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Message from PTA President, Mr Matthew Steele

Hello Fuguitt Families! Can you believe we have over 100 days of school in the books? I hope everyone has enjoyed Bingo night, Movie night, All Pro Dads and of course the Holiday Shop as much as we have enjoyed hosting them. None of this is possible without the support of parents and staff so **THANK YOU!** I am also happy to report that after the first half of this year we have seen a 25% increase in PTA membership from last year! We are very excited about this but it means we still have a lot of room to grow. Our goal is to have every parent and teacher register as a member of the PTA. If you have not done so already please consider taking a moment to register. Your participation and involvement in the PTA is voluntary but by signing up we will keep you up to date with current activities along with opportunities to volunteer. We also want to thank all of you who have

volunteered your time so far this year. We are always looking for volunteers so please do not hesitate to contact us for opportunities. Whether your time is limited or you are available anytime we can find a spot that works with your schedule. We have many more activities planned this year so please consider volunteering. If anyone has any questions or feedback please do not hesitate to contact us.

"At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents"- Jane D. Hull

Message from Assistant Principal, Mrs Short

Hello Fuguitt Families! I'm excited to announce that our school has been selected to participate in the 2019 National Assessment of Educational Progress on February 21,2019. This assessment is also known as The Nation's Report Card, NAEP. It is the largest continuing and nationally representative assessment of what students across the country know and can do in a variety of subject areas. NAEP is administered by the National Center for Education Statistics, within the U.S. Department of Education. NAEP is different from our state assessments because it is a common measure of achievement across the country. The results are released as The Nation's Report Card, which provides information about student achievement to educators, parents, policymakers, and the public. The NAEP will be administered to a sampling of our 4th-graders on February 21 st that have been selected to take assessments in math and reading. To the students that have been selected for this important test, you have all our support and I have NO doubt that you will represent us well! Parents, if your 4th-grader has been selected to take NAEP, he or she will represent thousands of other students across the United States. Discover other reasons why participation is so important and follow this link.

Meet our School Art teacher, Ms. Kendra Patterson

Ms. Patterson is a graduate of the University of Florida with degrees in Developmental Psychology and Art Education. She originally wanted to be a social worker but when she volunteered in an art room she knew that being an art teacher was what she really wanted to do. "I always had great adults in my life who helped me, and I wanted to do the same for someone else," she said. Pinellas County has been known to be wonderful advocates for arts programs in schools, which is how Ms. Patterson came to our school! Since she has been at Fuguitt, our students consistently rank among the top in the county for the number of art pieces selected for adjudicated student art exhibits. Ms. Patterson wants to thank you for voting to keep the Referendum funding for our schools. It is the primary funding for music and art programs in the county, and allows her to help our students become great artists. This year, she was named Fuguitt's 2018-2019 Teacher of the Year. Congratulations, Ms. Patterson!



Upcoming Events



15th at 7:30 AM
All Pro Dad's Meeting
18th NO SCHOOL
22nd at 6-8 PM
Family Movie Night



MARCH



2nd
Community Service Project
8th - 17th
SPRING HOLIDAYS

No school for students 22nd at 7:30 AM General Meeting, 2019 -2020 Board Elections

29th at 7:30 AM All Pro Dad's Meeting

<u>PRINCIPAL</u> of Fuguitt
<u>Elementary School</u>
Kathlene Bentley, Ed.D.

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Membership Report

142 Total Amount of Members:

134 already paid Members **8** - in process of payment

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HELD EVENTS

All Pro Dads Meeting 18th of January, 7.30 AM - 8.30 AM

Last month's topic was "Loyalty". Loyalty is the ability to put others before yourself and stick with them in good times and bad. Show loyalty to friends, family, and significant others by being honest, trustworthy, supportive, and generous and become an example for your kid.

Please remember this program is voluntary and is designed for anyone who is playing the role of father in a child's life and is not just limited to Fathers. Please join us on the 15th of February!!! We look forward to seeing you there!!!





Family BINGO Night 25th of January, 5.30 PM - 7.30 PM

What a success and fun BINGO Night turned into! We want to say thank you to all our Gators who came out to play, had fun and enjoyed delicious pizzas and snacks. There were LOTS of nice prizes.











ATTENTION!!! Important Information! This year we are so excited to announce our yearbook will be 3D!!! A new feature is the ability for parents and staff to submit photos they have taken at the school or during PTA events for consideration to be used in the yearbook. Use the following link to upload your photos. Please kindly note, that all photos must be submitted by March 1st, 2019 to be considered. If you have any questions, please email us at info.fuguitt.pta@gmail.com.

Join the <u>Fuguitt Elementary PTA</u> Facebook page for updates on PTA Events!!! If you would like to become PTA Member or to volunteer, please email us at <u>info.fuguitt.pta@gmail.com</u>



Wishing all your wonderful families and friends - A Happy Valentines Day!!!

