

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
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Annual PTO Basket Raffle

It is basket raffle time! Each year the PTO collects *NEW* items for themed raffle baskets. Over the next few weeks, each grade will be assigned a basket 'theme.' Parents are asked to donate *NEW* items to the basket in the child's classroom. We will be making multiple baskets per grade theme. Tickets for the baskets will be sold at the March parent teacher conferences. Information will be sent home in your child's backpack before Winter Break.

Scholastic Book Fair - March 12 - 20, 2020

Our Spring Scholastic Book Fair will be held during the week of Parent Teacher Conferences. The book fair is coming! We are looking for volunteers! Reach out to Michele Phillips: MPhillips@BronxLJG.org if you are interested in learning more about how you can help. Always one of the best times of the year. The book fair is run exclusively by Burgess family volunteers- please consider helping!

Worcester Railers - February 8

Thank you to those who purchased tickets to our Burgess night at the Railers! It is Pink in the Rink night so feel free to wear pink. The National Anthem singer is The Voice season 17 runner up, Ricky Duran. Burgess is certainly in for a great night! Tickets will be sent home with your child by February 6, 2020.

Burgess Day At The Red Sox - April 19

The deadline to purchase tickets to the Burgess day at the Red Sox has been extended to Wednesday, February 5, 2020. Ticket price is \$30 each. Game day is Sunday, April 19 at 1:05 p.m. Order form is attached on page 5.

Brain Show - Family Night - February 28

The Brain Show is back for an exciting Family Night at Burgess! The evening show is Friday, February 28, 2020. The show is free to attend by registration is required per fire code regulations. Be on the look out for registration forms.

Math and Science Nights

Be on the lookout for notices on math and science nights happening for each grade in March

The next PTO meeting will be held in the library: **Tuesday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m.** See you then!

Month-At-A-Glance

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February 17 - 21 No School, Winter Break

Burgess PTO

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 11 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

NO MORE CLIPPING. SCAN YOUR RECEIPT.

THE NEW BOX TOPS LABELS

NO MORE CLIPPING. SCAN YOUR RECEIPT. GET CASH AT THE CHECKOUT.

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

DOWNLOAD THE APP TODAY!

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 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.




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!

2020 MCAS Testing Schedule		Reading to Succeed
ELA		<p>Students at every grade level are Reading to Succeed! The Read to Succeed program will continue through February 3, 2020. Parents are reminded to please go online and log reading hours if they would like a ticket to Six Flags. The “real” Six Flags tickets will be distributed in May. Please be aware of the expiration date as the tickets will no longer be usable after this time. As the May date approaches, watch for another article regarding the Read to Succeed Six Flags ticket distribution. If students would like a book as a prize they are asked to return the reading log to me by February 3, 2020.</p> <p>Amy Cantwell, <i>Literacy Coordinator</i></p> 
March 31	Grades 5 & 6	
April 1	Grades 5 & 6	
April 2	Grades 3 & 4	
April 3	Grades 3 & 4	
MATH		
May 12	Grades 5 & 6	
May 13	Grades 5 & 6	
May 14	Grades 3 & 4	
May 15	Grades 3 & 4	
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May 18	Grade 5	
May 19	Grade 5	



The Burgess Way

February's Character Trait is Kindness. Kindness is the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate. Some ways to spread kindness include: giving someone a compliment, holding the door for someone, inviting someone to play, and even something as simple as a smile. Have a conversation with your family and discuss ways that you can spread more kindness at home, at school and in your community. Practice sharing and recognizing random acts of kindness. Acts of kindness are never wasted. Also, keep an eye out for The Burgess Has Got Talent Show registration sheets. These will be going out on Monday, February 3rd. We look forward to seeing all of your amazing talents. Remember the Burgess Way, Let's Be BEARS today! ROAR!

The Culture Club



Town Recreational League Information

Sturbridge Little League
www.sturbridgelittleleague.com
Registration ends April, 30, 2020

Sturbridge Rec Soccer
www.leaguelineup.com/sturbridgerecsoccer
www.tantasquasoccer.com/trysoccer

Tantasqua Regional Youth Lacrosse
www.trylax.com
See attached flyer for details

Sturbridge Girls Softball League
clubs.bluesombrero.com/sturbridgesl

For more information about other town recreation options include adult recreation leagues go to:
Sturbridge.gov/recreation

February 2020 Burgess Elementary

BREAKFAST

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

Nutrition Tip: Ready-to-eat cereal consumption encourages milk consumption. In children, at least 76% of cereal is consumed with milk. Reference: NHANES 13-14

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Donuts 3	Breakfast sandwich 4	French toast 5	Pancakes 6	Cinnamon Roll 7
Donuts 10	Breakfast sandwich 11	French toast 12	Pancakes 13	Cinnamon Roll 14
NO SCHOOL 17	NO SCHOOL 18	NO SCHOOL 19	NO SCHOOL 20	NO SCHOOL 21
Donuts 24	Breakfast sandwich 25	French toast 26	Pancakes 27	Cinnamon Roll 28

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LUNCH

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

Fitness Tip: Try to be active for 60 minutes or more every day. Run, dance, walk the dog, climb stairs or play in the snow if you have it. Reference: USDA MyPlate

