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## PTA PRESIDENT, MR MATTHEW STEELE



**Dear Fuguitt Families,**

With only about five months left in the school year we would like to encourage you to take some time and contact myself or some on the PTA to see how you can get involved. If you have yet to attend a General Meeting please make the effort to do so. As we wind down the year we will be looking for individuals to step into leadership roles within the PTA and offering our time to show those willing what needs to be done so that we make a strong transition. Not doing so will ultimately result in there no longer being an active PTA presence at the school.

I would like to thank those who helped to make the Holiday Shop a huge success again this year. It is great to see the kids have an opportunity to shop for the ones they love. We hope that with others stepping up this will be something that can continue at Fuguitt for many years to come.

*"When you scratch the surface, every one of us has something that we deeply want to contribute to the world. All we have to do is step up and do it." - Jack Canfield*



## MEET OUR STAFF

**Hello Fuguitt family!** My name is Michelle Lange and I am one of the Varying Exceptionalities (VE) Resource teachers. This is my second year at Fuguitt but I have been a VE Resource teacher for 7 years. I am often asked what exactly my job involves. Basically, I work with students who are part of the Exceptional Student Education (ESE) population; they may have a Specific Learning Disability, Language Impairment, etc. I gather data/input to include in an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) for each student on my caseload. Then, I work with our AMAZING classroom teachers and equally AMAZING service providers (such as the Speech/Language Therapists and Occupational Therapists) to implement the plan. At Fuguitt, I provide interventions to ESE students in grades 1st-5th, for both English Language Arts and Math. I feel very lucky to be a part of such a wonderful school! In fact, all three of my children have been or currently are Fuguitt Gators! A little bit more about me: I graduated from UCF with a Master of Education degree, I have the sweetest Chihuahua named Annie as well as a parrot (who's not so sweet) named Aruba, and I would pretty much do anything for chocolate! I really truly love my job especially forming relationships with my students and their families year after year. If you make your way to the school before the first bell rings, chances are you'll see me during my morning duty by the front doors. Come by and say Hi!



## KEY DATES



**FEBRUARY**



**13th Family Math Night 6 - 8 pm**

**21st All Pro Dad's Meeting at 7:30 am**

**TBD PTA Fundraiser**



**MARCH**



**TBD Community Service Project**

**12th Fuguitt Field Day**

**13th Fuguitt Field Day**

**27th All Pro Dad's Meeting at 7:30 am**



**Happy Valentine's Day!**

## Let's all Strive for GOOD ATTENDANCE!

**Good Attendance**

Student has missed fewer than 5% of school days (generally less than 4 or 5 days in a semester)

**At-Risk**

Student has missed between 5% and 10% of school days (generally between 5-9 days in a semester)

**Chronic Absence**

Student has missed 10% or more of school days (generally 9 days or more in a semester)

## PTA INFORMATION

### PRINCIPAL of Fuguitt Elementary School

**Kathlene Bentley, Ed.D.**

### ADDRESS of the School

13010 101st St., Largo,  
FL 33773-5600

### PTA BOARD 2019-2020

#### **President**

Matthew Steele

#### **Vice President**

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#### **Secretary**

Samantha Steele

#### **Treasurer**

Heather Greve

#### **Membership Committee Chair**

Jeremy Ludes

#### **Programs Committee Chair**

Whitney Kelley

#### **Communication Committee Chair / Newsletter**

Dasha Ruzanova

### Membership Report

**120 Total Amount of Members**

### 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 is so wonderful our students back and ready to learn! We are entering our 3rd grading period. Hopefully you had an opportunity to review your child's report card and discuss progress and goals with your child. Don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or the school if you need more information regarding your child's progress.

Please mark your calendars for the spring statewide assessments for grade 3-5. It is very important that your child be in attendance for these assessments.

Grade 3 FSA ELA April 1 & 2  
Grade 4 & 5 FSA Writing  
Grade 4 & 5 FSA ELA May 5 & 6  
Grade 3 FSA Math May 7 & 8  
Grade 4 & 5 FSA Math May 12 & 13  
Grade 5 SSA Science May 19 & 20

If you would like more information regarding the FSA assessments, visit the [FSA portal](#).

Your child's attendance in school each day is vital to their success in school. When your child is absent, they are missing important instruction that cannot be made up. Please help us by ensuring your child is on time and in attendance every day. Thank you!

