



Gator Tales

PTA INFORMATION

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Membership Report

Total Amount of Members - 114

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.



Happy New Year Fuguitt Families! Welcome Back!

It's hard to believe we are finishing up our first semester of the school year. The second semester and third grading period will begin on January 20. Report cards will be distributed on February 2. Please continue to communicate with your child's teacher regarding your child's progress. They are available by email or phone conferences to provide you with information and answer questions you might have. Be sure to talk with your child about their nightly/weekly homework and sign their reading logs and agendas.

Ready, Set, Kindergarten! If you have an incoming Kindergartner for the 2021-2022 school year please join us for a Zoom meeting on January 14 at 6:00. Registration is available beginning January 11. Be on the lookout later in January for our Title 1 Parent Survey. We will send them home with your child with directions for completion. We value your input in order to make improvements to our Title 1 program here at Fuguitt.

Celebrate Literacy Week Jan 25-29 During this week we will do something each day to celebrate Literacy in fun ways. Monday is recognized as the Million Minute Marathon Day! Our students will read an additional 20 minutes on this day! We will send out information closer to this week about the fun ways we will celebrate literacy this week.

Virtual Math Night: Ready Classroom Mathematics - Wed, January 20th, 2021 or Thurs, January 21st, 2021. Ready Classroom Mathematics is a robust mathematics program that will help your child become a strong, independent mathematical thinker. The program uses a different approach to math instruction than many of us experienced as students.

- > Learn how *Ready Classroom Mathematics* works to help your child build essential mathematical skills
- > Get ideas and resources to use at home to support your child's learning of mathematics
- > Get answers to frequently asked questions about *Ready Classroom Mathematics*

Thank you for your continued partnership with Fuguitt elementary where our Leaders Reach for the Stars!

Kind Regards,
Dr. B & Mrs. Wager

BUSINESS PARTNER OF THE MONTH



This month we would like to acknowledge and thank Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Largo. For many years, their church members and volunteers have faithfully and tirelessly provided Pack-a-Sack food kits for our students. Their thoughtful generosity has filled a need and has modeled what true selfless giving looks like. Our students and families are enriched and encouraged by the kindness of these wonderful folks. Prince of Peace, we appreciate you!

CALENDAR

PTA PRESIDENT, MRS. WHITNEY KELLEY

Hello Gator families!



We here at the PTA are planning a ton of upcoming fun virtual events to kick this year off right. We are also working on fundraising efforts to sponsor some of our Spring activities. We know everyone looks forward to the Spring Field Day and we have heard it will happen this year with a few changes.

We still have committee positions open if you want to help work on some of these programs. If you have not attended a general PTA meeting please try to attend our next session, they are virtual and we try to keep them fun and short. We would love to see new faces and answer any questions. Happy New Year and here is to putting 2020 in our rearview mirrors!

Whitney Kelley

JANUARY 14TH

6:00 PM Ready, Set Kindergarten, Thursday. Virtual meeting ([LINK](#), ID 840 2391 1646, Passcode: rr9XxT)

JANUARY 18TH & 19TH

NO SCHOOL, Monday & Tuesday

JANUARY 20TH OR 21ST

6:30 - 7:30 PM Virtual Math Night, Wednesday or Thursday. Please click this [LINK](#)

JANUARY 27TH

6.30 - 7.30 PM Virtual PTA General Meeting & Virtual BINGO (please follow our FB page for more information)

JANUARY 25TH - 29TH

Literacy Week

MESSAGES FROM SCHOOL'S STAFF

Clever resources. With CDC Guidelines and safety precautions in place we can't get to our Fugitt Library right now! There are many other great ways to read and gather information! In your child's clever are some wonderful resources! Look for Sora (He looks like a spaceship).



You can attach your public library card to this same account so that you have access to many electronic books at your fingertips! You can read them on any device with a browser or with the Kindle app. Also in your student's clever is World Book Web. This is an awesome encyclopedia for all levels from PreK through college - there are many good games, activities, and ebooks available inside! This does require a user id and password at home:

User ID: Pinellas

Password: Schools

4th and 5th grade students all have an opportunity to check out a device through the federally funded Covid Cares Act. Most of our students now have a device checked out to them for their use at school.

These may travel home for projects and other reasons as long as a contract is on file.

