



September 28, 2020

# Gator Tales

## PTA INFORMATION

### PRINCIPAL

Kathlene Bentley, Ed.D.

### School address

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### PTA BOARD 2020-2021

#### **President**

Whitney Kelly

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#### **Secretary**

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#### **Treasurer**

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#### **Membership Committee Chair**

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#### **Programs Committee Chair**

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

Darya Ruzanova

### Membership Report

Total Amount of Members -

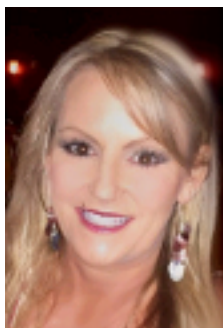
### PTA MISSION

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.



### **Welcome back Fuguitt Families!!**

I'm excited to start our new school year together! We're off to a fantastic start with both in person and virtual learning happening every day! We've started our first assessments, MAP. MAP is an assessment given to our students in grades K-5 in reading and math. MAP stands for Measure of Academic Progress. It is a computer-based test where questions adapt depending on how your child answers them, the score given is called a RIT, Ready for Instruction today. This informs your child's teacher of the skills and standards they are successful at or need to work on. It is a nationally normed test giving your student a percentile comparing them with like peers. Teachers use this score to inform instruction. RIT levels can also give a good prediction of how a child will score on the FSA. MAP family reports will be sent home with all students in October.

Time to celebrate! Our school has recently been recognized for our work implementing a school-wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) framework. PBIS is a set of strategies based in behavioral and biomedical science that enhances student quality of life and reduces problem behaviors. National research shows that full implementation of this framework leads to improved student outcomes. By establishing this framework, blended with our Leader in Me, we are developing student skills, making changes to the school environment, acknowledging appropriate student behavior, and using data to identify needed supports for our students. Our students are learning to be leaders every day. As a result of this work, we are being recognized by the FLPBIS Project for achieving GOLD PBIS Model School status. This award demonstrates our commitment to positive and equitable outcomes for all students and helps us celebrate our efforts as we progress toward full implementation of PBIS and our Leader in Me program.

We know this year is different but we are so excited to begin this journey with you and your child!! If you need anything, please feel free to reach out to me anytime!!

### ***Reading Homework***

Parents we need your support ensuring your child is completing their reading homework. Students in grades k-5 have been assigned nightly or weekly reading homework. Each grade has set their own criteria for required reading. Parents are expected to review reading homework with their child and sign their reading logs. Reading helps your child in all curriculum areas. Each month your child can earn a treat, certificate, or small token by completing required reading.



*Kind Regards,  
Dr. B*

# CALENDAR

## PTA PRESIDENT, MRS. WHITNEY KELLEY



Hello Fuguitt families, I am so excited to be your new PTA President for the upcoming year. Thanks to coronavirus a lot of things have changed this year. One thing that has not changed is PTA's mission to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for our children.

My son recently asked me why I am doing PTA, because in his words "you're already so busy mom." My answer was simple: "for YOU." Being involved in PTA allows me to have a better access to his education and shows him that I am present and involved.

While I know we are all very busy in our day-to-day lives I implore you to find the time this year to take a bigger role in your child's education. We can all make a difference this year in our children's lives and it doesn't require a huge time commitment. Join PTA today to stay informed on the happenings at Fuguitt and have a voice in decision making. From all of the board, we know this is going to be a great year despite Covid-19 because we are Fuguitt Strong.

*Whitney Kelley*

## SEPTEMBER 23RD

6:30 PM Virtual PTA  
General Meeting,  
Wednesday

## SEPTEMBER 24TH

6:00 PM Virtual Open  
House, Thursday

## OCTOBER 16TH

5:30 - 7:30 PM Drive - by  
Trunk or Treat, Friday  
(Dress up if you like, stay  
in your car and get Candy!  
Popcorn! Treats!  
Surprises!)



## MEET OUR STAFF



*Mrs. Cheryl Fruit, VPK  
Child Development  
Associate*

My parents moved to Florida when I was two years old back in 1975. I grew up on Lake Seminole and yes, I swam with the Alligators. I grew up in a large family having 6 brothers and 1 sister. I love all the wonderful family memories we have made here in Pinellas County and continue to make while we all still live in the area. I married my high school sweetheart in 1996 and have 3 beautiful daughters! I was blessed enough to have stayed home for 14 years while raising our girls. I taught Pre-K for 6 years before starting a family and went back into the classroom part time when our youngest started Kindergarten. I renewed my Early Childhood Development Associate Credential in 2015 and LOVE teaching! In my spare time, I enjoy boating, camping, and cruising with family and friends. Also can't beat our Florida sunsets on our beautiful beaches! God Bless!



