### THE NEW BOX TOPS LABELS



Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production, but you can still send any remaining unexpired clips to school.

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 Tops label.

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

DOWNLOAD THE APP  
AVAILABLE ON ANY MOBILE DEVICE



**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.



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.

Available online 2019-2020

### District School Calendar

You can access the 2019-2020 school year calendar online at [tantasqua.org](http://tantasqua.org)

Click on **District Calendars**.



## 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!

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## READ TO SUCCEED

Burgess's annual read-a-thon program begins on January 2, 2020 and ends February 3, 2020. READ TO SUCCEED is a free program sponsored by Six Flags. Students who complete the required number of reading hours may earn either one free Six Flags ticket or one book of their choice. Students record what and how long they have read on a student log. If students pick one free Six Flags ticket as a prize then parents are required to go online and enter the reading hours. If students prefer a book for a prize then all reading logs must be returned to school by February 3, 2020.

GET READY, SET, READ!

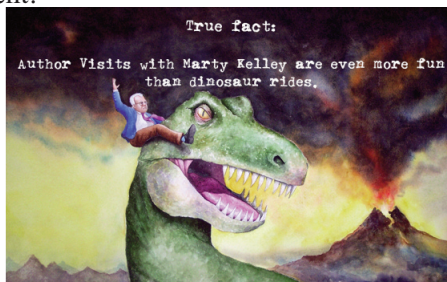
Amy Cantwell, *Literacy Coordinator*

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### Burgess Author Visit

A reminder that author/illustrator, Marty Kelley will be visiting Burgess on Tuesday, January 14, 2020. Go here to learn more about the author: [www.martykelley.com](http://www.martykelley.com). Order forms to purchase books will go home after the visit. The personalized books will then be shipped to the school. Thank you to the Burgess PTO for sponsoring this exciting literacy event!

Amy Cantwell,  
*Literacy Coordinator*



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### Holiday Shoppe - Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to the Burgess community for supporting and shopping at the Lil' Holiday Shoppers Shoppe. The students were eager to buy gifts for their loved ones. Thank you to all who volunteered at the shoppe, your time was appreciated by us and the students you helped. The money raised will fund the Sixth Grade Graduation Celebration.

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### Annual Holiday Concert Cookie Walks - Thank You

Thank you to all the families who made or brought cookies to sell during the holiday concerts! We would also like to thank all who volunteered their time to sell the goodies during each concert. Thank you to all the families who purchased cookies. The money raised goes to the current fifth grade class for the extracurricular educational experiences during their sixth grade year.

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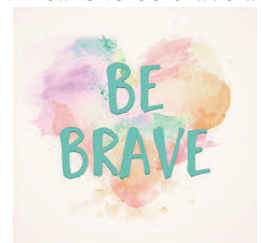
## The Burgess Way

Happy New Year! A great big thank you to all our Burgess students and families who made and sent in cards and gifts for Carlos. We are so proud of the caring thoughts, kind words, and creativity that everyone put into each one of their cards to make this a special Christmas for Carlos. It is amazing what can happen when we all come together to support a common cause. Please keep your eyes and ears open for other ways that we can support others in our community.

Our character trait for January is: **Brave**. Please take some time to discuss with your family what it means to be brave and how we can be brave at home, at school, and in our community.

### Being brave is:

- Trying new things even though they are hard, or we are scared
- Not being afraid to fail
- Doing the right thing even when no one is watching



### WHOLE SCHOOL BURGESS WAY ASSEMBLY – January 3

On the afternoon of Friday, January 3, 2020 we will have a whole school Burgess Way assembly. If possible, please have your child(ren) wear their pack shirts, pack colors, or Burgess wear.