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fish sticks with baked fries 3 coleslaw and mixed vegetables or fruity yogurt parfait	Grilled cheese and tomato soup with peas or soup with a muffin and cheese sticks 4	Brunch for lunch pancakes with bacon and hash brown potatoes or fruity yogurt parfait 5	Warm pretzel with cheese sauce and carrots or soup with a muffin and cheese sticks 6	Cheese or bacon chicken pizza with mixed vegetables or fruity yogurt parfait gluten free pizza available 7
Chicken nuggets with baked fries and carrots or fruity yogurt parfait 10	Hamburger or cheeseburger with baked chips and mixed vegetables or soup with a muffin and cheese sticks 11	General Tso's chicken over rice with broccoli and a fortune cookie or fruity yogurt parfait or MUNCHABLE! Bagel with cream cheese & yogurt 12	Sloppy joe sandwich with cheddar cheese goldfish and green beans or soup with a muffin and cheese sticks 13	Cheese or pepperoni pizza with spinach salad or fruity yogurt parfait gluten free pizza available with valentine's day cookie! 14
NO SCHOOL 17	NO SCHOOL 18	NO SCHOOL 19	NO SCHOOL 20	NO SCHOOL 21
Appetizer plate! (2) mozzarella sticks with marina and (3) chicken nuggets with mixed vegetables or fruity yogurt parfait 24	Hot dog with baked beans and green beans or fruity yogurt parfait 25	BBQ pulled pork sandwich with sweet potato fries, coleslaw and peas or fruity yogurt parfait or MUNCHABLE! Cheese and crackers pepperoni and juice! 26	Walking taco! All the fixings to put into your DORITO bag! Served with corn. Or soup with a muffin and cheese sticks 27	Cheese or pepperoni pizza with carrots or fruity yogurt parfait gluten free pizza available 28

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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

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 NONREFUNDABLE 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 31ST



*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
(\$25 per person at the door)

Friday • February 7, 2020



TANTASQUA EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Good Food, Friends & Fundraising!

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



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Tantasqua & Union 61
special education parent advisory council

SE PAC is a parent-driven organization, which works with the district and families to improve educational outcomes for students with learning challenges or differences.



Brimfield • Brookfield • Holland • Sturbridge • Wales

Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday, Jan 8 @ 6-8pm

Wednesday, Feb 12 @ 6-8pm

Thursday, March 12 @ 6-8pm

Wednesday, April 15 @ 6-8pm

Wednesday, May 20 @ 6-8pm

Location:

Tantasqua High School
@ Cafeteria

Wednesday, June 10 @ 6-8pm
location To Be Decided



All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend whether or not their child has an IEP or 504. Come talk with others and ask questions!

Join us to share, learn, and get involved:

- ❖ Advocacy & Information
- ❖ Connection & Support
- ❖ Training & Workshops

* Check the [website](#) or [facebook](#) for upcoming events and locations.

Children are welcome!

Don't have childcare? Bring them with you! SE PAC understands the challenges we face with in-person meetings. Tables, crafts, and a supportive environment are provided.

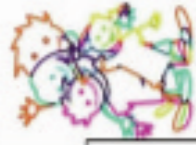
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February, 2020







FAMILY FOUNDATIONS 5

Connecting families & community and supporting YOU as your child's first teacher!

Funded by the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant from the Department of Early Education and Care and serving the towns of Brimfield, Brookfield, Holland, Sturbridge, and Wales

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
 Brimfield Public Library – 25 Main St, Brimfield
 Merrick Public Library – 2 Lincoln St. Brookfield

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	All programs are free. No prior registration is required unless noted otherwise.		To register for LOVE & LIBRARY (2/8) please email your name and children's age(s) to Cheryl @ union61cfce@tantascoua.org . leave a message at (508)867-2232 or sign up at one of our programs.			1
2	3 Music & Mvmt 9:25-10:25 Brookfield Elem Playgroup 9-11AM Hitchcock Academy	4 Playgroup 9-11AM Brookfield Story Time 10:30-11:30AM Heritage Green, Sturbridge	5 Music & Mvmt 9-10AM Hitchcock Academy Story Time 10:30-11:30 Wales Public Library	6 STEAM 9-10:30AM Brookfield Elem STEAM 9-10:15AM Hitchcock Academy E.L.F. program* 11:00 Joshua Hyde Library	7 Playgroup 9-11AM Brookfield Elem Story Time 10-11 Holland Public Library	8 LOVE & LIBRARY Story-time and more! Brimfield Public Library, 10-11AM Registration Required 
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16	17 NO PROGRAMS this week....					21 *We will be teaming up with the Joshua Hyde Library 2/6 for their ELF program ages (6-18 months)...please see their website for reestration information!
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TANTASQUA REGIONAL YOUTH



Sturbridge, Brimfield,
Brookfield, Wales
and Holland

REGISTER by Feb 29th to
receive a discount @
TRYLAX.com

LACROSSE



Required girls gear:
Stick
Gloves (optional)
Goggles/Headgear
Mouthguard
Cleats



Required boys gear:
Stick
Gloves
Arm pads
Chest pad
Helmet
Cup
Mouthguard
Cleats

SPRING 2020

BOYS AND GIRLS GRADES 1/2, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8

For more info and FAQ's visit TRYLAX.com or email TRYLAXinc@Gmail.com