*Mrs. Laura Michaels, VPK*

I moved to Seminole, Florida with my family at the age of 15 from the Buffalo, NY area. I graduated from Seminole High School and Tampa College. After working in the medical field for many years, I decided to change careers and start my journey into education. At first, I worked as an ESE Associate in a Blended VPK classroom. I then earned my National Child Development Associate credential in 2012 and now work as a CDA since 2014. My husband, two children, dogs and I enjoy camping, hiking and biking. We especially enjoy escaping to the mountains!



*Mrs. Mary Harris, 1st  
Grade Teacher*

I have lived in Pinellas County for 30 years and I have been a teacher with Pinellas County Schools for 16 years. I've taught 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades. I love working with students, especially students at Fuguitt Elementary School!

# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LEADERS OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER 2020

*Congratulations Fuguitt Elementary Leaders of the Month for exhibiting the Leader in Me behaviors for Habit #1, Be Proactive!*

### Kindergarten

#### **Ms. Cole's Class**

Elijah Avant & Tyler Fasoldt

#### **Miss Craig's Class**

Calvin Brown

### First Grade

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

Jackson Bentley

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

Hailey Self, Terrance Walker,

Luna Warner-Williams

#### **Mrs. Harris' Class**

Violeta Ceno & Carter Leon

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

Hailey Edwards

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

Corbin Armstrong & Wyatt Atkins

### Second Grade

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

Rylan Clingenpeel & Victoria Irizarri

#### **Mrs. Erickson's K-2 Class**

Denya Jackson

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

Kailani Ballard & Jah'marri McGee

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

Brett Bonnici

### Third Grade

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

Madison Mills & Gracyn Svrga

#### **Mrs. Kubes' Class**

Cayden Jones & Curtasia Richardson

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

Jeremiah Griffin & Kendall Mullins

#### **Mrs. Timberlake**

Brayden Rosebud

### Fourth Grade

#### **Mrs. Batista-Roca**

Brooke Hagan & Aric Suriano

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

Madison DeRosa

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

Senna Chaperlo

### Fifth Grade

#### **Mrs. Byrd's Class**

Jamir Griffin

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

Abigail Cope

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

Carter Steele

## FUGUITT ELEMENTARY FOLLOWS A REQUIRED MODIFIED DRESS CODE

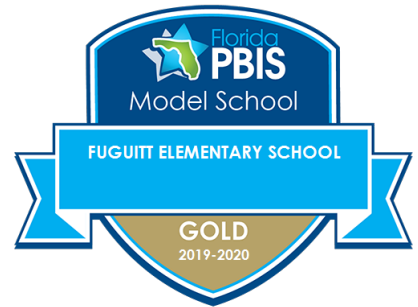
All students (Pre-k through Fifth Grade) must wear the official modified dress code as described below:



- Boys will wear tan/khaki shorts or pants.
- Girls will wear tan/khaki shorts, skirts, slacks, or jumpers (Length of bottoms must adhere to Pinellas County Code of Conduct).
- Students can choose from navy blue, forest green or white polo shirts (no button down shirts, logos, designs, lace or ruffles).
- Fuguitt Spirit Shirts can be worn with khaki pants on Fridays ONLY.
- Acceptable shoes are closed toe shoes, according to the Pinellas County Code of Conduct (Socks will need to be worn with shoes).

## PBIS AWARD

We have been recognized by the FLPBIS Project as a 2019-2020 Gold PBIS Model School! Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) is a school-wide framework that, according to national research, enhances student quality of life and reduces problem behaviors. By establishing this framework, we are developing skills, making changes to the school environment, acknowledging appropriate behavior, and using data to identify supports for our students. As a PBIS Model School, we demonstrate a commitment to positive and equitable outcomes for all students!



## EMERGENCY TEXT MESSAGE SYSTEM

Pinellas County Schools uses text messages as an additional way to communicate with employees and families during the school year. Text messages will only be used to communicate information related to school emergencies. Don't forget to sign up for Pinellas County [School's emergency text message system](#). Employees and parents/guardians of students in Pinellas County Schools can text "Y" or "Yes" to 67587 to begin receiving text messages from the school district. Opting out is easy: send the message "Stop" to 67587 at any time.

## PTA GENERAL MEETING PRIZE WINNER



Congratulations, Mrs. Ashley Hutchinson!!! Ashley is our prize winner of Halloween Family Movie basket for registering for the general meeting, which was held virtually on Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:30 PM! Thanks for supporting your Fuguitt PTA!