**Remember the Burgess Way. Let's be BEARS today. Roar!**



## January 2020 Burgess Elementary BREAKFAST

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

**Nutrition Tip:** Happy New Year! If you made a food resolution turn it into a real solution by teaming up with a friend and celebrating your success along the way.  
Reference: USDA MyPlate

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		NO SCHOOL <span style="float: right;">1</span>	Pancakes <span style="float: right;">2</span>	Cinnamon roll <span style="float: right;">3</span>
Donuts <span style="float: right;">6</span>	Breakfast sandwich <span style="float: right;">7</span>	French toast <span style="float: right;">8</span>	Pancakes <span style="float: right;">9</span>	Cinnamon roll <span style="float: right;">10</span>
Donuts <span style="float: right;">13</span>	Breakfast sandwich <span style="float: right;">14</span>	French toast <span style="float: right;">15</span>	Pancakes <span style="float: right;">16</span>	No School <span style="float: right;">17</span>
No School <span style="float: right;">20</span>	Breakfast sandwich <span style="float: right;">21</span>	French toast <span style="float: right;">22</span>	Pancakes <span style="float: right;">23</span>	Cinnamon roll <span style="float: right;">24</span>
Donuts <span style="float: right;">27</span>	Breakfast sandwich <span style="float: right;">28</span>	French toast <span style="float: right;">29</span>	Pancakes <span style="float: right;">30</span>	Cinnamon roll <span style="float: right;">31</span>

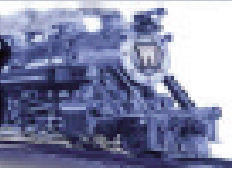
## January 2020 Burgess Elementary LUNCH

**Daily offering: chicken patty, veggie burger, gluten free chicken, chef salad. Assorted milk and fruit with lunch. \$3.00 reduced is .40 cents**

**Nutrition Tip:** Help with food waste by getting creative with leftovers and planning meals around the food you already have on hand.  
Reference: Eat Right

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		<span style="float: right;">1</span>	Chicken nuggets with sweet potato fries and green beans or soup with a muffin and cheese sticks <span style="float: right;">2</span>	Cheese or pepperoni pizza with mixed vegetables or fruity yogurt parfait <b>gluten free pizza is available</b> <span style="float: right;">3</span>
Hamburger or cheese burger with baked fries and carrots or fruity yogurt parfait <span style="float: right;">6</span>	Chicken parmesan sandwich with green beans or soup with a muffin and cheese sticks <span style="float: right;">7</span>	Walking taco! All the fixings to put into your DORITO bag! Served with corn. Or fruity yogurt parfait <span style="float: right;">8</span>	Grilled cheese with tomato soup and peas or soup with a muffin and cheese sticks <span style="float: right;">9</span>	Cheese or BBQ chicken pizza with carrots or fruity yogurt parfait. <b>Gluten free pizza available</b> <span style="float: right;">10</span>
Popcorn chicken with mashed potatoes and corn or fruity yogurt parfait <span style="float: right;">13</span>	Brunch for lunch! French toast with sausage and hash brown patty or soup with a muffin and cheese sticks <span style="float: right;">14</span>	Hot dog with baked beans or MUNCHABLE bagel with cream cheese, yogurt and fruit or fruity yogurt parfait <span style="float: right;">15</span>	Pizza sticks with marinara sauce and peas or soup with a muffin and cheese sticks <span style="float: right;">16</span>	No lunch <span style="float: right;">17</span>
NO SCHOOL <span style="float: right;">20</span>	Macaroni and cheese broccoli or soup with a muffin and cheese sticks <span style="float: right;">21</span>	Chicken fajitas with peppers and onions with rice and corn or MUNCHABLE cheese, pepperoni and crackers with fruit and juice box or fruity yogurt parfait <span style="float: right;">22</span>	Hamburger or cheeseburger with baked chips and mixed vegetable or soup with a muffin and cheese sticks <span style="float: right;">23</span>	cheese or pepperoni pizza with green beans and a cookie or fruity yogurt parfait <b>gluten free pizza is available</b> <span style="float: right;">24</span>
Walking taco! All the fixings to put into your DORITO bag! Served with corn. Or fruity yogurt parfait <span style="float: right;">27</span>	Ham and cheese croissants with soup and mixed vegetables or soup with a muffin and cheese sticks <span style="float: right;">28</span>	Spaghetti with meat sauce or cheese sticks with peas or fruity yogurt parfait OR MUNCHABLE Bagel with cream cheese and yogurt and fruit <span style="float: right;">29</span>	Chicken tenders with baked fries and carrots or soup with a muffin and cheese sticks <span style="float: right;">30</span>	Cheese or pepperoni pizza with green beans or fruity yogurt parfait. <b>Gluten free pizza available</b> <span style="float: right;">31</span>