We hope to see you around campus at our PTA/Title 1 Events. You won't want to miss our Mathnasium Family Math Night on February 13 from 6:00 to 7:30pm. Along with fun math activities, there will be dinner, prizes, and giveaways. As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education! Together we are growing every day!

## ANNOUNCEMENT: MENTOR OPPORTUNITY

Fuguitt is in need of a few good Mentors. If you feel that you would enjoy investing in a child, it is as easy as spending 30 minutes once a week during lunch. This would make you a Lunch Pal. The process to become a Mentor is easy as well. Simply fill out a volunteer form to become an approved Level I volunteer. If you are already a volunteer, you're half-way there! Once you are approved, attend a 90-minute Mentor Workshop. Once completed, you will be matched with a student, and a very special relationship is in the making.

**Change your lunch plans. Change a child's life.**

For more information, please contact:

**Pam Broucinek**, Family and Community Liaison

727-588-3576, ext. 2006

[broucinek@pcsb.org](mailto:broucinek@pcsb.org)



## FUGUITT JANUARY LEADERS

*Congratulations Fugitt Elementary Leaders of the Month for exhibiting exemplary behavior in one of the seven Leader in Me habits for the month of January!*

### FIRST GRADE

#### **Mrs. Farmer's Class**

Sasha Ruzanov - Be proactive

Aveyana Sullivan -

Seek first to understand then to be understood

#### **Mrs. Montague's Class**

Luis Hernandez - Be Proactive

#### **Mrs. Rafferty's Class**

Taylor Tenney

Jordin Hall

#### **Mrs. Cellamare's Class**

Destiny Sanchez

### SECOND GRADE

#### **Mrs. Correa's Class**

Seek first to understand then to be understood

Gabrielle Dibert-Trankel

Lily Lewis

#### **Ms. Panakhyo's Class**

Braydon Rosebud

#### **Ms. Kraus' Class**

Achazia Allen

#### **Ms. Robinson's Class**

Jennesys Maisonet

### THIRD GRADE

#### **Mrs. Krieger's Class**

Isabella Andry

Elizabeth Talbot

#### **Mrs. Hildreth's Class**

Amelia Turner - Synergize

Maya Ventrillo - Think win-win

#### **Mrs. Kallas' Class**

Highest growth on ELA MAP

Ollie Greenway

Sarah Shanks

#### **Mrs. Timberlake**

Elisabeth Pound - Put first things first

### FOURTH GRADE

#### **Mr. Catlin's Homeroom**

Genesis Juarez - Be proactive

#### **Mrs. Catlin's Homeroom**

Olivia Clark - Be proactive

### FIFTH GRADE

#### **Mr. Freed's Homeroom**

Olivia Fleetwood

#### **Mrs. Berrian's Homeroom**

Leia Black

#### **Ms. Palumbo's Homeroom**

Mischa Oliva - Put first things first

## HELD EVENTS

### ALL PRO DAD'S MEETING, January, 17th at 7:30 AM

This first APD morning of 2020 with coffee, sliced apples and delicious sausage biscuits, kindly donated by McDonald's, we discussed this month's topic, that is called "Dependability". We asked kids to name the person they could depend on and why they chose that person, we talked about qualities that a dependable person needs to have. If you were to find yourself in a difficult situation and needed help, who would you turn to? You would turn to someone you trust, who you can count on to be there for you. In other words, you would turn to someone who is dependable. As an All Pro Dad, you want to raise your children to be people others can trust and count on - dependable. Home is a perfect place to teach dependability. As parents, you rely on your children to help get things done around the house. Sit down with your children and talk about these tasks and how your family is affected if they don't complete them. Let your children know you depend on them. Encourage them to keep up their work. Tell them you are proud to know they are dependable. Check out these articles from APD for more resources: [5 Ways to Give Your Kids an Inner Strength](#), [4 Ways to Develop Your Child's Moral Backbone](#), [Why Do I Do What I Do](#).



### MINI GOLF PARTY FOR 2nd GRADE, January, 24th at 1:00 PM

As you may know 2nd grade is the winner of Penny Wars and won OnE HoUr of MiNi GoLf Party! It was so much fun, kids enjoyed playing mini golf and eating delicious cotton candy!



### BINGO NIGHT, January, 24th 6 - 8 PM

What's the best way to spend Friday night with your kids and have fun? Join our Bingo Night!!! Pizzas, nachos, cotton candy, drinks, exciting Bingo games, prizes, laughs and tears sometimes, still lots of fun! Thanks everyone for coming and our volunteers for helping out!

