



Gator Tales

PTA INFORMATION

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Membership Report

Total Amount of Members - 119

PTA MISSION

To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

JOIN PTA online at

<https://fuguitt.memberhub.store>

PRINCIPAL, MRS. KATHLENE BENTLEY, ED.D.



Hello Fuguitt Families!

Happy Spring! We have reached the end of the third grading period. We are so proud of our students, they have been working hard all year. We are entering our last quarter of the year. Our teachers will continue to plan and provide rigorous standards based lessons until the end of the year. Report cards will be distributed on April 20.

We will begin our FSA testing next week. Here are the following testing dates, all students in grades 3-5 will need to be tested in person. FSA tests cannot be administered online.

- Grade 5 Writing April 13
- Grade 4 Writing April 14
- Grade 3 Reading April 20 & 21
- Grade 5 Reading May 4 & May 5
- Grade 4 Reading May 11 & 12
- Grade 3 Math May 13 & 14
- Grade 5 Math May 18 & 19
- Grade 4 Math May 20 & 21
- Grade 5 Science May 25 & 26

On testing days, please make sure your child is on time for school. They can be here at 8:15 so they can get breakfast before testing. Letters were sent home with more testing information as well.

Fuguitt's Guidelines for Success and 7 Leadership Habits

At Fuguitt our students are taught 7 Leadership Habits throughout the year. Be Proactive, Begin with the End in Mind, Put First things First, Think Win Win, Seek First To Understand, Then be Understood, Synergize, and Sharpen the Saw. We recognize outstanding students each month that have demonstrated these habits. We incorporate our Guidelines for Success expectation into schoolwide for students to follow, those are Be Responsible, Be Respectful, and Be Safe.

Don't forget to register your child for Summer Bridge that will be offered here at Fuguitt. Go to reservation.pcsb.org to register your child. Transportation will be provided this year. If you need help, please call the office and we can assist you.

Thank you for always supporting our teachers and working with us to provide your child the best education possible.

*Kind Regards,
Dr. B & Mrs. Wager*

BUSINESS PARTNER OF THE MONTH

This month we recognize Publix Supermarkets as our Business Partner of the Month. This is another community corporation that has consistently offered support and partnership to its neighbors. For Fuguitt, this has meant generous gift cards to be used as the need saw fit, the donation of much needed paper bags, and when we were able to participate in National Walk to School Day, the donation of fruit and water. The Publix staff is always friendly and eager to partner with our school. So to our neighbor and partner Publix, we offer a grateful "Thank You!"





CALENDAR

PTA PRESIDENT, MRS. WHITNEY KELLEY



Hello Fuguitt families, our next general meeting will be our election meeting where we decide the board for next year's PTA. I urge you to reach out if you have thought of taking any role. We would love to see some new faces! Some of our current officers have kids that are aging out of the school. If we do not have enough participation next year we may be forced to discontinue the PTA at Fuguitt for the time being. Your role in PTA can be as big or small as you would like. I understand

that many have very full personal lives but I promise PTA does not have to take over all your free time. What it does do is help your children see and feel your investment in their schooling. If you have any questions please reach out to us on Facebook or via email at: fuguitelempa@gmail.com

In other news our silent auction is only a month away! It's not too late to donate if you are a business owner (big or small!) or would like to sponsor a basket or gift card from your family. All donations are appreciated. We are so excited to bring this fun opportunity to Fuguitt families.

Whitney Kelley

APRIL 1ST & APRIL 2ND

Easter Holidays, NO SCHOOL

APRIL 15TH

6.00 - 6.30 PM Virtual Reading Night (live ZOOM Meeting).

APRIL 20TH

Report Cards distribution

APRIL PTA CONTEST

(please follow our FB page for more information)

Please do not forget to pre-Order your YEARBOOK today!!!