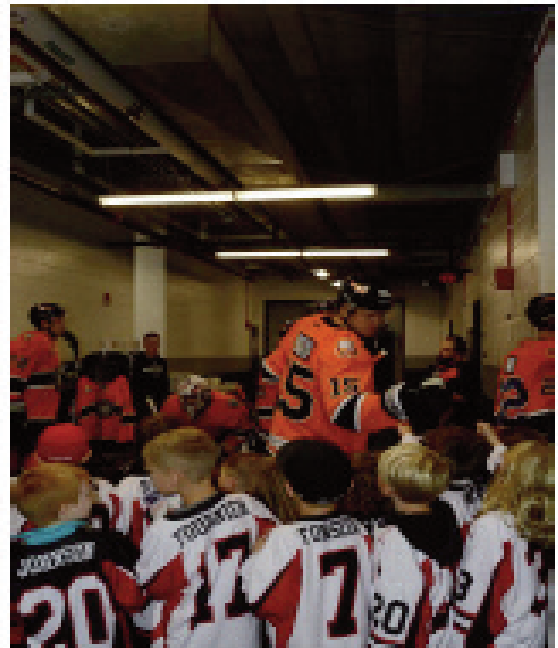
# WORCESTER RAILERS



## BURGESS ELEMENTARY

Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7:05PM

AT THE **DOU** center



A \$25 VALUE!  
**ONLY \$20**  
**PER TICKET**  
ALL SEATS LOCATED IN  
SECTION 120

\$5 FROM EACH TICKET GOES BACK TO  
BURGESS ELEMENTARY

\*Each Ticket Enters You Into The High  
Five Tunnel

**ORDER DEADLINE: MONDAY, JANUARY 27<sup>th</sup>**

QUESTIONS? CALL OR TEXT Dave Russell AT 508-365-1754 OR EMAIL [Daver@RAILERSHC.COM](mailto:Daver@RAILERSHC.COM)

Please fill out the order form and return to Burgess Elementary by **JANUARY 27<sup>th</sup>** to purchase your tickets.

Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/  
Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ # of tickets @ \$20: \_\_\_\_\_ Total price: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method (please circle): Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Ticket Delivery Method (please circle): Text \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Check\* Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Will Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*ALL CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO Burgess PTO

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BOSTON RED SOX

# BURGESS ELEMENTARY NIGHT AT FENWAY PARK!

JOIN YOUR CLASSMATES, TEACHERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR A DAY OF FUN AT FENWAY PARK!

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH**

**1:05PM**



**TICKET PRICE:**

**UPPER BLEACHER 37 - \$30 PER PERSON\***

**\*INCLUDES DONATION TO PTO**

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT CHRISTINE NESLUSAN AT [BURGESSPTO@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BURGESSPTO@GMAIL.COM)

SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH  
1:05PM

TICKETS  
# OF TIX \_\_\_ \$30

INDIANS VS.  
RED SOX

TOTAL AMOUNT:  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

ALL ORDERS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY AND FILLED ON A FIRST COME FIRST-SERVE BASIS. ALL ORDERS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND ALL GAME TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT METHOD:  CHECK- MADE PAYABLE TO BURGESS PTO  
 CASH

RETURN ORDER FORM AND PAYMENT TO SCHOOL.

CARE OF: BURGESS PTO RED SOX GAME

**DEADLINE TO ORDER: JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>**



*Join us! Decadent desserts, appetizers,  
local music and good friends*

Tastefully Ted. is a pre-Valentine's celebration benefiting the Tantasqua Education Foundation. Indulge in decadent desserts, delicious appetizers while enjoying local entertainment.

*Cash bar and silent auction.*

**Publick House Paige Hall**  
7:00-10:00 pm

• Tickets are \$20 per person at [TedFound.org](http://TedFound.org)  
(\$25 per person at the door)

**Friday • February 7, 2020**



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Good Food, Friends & Fundraising!

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



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