



Curtis CHRONICLE

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February 2016

Dates to Remember

– **February 2** –

Class Pictures

– **February 3** –

Open Court 8:15 a.m.

– **February 10** –

Daddy/Daughter Dance

– **February 14** –

PTA Meeting 7 p.m.

– **February 20** –

NO SCHOOL

Curtis Parent Survey

If you have already completed the 2016-17 Parent Survey for Curtis, thank you for your valuable time!

In an effort to improve system practices, Curtis Fundamental Elementary is conducting a Parent Survey. We value your opinion and ask that you take the time to complete this survey. In order to complete the survey, please go to:

<http://www.advanc-ed.org/survey/public/section/response/begin?surveyConfigId=652455>

Class Picture Day 02/02/16

Please make sure your student is in Curtis dress code for these pictures.



5th Grade Parents

Save the Date

Clearwater Fundamental Orientation Night

March 7, 2017

4:30-6:30 PM

Don't miss out on your chance to:

- Take a tour of your new middle school
- Meet school administrators and faculty
- Learn about school programs and activities
- Find out about parent involvement opportunities
 - Learn about next year's schedule

Carline Safety



Safety is a concern being constantly brought up to the office by parents, staff, and students---dropping off on the east side of building 7 and having students walk or crossing the street is not safe. Please follow the procedures for drop off and pickup in your Curtis Calendar.

The Battle of the Books program is a "quiz bowl" type of game in which teams try to identify titles and authors of this year's 15 Sunshine State Young Readers Award books. Participation is available to all 3rd – 5th graders. A qualifying test will be given Friday, February 10th, in the library. Students must have read five of the Battle of the Books titles to take the qualifying test and also pass the reading counts tests. Test questions are based on plots, settings and characters. Teams will be chosen from 3rd – 5th grade classes based on scores from the qualifying test.



Team practices will be held March 1st – March 30th

We will meet during lunches (Wednesdays -3rd grade) and (Thursdays - 4th and 5th grade)

Parent volunteers are always appreciated!

Our school battle will be held Friday, March 31st

The winning team will represent Curtis Fundamental at the regional district battle May 16th.

To prepare for the qualifying test, memorize the author's name for each book title. Passing a Reading Counts quiz at school on the books you have read will also help you to prepare. Bookmarks with titles and authors are available in the library. A list of the books can be found on the school website. Good luck to all!!

PE this Month



Current units:

K – 2: Throw, Catch, Roll / 3 – 5: Baseball

JDRF:

We are supporting JDRF this school year, our goal this year is to raise \$4500.00! If we reach our goal, students will receive a non – uniform dress day. The class that collects the most money per grade level will get an extra recess. The JDRF walk will take place during P.E. class on Monday, February 6th. All envelopes are due this day.

K – 2 Mileage Club:

Our K- 2 students have been participating in Mileage Club during P.E class. We started with 6 minutes and are now up to 8, each week we will increase the running time one minute. The students have received shoe tokens for every 2(runner), 4 (soccer ball) and 6(baby foot) miles they complete. They are working so hard!

Patrols:

Just a reminder, morning patrols begin at 7:30 and the afternoon patrols are until 2:20. I appreciate your cooperation. We are still seeing a lot of cell phone use while going through the car line, please limit use for the safety on our patrols.

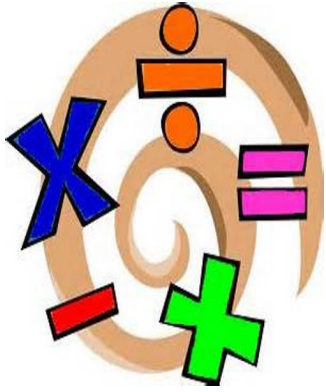


Upcoming Blood Drive

March 3, 2017



Congratulations to our 4th and 5th grade Mighty Mu teams for their performance on January 7th. Our teams worked hard all day and competed with many other elementary schools across Pinellas County at Palm Harbor University High.



5th grade team members:

Jack P, Luke D, Nicholas J, Laney R, Jacob DeW, Lily F, Carter M, Aiden B

4th grade team members:

Garrett B, Allegra Dt, Sadie M, Anastasia V, Katie C, Ian F, Dean G, Mia H

ART NEWS

Curtis artists to be recognized at county wide art exhibits this month!

Congratulations to the following students whose work is on display at the Dunedin Fine Art Center for the Creative Start Art Exhibition. They will be recognized at an awards reception at the Art Center on Sunday, February 5th:

Garrett B, Liana D, Natalya J, Mary L

Congratulations to the following artists whose work is on display at the Morean Art Center in St. Petersburg for the Word and Image Exhibition. The entries for this exhibition required the students to submit a work of art and written statement on the theme "On My Block". They will be recognized at an awards reception at the Morean on Feb 11th.

Jacob DeW, Autumn N, Jack P

Artsonia Update:

Thank you to everyone who has already registered your student to allow access to their art gallery page on Artsonia. We currently have 80% of our students registered. If you would like to register your student and do not have their username, please let me know and I can send the information home with your student artist.

Artistic Happenings:

Kindergarten and First grade students just finished learning about John Ringling the circus owner and art collector and created their own circus clown faces in art. We are currently working on learning a variety of patterns to use in our art while creating a valentine collage.