MEET OUR STAFF



I am a retired police detective from southern New Jersey, I started my law enforcement career in the County Sheriff's Office, then transferred over to a suburban police department where I spent the next

23 years doing patrol, community policing, bicycle patrol, and finally the detective bureau. I retired in 2015 and in 2017 moved to Colorado where I worked for the Denver Police department as a crash investigator. In 2019 I moved to Florida. I've been married for 33 years, we have two adult children and two grandchildren.

SSO Noel Cortes

SUMMER BRIDGE REGISTRATION

Summer Bridge is at FUGUITT this year!!! Please spread the word and strongly encourage your students to enroll in this year's Summer Bridge Program at Fuguitt Elementary.



Face-to-face Summer Bridge programs will be offered this summer! Summer Bridge provides engaging activities to prepare students for maximum success when the next school year begins.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!!! Parents will need a Parent Portal account to register their student. Parents can get a Portal account at any school by showing their valid driver's license. All schools are expected to support families needing assistance.

To apply go to: <https://reservation.pcsb.org>.

To learn more about this year's Summer Bridge Program click [the link](#).

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEADERS OF THE MONTH MARCH 2021

Congratulations Fuguitt Elementary Leaders of the Month for exhibiting the LEADER in ME habit №6, Synergize!

Kindergarten

Ms. Cole's Class

Carter Slayman

Miss Craig's Class

Isabella Deras

Mrs. Szarkowski's Class

Emery Miller

First Grade

Mrs. Cellamare's Class

Kaleena Dehaan

Mrs. Farmer's Class

Hailey Self

Mrs. Harris' Class

Paizlee Dotson & Kaden Gaubatz

Mrs. Montague's Class

TJ Clark

Mrs. Rafferty's Class

Begin with the End in Mind: Aiden Turk

Second Grade

Mrs. Correa's Class

Serinity Dorsey & Victoria Irizaris

**Phong Pham & Arianna Kraus

**Missed from February - Habit #5, Seek First to Understand Then, to be Understood

Mrs. Erickson's K-2 Class

Aubrey Lohr

Mrs. Kallas' Class

Jahiel Rumble

Ms. Garrett's Class

Harlow Vanstone

Third Grade

Mrs. Hildreth's Class

Gabrielle Dibert-Trankel & Robert De La Rosa

Mrs. Kubes' Class

Christopher Sheppard & Terrance Tortorici

Mrs. Byrd's 3-5 Class

Tristan Torres

Ms. Robinson's Class

Kaiden Ungurait

Mr. Sloan's 2-3 Class

Carrera DiGebe

Mrs. Timberlake's Class

Dominick Prieto & Gialanys Torres

Fourth Grade

Mrs. Batista-Roca

Kailani Suwardhana

Mr. Catlin's Homeroom

Caden Coughlan

Mrs. Catlin's Homeroom

Garryn Scott

Mr. Long's Homeroom

Jackelyn Ibarra

Mrs. Ryan's 3-5 Class

Cristian Vazquez-Rodriguez

Fifth Grade

Mr. Freed's Homeroom

Damian Hamill

Ms. Palumbo's Homeroom

Gabriel Diaz-Torres

PTA ELECTIONS

Dear Fuguitt families, we are looking for those interested in serving as an officer, chair, or committee member for next year to help our PTA continue to grow. The officer positions are President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary. Every position is voted on for one year at a time. Below is a brief description of job duties.

President – preside over meetings, perform any other duties as determined by membership.

Vice President – aide to president, perform any other duties as determined by membership.

Treasurer – maintain financial records, keeper of money.

Secretary – take minutes for meetings, keeper of records.

If interested in any position or you know someone who might be a good fit, please send information to Jessica Summers (summersje@pcsb.org).

Elections will take place at our May General Meeting. Nomination Committee: Jessica Summers, Ashley Hutchinson and Whitney Kelly. Thank you for all you do to help support PTA.