K - 3rd grade students may check out a computer through the federally funded Connect 4 Success program. These also may travel to home with your student as long as a contract is on file. They are to be used for educational

purposes for your student. There is a limited number of these available, so contact **Mrs. Carver** for your pcsb contract (carverk@pcsb.org)!

Fugitt Attendance Corner.
Attendance Goal: 90%
Attendance Rate for All Students. What can families do to help?



- ▶ Schedule vacations and appointments during school holidays or after school hours. Even excused absences have an impact on learning.
- ▶ Ensure that your contact information is up to date with the school.
- ▶ Establish a daily routine to follow to ensure that your students are well rested and ready to learn when they get to school.
- ▶ Monitor your students attendance and participation and communicate with your students teacher if there are concerns.
- ▶ Develop back up plans for getting your student to school or logging in for virtual classes.
- ▶ Notify your students' teachers if they are absent.

If you would like additional information on our attendance policies or have concerns about your student's attendance, please contact your student's teacher or a member of the Child Study Team: **Mrs. Warner:** warnerm@pcsb.org and **Mrs. DeMeza:** demezanz@pcsb.org

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEADERS OF THE MONTH DECEMBER 2020

*Congratulations Fuguitt Elementary Leaders of the Month for exhibiting the character trait of **KINDNESS!***

Kindergarten

Miss Branger's Class

Bree Shanks

Ms. Cole's Class

Briana Harris

Miss Craig's Class

Luke Sheppard

Mrs. Szarkowski's Class

Owen Amon Pena

First Grade

Mrs. Cellamare's Class

Luke Oliva

Mrs. Farmer's Class

Dasha Martinez

Mrs. Harris' Class

Jayla Delaney & Russell Allen

Mrs. Montague's Class

Braxton Spencer

Second Grade

Mrs. Correa's Class

Kaylee Sturtevant & Hunter Perry

Mrs. Erickson's K-2 Class

Alicia Liu

Mrs. Kallas' Class

Gabriella Vasquez

Ms. Garrett's Class

Aubrey Young

Third Grade

Mrs. Hildreth's Class

Reagan Stoneburg & My Pham

Mrs. Byrd's Class

Angel Hari

Ms. Robinson's Class

Lyndee Hatley & Amoni Evans

Mrs. Timberlake

Micah Hiers

Fourth Grade

Mrs. Batista-Roca

Blake Collins

Mr. Catlin's Homeroom

Amelia Turner

Mrs. Catlin's and Mr. Long's Class

Maria Machado

Mrs. Ryan's 3-5 Class

Ashton Easton

Fifth Grade

Mr. Freed's Homeroom

Tasian Slaughter

Ms. Hagan's Homeroom

Skyla Faustrum

Ms. Palumbo's Homeroom

Natalia Gipson

PIZZAPARTY

Your child's class could win a Pizza Party. Just a reminder that it is not too late to join the Fuguitt Elementary PTA. Join the PTA and be a part of the team to help our students grow into leaders! Your membership dues will help sponsor many special events and programs throughout the year. We understand not everyone is able to volunteer their time or attend meetings...just by joining you will help make a positive impact on our children's future. So be a part of our community and join today! The class with the most PTA MEMBERSHIP participation by Thursday, JANUARY 28TH will win an awesome PIZZA PARTY for the whole class! Please join today, support the FUGUITT PTA and support our children!



VIRTUAL RUN

Join us for our **1st Annual Cupid Virtual Run** as we get out during the month of February and get moving. You can participate by walking, jogging, running, biking, swimming... anyway that you want to move. Our goal is to see how active our Fuguitt families can get and promote healthy habits. Do the virtual run with children, friends and family whether you are together or in different areas.



We encourage you to email us pictures from your virtual run so we can share them on our various platforms (fuguittelempta@gmail.com). Also, feel free to post on social media and tag us using #GatorsGetMoving so we can like your post. Once we receive your picture or confirmation your race is complete we will send you a certificate of completion and a medal that you can display proudly. This virtual run is open to all ages.

Please note that pictures sent to us may be utilized on our various social media platforms, yearbook, and newsletter.

1ST ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION

Coming in March 2021! We are collecting donations for our 1st Annual PTA Silent Auction. All proceeds will go to the Fuguitt Elementary PTA to be used for field day shirts and drinks, testing snacks, monthly student activities, etc. If you would like to donate a gift basket, gift certificate, etc please email us at fuguittelempta@gmail.com. Please be informed that all donations are tax deductible.

