



Curtis CHRONICLE

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MARCH 2017

Dates to Remember

- March 3 -

Open Court 8:15 a.m.
Blood Drive

- March 10 -

End of 3rd Grading Period

- March 13 thru 17 -

Spring Break

- March 20 -

No School for Students

- March 24-

Individual Picture Day

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

- March 29 -

Vision and Hearing
Screening

- March 22 to 29 -

Happy Camper Book Fair

- March 31 -

Report Cards go home

March is Youth Art Month!

Youth Art Month was started in 1961 by the Art and Craft Materials Institute with the following goals:

- To recognize art education as a viable factor in the total education curricula that develops citizens of a global society.
- To recognize art is a necessity for the full development of better quality of life for all.
- To direct attention to the value of art education for divergent and critical thinking.
- To expand art programs in schools and stimulate new art programs.
- To encourage commitment to the arts by students, community organizations, and individuals everywhere.
- To provide additional opportunities for individuals of all ages to participate in creative art learning.
- To increase community, business and governmental support for art education.
- To increase community understanding and interest in art and art education through involvement in art exhibits, workshops, and other creative ventures.
- To reflect and demonstrate the goals of the National Art Education Association that work toward the improvement of art education at all levels

In celebration of Youth Art Month the Clearwater Branch Library will have a display of student art work during the March from elementary and middle schools in Pinellas County.

Congratulations to **Aubrey W** and **Indira H** for having their work accepted into this exhibit!

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.



OPEN COURT

We love our Open Court tradition in which we are able to recognize so many talented Curtis students. But please remember that any medals/trophies should be from recent accomplishments.

NEWS FROM THE MEDIA CENTER

Battle of the Books

Fifty-seven very motivated students and avid readers took the qualifying test for this year's Curtis Battle of the Books. The competition was tough! The next six weeks will entail even more reading and lots of team effort.

Congratulations to the students who are on the 3rd – 5th Grade Teams!

Teams will be introduced at the Open Court, March 3rd.

Our school battles will be held Friday, March 31st

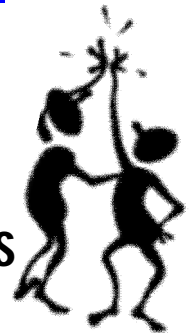
Practices are happening with Mrs. Keller during lunches. If any volunteers would like to help please contact Mrs. Keller – kellerj@pcsb.org



HIGH FIVE!!

TO OUR LATEST CFN BROADCAST TEAM MEMBERS

FOR JANURARY/FEBRUARY



Tyler B, Laney R, Aniyah D,

Liana D, Anna L



The Book fair is coming ...

Be sure to visit the scholastic book fair in the media center from March 22nd to March 29th as well as for family fun night on March 24th. Students will enjoy taking a hike deep into the Book Fair forest.

March 22 Open after school from 2:00 – 3:30

March 23 Open after school from 2:00 – 3:30

March 24 (family fun night) open 5:00 – 8:00

March 27 Open after school from 2:00 – 3:30

March 28 OPEN AFTER SCHOOL FROM 2:00 – 3:30

March 29 Open until noon

We need help @ this "S'more fun" event that benefits our students and school. Please visit the link below to sign up or contact Kristie Lyerly at kalyerly@gmail.com.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090448a8a92aa13-spring1>

Musical Moments

Song of the Month for March will be the National Anthem.

April 11th will be a night that all children will be performing for "The Night Of The Arts"

Chorus will be performing their final concert April 11th

5th Grade will be attending a Florida Orchestra Concert at Ruth Eckerd Hall on May 11th. When that information has been finalized, parents will receive their information.

2nd, 3rd and 4th have been invited to attend a performance by the Pinellas Community Orchestra. That concert will be held next Friday, March 3 at 1p.m. Ask your students what they will be hearing. We have been preparing for what we will hear and see.

March 3rd is our Blood Drive for Curtis! My mother recently had to receive 4 units of blood following major surgery. I'm looking forward to returning the favor!

P.E. Sports Page



Current Units

K-2: Jumping/Landing

3-5: Basketball



JDRF

A big thank you to all of our families that supported the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation fundraiser this year! We exceeded our school goal of \$4500.00!!! We are so proud to be a part of such a supportive school community!!

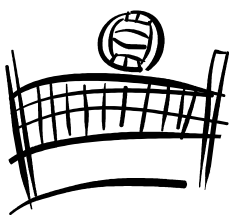
Marathon Kids Update (Grades 3-5)

We are about half way through our Marathon Kids Running Club session and so far we have 280 kids that have completed 1 marathon, 20 kids that have completed 2 marathons, and 3 that have completed 3!! The kids set goals at the beginning of the session and decided how many marathons they would like to complete (up to 4). We are so proud of the progress they have all made!

Oneblood

Curtis will hold its second Blood Drive of the year on Friday, March 3 (the same day as Open Court!!). Blood cannot be manufactured, it can only come from generous blood donors. Please consider donating on October 3. All donors will receive an umbrella, and a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse, and cholesterol screening.