READING NIGHT CELEBRATION



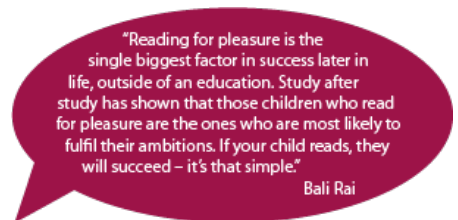
Title 1 Reading Night will be hosted on 15th of April virtually and a Zoom link will be sent out next week. The live Zoom meeting will be 6:00-6:30. Each grade level will have a recorded lesson or read aloud that parents and students will want to watch.

These will be posted on our Fuguitt Website. Those parents attending will receive a reading gift after completing the attendance form. We hope you can join us!

READING FOR PLEASURE

Just a reminder to model reading for pleasure at home with your child(ren)! Not only will you all enjoy reading together, but it (reading for pleasure) has been proven to be an incredibly important factor in later success!

Sora in your student's clever, **Myon, World Book, Gale Kids Infobits** and so many more online resources are valuable to explore together!

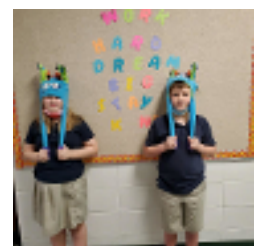


GAME ON! FUNDRAISER

Our GAME ON! fundraiser is ending soon and we cannot thank you enough for your support! Every dollar raised makes a difference in the lives of our students! Hundreds of families answered our CALL TO ACTION, sending thousands of emails (1600, to be exact) and text messages to friends and family around the world! What a great way to support our students using their AWESOMENESS to help others!

There were prizes for all students who simply participated regardless of the amount of donations and kids were so happy and really enjoyed their prizes. Congratulations to those students who won special prizes!!!

Mini Fridge stuffed with Cash WINNERS: Reagan 3rd grade, Austin 2nd grade, Violet Kindergarten, Beau Kindergarten, **iPad WINNER** - Brayden 3rd grade, **AirPods WINNER** - Madison 4th grade



Help Your Child Succeed in Elementary School: *Build the Habit of Good Attendance*

DID YOU KNOW?

- Participation in early education programs, like preschool and Head Start, lead to better attendance in kindergarten.
- Starting in kindergarten, missing 10% of school (or just 2 days every month) can make it harder to learn to read and cause children to fall behind in school.
- Good attendance, whether class is held in person or remotely, can help children do well in school, and eventually in the workplace and in college.



WHAT YOU CAN DO

Communicate with the School

- Contact your child's teacher(s) and let them know how to reach you.
- Get and post your child's class schedule and log in information on the refrigerator or your child's desk.
- Practice logging in to virtual classes and make a plan for supporting learning for children. Contact the school if you need help logging in.
- Ask about the school's attendance policy.

Make School Attendance a Priority

- Establish routines for bedtime, waking up and showing up for class.
- Identify a quiet place for your child to do school work. If you have multiple children, make a schedule. Or ask your school or community agencies if they have created places for distance learning, or if noise-canceling headsets are available for students.
- Develop back-up plans for getting your child to school or logging in to the computer if you can't be there to help. Find a family member, neighbor or older child who can help over the phone or who can help while wearing a mask and maintaining physical distance. Community-based organizations might also be able to help.
- When school is in session, avoid extended family trips and non-urgent medical appointments.
- Ask your child's teacher about attendance and tell the teacher any concerns you have.

Help Your Child Stay Healthy and Engaged

- Monitor your child's attendance and participation; and contact the teacher to address any concerns.
- Make sure your child gets the flu vaccine and other required shots.
- Find out if your child feels safe from bullies. Make sure that school discipline policies don't lead to your child becoming disengaged or pushed out of school. If these are problems, work with your school to find a solution.
- If your child seems bored or anxious about school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make them feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Ask for help when you need it. School staff, after-school program providers, and other parents or community agencies are available to help families access online learning, obtain food or housing and address other experiences that make it difficult to attend and participate.