Second grade students just finished a portrait drawing lesson. Ask your student to see their portrait folder. We saw a lot of growth from a beginning portrait to a portrait that was drawn after the lessons! We will begin learning about the artist Pablo Picasso next and how he "rearranged" the portrait in a style called Cubism.

Third grade students are finishing a Pop art painting using intermediate colors. We will get an introduction to printmaking next by creating a collograph print.

Fourth grade students have been using an exciting new art supply called a Gelli plate to create mono prints. We printed textures in different colors, used a stencil to create a two color print and then modified our prints.

Fifth grade students are working on an advanced printmaking technique called reduction printing where they are creating an image out of styrofoam that will be reduced and reprinted several times to create a print with at least three colors in their image.



Musical Moments



Song of the Month: O Canada

We are showing respect to our Canadian neighbors, the Toronto Blue Jays. If you ever attend a game with your child, they will hopefully be able to not only perform the National Anthem but also O Canada

Kindergarten and First Grade:

We are learning simple songs with games. If you want to know a way to help your child grow musically, sing to them and sing with them. Most of the children know how to use their singing voices. I am trying to help all children find their singing voice.

2nd thru 5th grades are “warming up” their musical minds with the “meaningful movement” book written by David Frego and Marla Butke. The book is a music teacher’s guide to Dalcroze Eurhythmics. I discovered this amazing book while attending FMEA in Tampa a few weeks ago.

Second Grade and Fourth Grade:

Both grades are learning a song and game from Jerusalem called, “A Qua Qua.” It’s fascinating to see the differences between both grade levels as they play the game.

Third Grade:

Thank you for helping to remind your child to put their Recorder in their backpack when they finish practicing at home. Help your child practice with Odogy.com. There are apps on tablets/ipads you might want to research for your children to practice with.

Fifth Grade:

We have been working on Ukulele chords and music in class. Most of us are comfortable playing and singing at the same time. Soon we will be preparing to see the Florida Orchestra at Ruth Eckerd Hall. The concert is in May.

Chorus:

The kids are working hard on singing well. The musical lasts about 9 minutes. I expect those 9 minutes to be jam packed with energy! Our show will be on April 11th, the Night of the Arts.

2nd Annual
Daddy Daughter
Dance

Friday, February 10th

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Location: Curtis Campus



Our 2nd annual Daddy Daughter dance is going to be Valentine Candy themed! Invitations and tickets order forms will be going home later this week. Your ticket is per couple and costs **\$15.00**, with each additional child **\$5.00**. Your ticket will include admission to the event, starting at 6:00 pm on Friday, February 10th. Also included will be light snacks (please plan on dinner before or after), a few treats, a fabulous DJ, a photo booth with a commemorative photo of the evening and memories to last a lifetime. Please be sure to check the weather and dress appropriately for temperature. Dust off those dancing shoes dads and daughters and see you on Friday, February 10th!

OPEN POSITIONS : President, VP1, VP3, and Treasurer

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Curtis Fundamental PTA has several open positions for the 2017/2018 school year. We warmly welcome all who may be interested — it can be lots of fun to be more involved! If you have questions about any of the positions, please contact : curstiscougarspta@gmail.com



MARCH 24th, 2017

Family Fun Night, on Friday March 24th, is less than 8 weeks away! Our theme this year will be "Throwback to the 70's" to honor Curtis' 40th Anniversary. Our 2017 Family Fun Night Committee is already being formed but we would love some help with requesting and gathering donations and sponsorships. Any amount of time is appreciated! Even if you only have an hour to make a few phone calls, send a few emails or stop by a local business to pick up a donation, it will help immensely!

Our FFN t-shirt order form will be coming home soon and we'd love to get some sponsors for the back of the shirt as in year's past. If you own or know a company that would like to sponsor the 2017 FFN T-shirt, we'd love to hear from you!

If you are able to help with donation requests or sponsorships, please email Nicole Delfino at nmdelfino@yahoo.com.

Each teacher will be selecting their Classroom Basket Theme this week and then room parents can get started with brainstorming ideas for their class baskets. Our Class Basket Coordinators this year will be Renee Kelly and Debbie Carollo. Communication will be coming from them in the upcoming weeks.

For questions pertaining to any portion of the event, please contact the Committee Chair:

Food Coordinator - Vanessa Wooding at vanessajwooding@gmail.com

Games Coordinator - Estelle Valsamis at evalsamis@hotmail.com

Community Relations - Laura Daniels at lauradaniels85@outlook.com

Volunteer Coordinator - Sherri Amato at amatos@pcsb.org

Class Basket Coordinator - Renee Kelly and Debbie Carollo

Donations Coordinator - Lauren Thacker at laurenthacker04@aol.com

For general questions, please feel free to email curtiscougarspta@gmail.com or Nicole Delfino at nmdelfino@yahoo.com. Please like the [Curtis Fundamental](#) Facebook page or join the [Curtis Parents Rock](#) Facebook Page to stay in the loop, ask questions and get updates!



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Personalized yearbook recognition ads are still available .

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Thank you for your membership in PTA!



Your membership in PTA has been critical to helping us provide valuable resources at both the classroom and school level, making a positive difference in the education, health, and safety of our children.

We currently have 490 members: 343 moms, 129 dads, and 18 grandparents. We are almost to our goal of 500 members. Just 7 more grandparent memberships will give Curtis Fundamental the **Golden Grandparent Award**. If 13 more dads join, the school can earn the **Spotlight on Men Award**. Please consider helping us reach our goal while earning special recognition for the school.