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## PTA News and Events



### MOVIE NIGHT

The PTA wants to say Happy Holidays by hosting an outdoor movie on the Curtis covered playcourt on Friday, December 9th. This year's movie is **THE POLAR EXPRESS**. Admission to the movie is **FREE!** Bring your own blankets and chairs. Food is welcome, but please be sure to plan on taking out everything you bring in. The movie will start at 6:00 pm. Campus will open at 5:30 pm for setup. Water, hot chocolate and popcorn will be available for purchase - cash only please.

Parents please note:

**THERE IS NO PTA MEETING IN  
DECEMBER**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

– **December 2** –

Open Court 8:15am

– **December 6** –

Discovery Night 6pm

– **December 9** –

Movie Night 6pm

– **December 13** –

4th & 5th Chorus Night on  
Campus

– **December 13** –

Spirit Night , Sweet Tomatoes

– **December 16** –

T-Shirt Order Forms Due

– **December 16** –

End of the 2nd Grading  
Period

**NO SCHOOL**

*December 19-*

*January 2*

– **January 3** –

Students return to school

## Spring T-Shirt Orders

Spring T-Shirt order forms will be going home on Friday, December 2nd. Orders are due by December 16th. It is your last chance this year to get your Curtis 40th anniversary tee. If you have any questions please email: [curtisteeshirts@gmail.com](mailto:curtisteeshirts@gmail.com)





# THANK-YOU



I would like to personally thank all of the parents who helped make our annual Great American Teach In such a huge success. We had such a fun day! I would also like to thank Starbucks on Main Street, Dunedin, Publix on Main Street, Brad Myers, Baryl Martin with Florida Fish and Wildlife, Dunedin Fire Rescue, Dunedin Sanitation, Officer Nick Lazaris with Pinellas County Sheriffs Department, Jenese Anders with Pieces of Treats, Sunstar, McGough Nature Park, Big Cat Rescue, Dunedin Fine Arts, and The Clearwater Marine Aquarium for dedicating their time and resources to help make our day so great.

**Laura Daniels**

**VP PTA and GATI coordinator**

## A Message from SAC



Please be on the lookout for an email inviting you to take part in the annual SAC Climate Survey. The purpose of the survey is to understand how well Curtis serves its students and families. Your feedback is so important to us that the class with the highest parent participation will receive a homework pass (one class per grade level)!

Thank you in advance for your participation,

*Eda Seibert*  
SAC Chair

## SPIRIT NIGHT

**December's Spirit Night will be held at Sweet Tomatoes, 31151 US Hwy 19 N, Palm Harbor, FL on December 13th between 3-8pm. Look out for flyers coming home in your child's folder. Please share a paper or digital copy of the flyer with the cashier so Curtis is credited. A drink must be purchased with each meal. Let's have another great event!**



## Lost & Found



Be sure to check out our Lost & Found located in the bin behind the front office. We have quite a collection of clothing, jackets, water bottles, lunch boxes, and even a shoe. Any items left after Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> will be donated to Clothes to Kids.

## Dunedin Blue Jays Parking Lot

Thank you very much to all of our parents that use the Dunedin Blue Jay's parking lot in the morning and afternoon. By using their lot, it helps our car line move that much faster!

We need to ask that you not park your cars in front of the Box Office area starting in January. They will be starting their ticket sales at this time. Thank you!





# P.E. Sports Page



## Candy Drive

The candy drive was a huge success!! We collected 394 pounds of candy which in turn became \$394.00 dollars for the P.E. program. Dr. Kochenaur will send the candy to the troops and make a donation to the Autism Awareness Foundation.

## Patrols

We have been adopted!!! A special thank you to the Dolman Family for adopting the 2016/17 patrols. We appreciate your generosity. The patrols are such an important part of the school day, they work hard to keep our students safe.

Speaking of safety, please put down your cell phones while driving through the car circle. The patrols and students are moving quickly to reach your car, please give them your undivided attention. It only takes a second for an accident to happen. I appreciate your cooperation in helping to keep the patrols and students safe.

## Previous Units: Snag Golf & Fall games

Challenge your students to a game of mini golf and marvel at their skills. The kids did an amazing job during the unit, it was fun watching their progress. They made tough skills look easy.

## Upcoming Units: Health and Wellness and winter games.

## Media Center News

### Fall Book Fair A GREAT SUCCESS!

Thank you parents, teachers and students for generously supporting our library and promoting reading at our fall book fair. The book fair proceeds help us to support the technology and library needs of our school. Thank you to all the volunteers for their many hours of time.

### CURTIS STORYTELLERS ABOUND!!!

Congratulations to all of our third, fourth, and fifth grade storytellers who did a superb job performing at our 5th annual Curtis Storytelling Festival. Thank you students and parents for your dedication and commitment!



### BROADCAST TEAM MEMBERS

FOR NOVEMBER – DECEMBER:

Jack P, Loren K, Caylee McD, Delany L, Madison M



### School Mission:

Teachers, students, staff, parents and community are partners in education. We join together to assure a focus on highest student achievement by implementing the Plan/Do/Study/Act cycle. Our goal is for each student to learn and to be successful.

## Curtis Fundamental Food/Supply Drive

December 5-14



**Kindergarten:** Canned Fruit

**1st Grade:** Canned Vegetables

**2nd Grade:** Canned Soups

**3rd Grade:** Pasta, Rice, or Mac & Cheese

**4th Grade:** Paper Towels or Toilet Paper



**5th Grade:** Bath Soap, Toothpaste, or Deodorant



**Food Drive**



Help support our local food pantry this holiday season.

Students who donate at least 1 item may wear non-uniform clothing on December 16th (still follow Pinellas County Dress Code for tops/bottoms).



### Musical Moments



**Dunedin Showcase** is this Saturday (Dec 3) at 1p.m. If your child is in 5th grade Chorus and have signed up to perform please have them there by 1p.m. Their performance will begin around 1:30. Dress will be Curtis shirt and jeans.

**4th and 5th Chorus Concert- December 13th** at 7p.m. Please have your child in my room by 6:45p.m. They need to have time to warm up and get in order.

Song of the Month is America (melody is from God Save the Queen in England)

**5th** graders are continuing to conquer the C chord and G7 chord on their Ukuleles. We will continue with the base chords until after break when we will slip in new chords.

**4th** graders are using Chimes/Boomwhackers to perform in an ensemble and change something about the music like tempo (speed), timbre (different instruments) and dynamics (loud and soft)

**3rd** graders: The children will be allowed to take their Recorders home before Winter Break. They can leave them here as well. We are working on the notes, B, A and now G.

**2nd and 1st** graders are using Chimes/Boomwhackers to perform various songs from a variety of cultures

**Kindergarteners-** learning two Hanukkah songs and one Kwanzaa song for their upcoming performance.



Home of Honeymoon Island

# SHOWCASE OF SCHOOLS

**Saturday, December 3rd**

**1:00pm to 3:00pm**

**EDGEWATER PARK**

**YOU WILL BE AMAZED AT WHAT YOUR**

# HOME TOWN

**SCHOOLS HAVE TO OFFER!**