Making an appointment is simple. Go to www.oneblooddonor.org and use the sponsor code #29594



Upcoming Units

K-5: Spring Games



SAC Survey Results

Congratulations!!! We surpassed our goal of 45% of families taking the SAC survey and there will be **no homework for all students on March 9th.**



TESTING



So it begins!! Let's look at testing as celebrating everything the children have learned this year! The teachers and students work very hard all year, and it's time for the kids to **SHOW WHAT THEY KNOW!!** We know how important it is for students to be present and excited about each school day. This goes for testing days as well. And the best way for students to be ready for the exciting day:

- Students need to have their evenings "free" with some active playtime!
- Lots of rest keeps kids alert and healthy!
- PROTEIN for breakfast keeps tummies from growling and feeling empty. FRUIT adds extra vitamins! A BALANCED breakfast is the BEST!!
- A POSITIVE ATTITUDE is a MUST!! Don't share your anxiousness with your child!
- ENCOURAGE them, but don't overdo it. That can cause stress, too.

Please put the following dates on your calendar:

February 28

4th & 5th Grade FSA Writing

April 24-25

5th Grade FSA Mathematics

March 7

NAEP for selected 4th graders

April 27-28 and May 1-2

3rd Grade FSA Mathematics

March 21-27

1st & 2nd Grade SAT-10

May 1-2

5th Grade SSA Science

March 28-29

3rd Grade FSA ELA Reading

May 3-4

4th Grade FSA ELA Reading

April 11-12

5th Grade FSA ELA Reading

May 9-10

4th Grade FSA Mathematics

2017 Spring Session 2 After-School Enrichment Programs

For complete details and registration go to: <http://www.pcsb.org/curtis-es> under the Clubs and Activities tab.

Registration now open and is based on a first come, first served basis.
If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Tricia Manning
at tmanning72@gmail.com

Day of Week	Program Name	Organization	Grade Level	Time	Duration	Dates
Monday	Drama	Ms. Allen	3rd - 5th	2:10– 3:30 pm	7 weeks	March 27 - May 8
	Spanish Explorers	Lindsey Bauer	2nd - 3rd	2:10 - 3:00 pm	4 weeks	April 3, 10, 17, 24
Tuesday	Air Dry Clay	Tzutai Cheng	2nd - 5th	2:10 – 3:30 pm	8 weeks	March 21 – May 9
	Spanish Explorers	Lindsey Bauer	KG - 1st	2:10 - 3:00 pm	4 weeks	April 4, 11, 18, 25
	Golf	Golf Squad	KG - 5th	2:00 - 3:00 pm	6 weeks	March 28 - May 2
	Mixed Media Art	City of Safety Harbor	2nd - 5th	2:10 - 3:10 pm	3 weeks	April 4, 11, 18
Wednesday	Legos	Bricks 4 Kidz	KG – 5th	2:15 – 3:30 pm	6 weeks	April 12 – May 17
	Soccer	Happy Feet Tampa Bay	KG – 5 th	2:05 – 3:15 pm	4 Week Sessions	Jan - May 2017
Thursday	Lacrosse	Yellow Jacket Lacrosse	1 st – 5 th	2:10 – 3:30 pm	7 weeks	March 30 - May 11
	Advanced Air Dry Clay	Tzutai Cheng	2nd - 5th (returning students)	2:10 – 3:30 pm	8 weeks	March 23 – May 11

YEARBOOKS

Time is running out to order your yearbook or buy your personalized ad so be sure to buy yours now. All ads are \$15, 1/8 page & include 2 pictures. The best part? Its all done online. Order your yearbook, upload your pictures and design your ad online at your leisure. Ready to begin? Go to:



<http://community.pictavo.com/>

MARCH PTA MEETING

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FAMILY FUN NIGHT

March 24th

5:00-8:00pm



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Family Fun night is will be a throwback to the 70's and a major amount of fun! Pre-order forms will be coming home soon.

VOLUNTEERS

We are still in need of volunteers. Please use our signup genius to see volunteer opportunities:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0945a4ab28a0f85-family2>

Shifts are one hour each. Various areas need to be staffed for the duration of the night to make the event successful. We can all help a *little* and have a *lot* of fun with our families.



BASKETS & LIVE AUCTION

As always we will have amazing themed classroom baskets, live auction items including hotel night stays, rounds of golf, summer camps, Kennedy Space Center tickets, Red Bamboo Medi Spa , Behind the Scenes Tour of Fox 13 and more!

FOOD VENDORS

Mooki popcorn, Kona ice, The Fishin Chicken Food Truck, Mmm Bop Asian fusion food truck + more!

New This Year:

Food available for pre-order!
Chicken salad Chick boxes to go including a salad or a croissant and a side (pasta salad /fruit cup)
Jersey Mikes subs to go

Music & Entertainment

Dunedin Highland Pipe Band & Brad Myers One Man Band. Brooker Creek Nature Preserve (with classroom animals), Celebration Station, Clearwater Marine Aquarium, McGough Nature park and Dunedin Fire and Rescue.