

GATOR TALES



Message from Assistant Principal Mrs Short

All students in kindergarten through the fifth grade will be taking the **MAP (Measures of Academic Progress)** test both this week and next. The MAP test is used throughout the Pinellas County School District to monitor student progress in both reading and math and is administered on the computer. Students do not receive grades for their MAP testing, but teachers and administrators use the results from the testing to monitor and adjust academic instruction. As a parent you can help your child prepare to take the MAP test along with any other academic test by following these test preparation suggestions.

- ★ Get a good night's sleep
- ★ Eat a nutritious breakfast at home or in the school cafeteria
- ★ Arrive at school on time to help relieve the anxiety of rushing to class

Thank you for all you do as part of the Fuguitt Family to support your child on this learning adventure!

Meet our School Social Worker

Hi parents! My name is Niki LaDue, and I am the School Social Worker here at Fuguitt Elementary. This is my second year at Fuguitt. I went to Florida State University for both my Bachelors of Social Work and Masters of Social Work. In my free time I love spending time with my family and friends, my dogs (especially Mr. Ollie) and cat, gardening, painting, going to the beach, kayaking, hiking, or visiting Asheville, NC. One aspect of my job revolves around attendance, I really want to stress the importance of sending your child to school every day possible. Every year, absences spike in the weeks before and after the winter holiday as families squeeze in a few more vacation days. It's time to break that cycle. We know that just a few missed days here and there, even if they're excused absences, can add up to too much lost learning time and put your child behind in school. This is as true in kindergarten as it is in high school. Put simply, too many absences at any age can affect a student's chances for academic success and eventually for graduation. Attend today, achieve tomorrow!



Upcoming Events



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

DEC 22ND - JAN 7TH
WINTER HOLIDAYS
NO School for students



18th at 7:30 AM
All Pro Dad's Meeting
25th at 6-8 PM
Family Bingo Night

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We are in need of volunteers for our **Holiday Shop!!!** Preview day is Friday, December 7th. Shopping is from Monday, December 10th-14th and during Winter Night on Thursday, December 13th. We need help with set up, helping students make their wish list on preview day, morning and afternoon shop help, during Winter Night and also for clean up on the final day. Please be sure your volunteer registration is up to date with the office. We're using [SignUp.com](#) to organize volunteers for our upcoming Holiday Shop. Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) [Click this link](#) to see our event
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.

3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on [SignUp.com](#).

Note: [SignUp.com](#) does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please send us an email to info.fuguitt.pta@gmail.com and we can sign you up manually. We sincerely appreciate your help and support.

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Held Events

Ice-cream party for winning Penny Wars. The boys and girls of second grade enjoyed their ice cream party on the **9th of November** and man was it sweet!!!



Family Movie Night, 2nd of November, 6-8 PM

Movie night was a huge success and all of our children LOVED getting together and watching together!



From the bottom of our hearts, we at the PTA, would like to thank all of our volunteers that have lended a hand so far this year. We appreciate your help more than you know!!!



All Pro Dad's Meeting, 16th of November, 7:30 AM

This months topic was **"Thankfulness"**. Often we focus on what we don't have and forget to take to stock of what we do have. If you focus on what you don't have, something will always be missing. It's important to be thankful for what you have and not take those things for granted. Some of the most successful people are generally the most thankful. We had light breakfast with delicious small cinnabon rolls, cupcakes and cookies, shared our feelings on what is something we are thankful for and how we show it.

We also had a chance to watch the short but inspiring video from **Nicholas Vujicic**, one of the most motivational speaker born with no arms and no legs. We had a great time that morning. 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 on the 21st of December, you won't want to miss it!!!

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Dear Parents, we would like to say thank you for all your help, volunteering, for sharing your time with us. We would like to invite you to join us in any following committees if you have time and wish to continue support us:

- ❖ Awards Committee,
- ❖ School of Excellence Committee,
- ❖ Family Picnic/Bike Rodeo Committee,
- ❖ Community Service Committee,
- ❖ 5th Grade Graduation Committee,
- ❖ Newsletter Committee,
- ❖ Nominations Committee,
- ❖ Teacher Appreciation Committee.

Please let us know if you are interested in any of these positions by emailing us at info.fuguitt.pta@gmail.com.



During this festive season of giving, let us take time to slow down and enjoy the simple things. May this wonderful time of the year touch your heart in a special way. Wishing you much happiness not just these holidays, but throughout the New Year!

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