

GATOR TALES



Message from Assistant Principal Mrs Short

With our newer Florida math standards, opinions vary about the memorization of basic facts. However, studies have shown that memorizing basic facts will help students have an easier time with other math concepts such as fractions, decimals, and multi-step word problems. Before your child finishes 2nd grade, addition facts should be memorized and during 3rd grade, multiplication facts. It's important that your child is fluent with his or her addition and multiplication facts without hesitation or counting on their fingers. Here are some ways to help your child memorize addition and multiplication facts: **Do speed drills**. Write out a list of facts, and have your child answer as many as possible in an allotted time. The child's goal is to get faster over time. To make this process a little more fun, use a timer. **Call out the facts to your child**. If there is a particular fact the child is missing, go over that fact over and over again. The child should not be recalculating the fact each time it is called out by you. They need to memorize the fact. Helping your child memorize their basic facts can be done in a fun manner. Spending time with a child to help them in an area in which they want to improve is a great bonding experience. Keep it mathematical!

Meet our School Library Media/Technology Specialist

My name is Karen Carver, my fancy title is Library Media/Technology Specialist. I have a BA from Eckerd College in Elementary Education, and a MA from USF in Library and Information Science. I'm married to Randy Carver and have one daughter, Nikki, who teaches 6th grade science at Largo Middle School! I've enjoyed working here at Fuguitt for 12 years! The Media Center is full of wonderful books and our card catalog (Destiny) and Myon are both filled with many electronic (e) books that you can check out on any internet capable device. Here is the link to our card catalog. You can also find it in all student Clever accounts and in library resources (where there are many great learning tools) located on the pcsb website: [CLICK HERE](#)



Our Fall Book Fair will be here during the week of November 7-15 th (American Education Week, National Children's Book Week and Thanksgiving Family luncheon!) The Theme is Enchanted Forest - Let Your Imagination Grow! Please consider volunteering, particularly before school begins in the morning, it gets really busy! There are still a few C4S Laptops available for checkout for home use – first come – first served. Contact Mrs. Carver to arrange a training and paperwork session. Keep reading!

Important Information! This year Fuguitt PTA will be joining with Fuguitt Elementary School to achieve the recognition of being a National PTA School of Excellence. We need your help! As part of the process, National PTA requests feedback from families, administrators and teachers at two points in the school year—the beginning and the end. Your feedback will help National PTA generate a customized guide which will provide specific recommendations for improving our family-school partnership and achieving excellence. [CLICK HERE](#)
Please take 5-10 minutes to reflect on your experience at this school and complete the survey. Mark the answer that most accurately expresses how you feel about your experience. This survey is completely anonymous.

Upcoming Events



2nd at 6-8 PM

Family Movie Night

16th at 7:30 AM

All Pro Dads Meeting

17th - 25th

Thanksgiving Holidays

NO School for students



7th Holiday Shop Preview

10th - 14th Holiday Shop

13th at 5:00 PM

PTA General Meeting

13th at 6-8 PM

Winter Night

21st at 7:30 AM

All Pro Dad's Meeting

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Happy Thanksgiving! May your blessings be multiplied this year and throughout all your life!!!

Join the [Fuguitt Elementary PTA Facebook page](#) for updates on PTA Events!!!

If you would like to become PTA Member or to volunteer, please email us at info.fuguitt.pta@gmail.com

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Held Events

General Meeting & Harvest Night, 12th October, 5.15 - 8 PM

It was night of fun and games! Lots of delicious hot dogs, chips, beverages and of course tons of CANDY!



We would like to thank all our volunteers for their help and support. We are so happy you shared your time with us!



All Pro Dad's Meeting, 19th of October, 7:30 AM

This month's topic was **"Reading with your child"**. This is an easy way for dads and kids to spend time together. Reading with your child will broaden their imagination and encourage creativity and you'll strengthen your relationship with your kids at the same time. One of the most important conditions for best reading is to get rid of all electric devices like phones, laptops, TVs - try to prioritise time with your kid and you'll see it's worth it!

We had light breakfast with delicious cupcakes and cookies, shared our feelings on why we are so proud of our kids, watched the small trailer from "Despicable me" cartoon and discussed it after that, played one fun game. 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. **You are so welcome to join us in November!!!**



Penny Wars, 22 - 26 October

The idea was to gain points by adding pennies and bills to your grade's jug and lower other grades totals by adding silver coins to their jugs. **Results: Congratulations to 2nd grade!!!** With a total of 14,738 points they have won the **ICE CREAM PARTY!**

2nd Place was Kindergarten with 3174 Points, **3rd Place** was 1st Grade with 1804 Points, **4th Place** was 4th Grade with 1359 Points, **5th Place** was 3rd Grade with -2220 Points, **6th Place** was 5th Grade with -3836 Points. **With your help we raised \$635.89** which will be used to fund upcoming PTA sponsored events.

THANK YOU to everyone who participated!

