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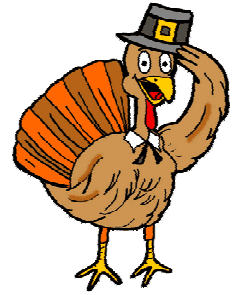
Curtis CHRONICLE

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Dates to Remember

- November 3 -

Open Court

- November 8 -17 -

Book Fair

- November 9 -

Spirit Night : Chipotle

- November 10-

Charleston Wrap order forms
due

Veterans Day Program 8:30am

- November 15 -

Great American Teach In

- November 16 -

PTA Meeting

- November 18 - 26 -

Thanksgiving Break - No school
for students

Dear Curtis Fundamental Families,

As we begin the month of November, I would like to start by saying how thankful I am to be working with such a wonderful community. I am truly grateful that I am able to come in each day and be a part of a school where parents play such a large role in their child's education. Your continued support of your child, their teacher and the school is a big reason why we are ranked 16th in the state for our 2016-2017 school grade score.

Dr. Karen Mapp, a senior lecturer on education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and the faculty director of the Education Policy and Management master's program says:

"We have 50 years of research showing that what families do matters. Whether it's loving school, college access, good attendance, or academic success, family engagement has positive correlations with all sorts of indicators."

Your continued support of Curtis, our programs and your child (ren), is vital to our continued success. I wish everyone an early Happy Thanksgiving and I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Sincerely,
Mr. Knight

School Mission

Teachers, students, staff, parents and community are partners in education. We join together to assure a focus on highest student achievement by implementing the Plan/Do/Study/Act cycle. Our goal is for each student to learn and to be successful.



PE News



CHARACTER PARADE

We are so proud of all of our kids for doing such a great job at this year's Character Parade!!! If you missed the parade, visit the school website for pictures of this fun-filled morning!



TURKEY TROT



Throughout the month of October and November, students have been "training" to run a mile. We know many of you go to the Turkey Trot, so our training will come to an end the Friday before Thanksgiving Break (just in time for the Turkey Trot!!!). If your child runs/walks either the 1 mile or 5K, please email their time to Manleys@pcsb.org. We are creating a bulletin board with runners times posted!!!

BLOOD DRIVE

On Thursday, November 16, One Blood will be at Curtis from 3:30-7:00. This is the same night as PTA, so please consider giving blood! All donors will receive a One Blood fleece blanket and a wellness check. Make an appointment online at www.oneblooddonor.org. Use the sponsor code #29594. Give the gift of life!!!

UPCOMING:

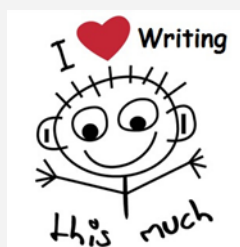
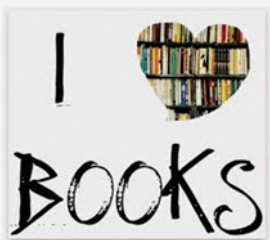
K-2: Parachute, Striking Skills. **3-5:** Throw/Catch, Invasion Games.
All: Fall Games

Friday, November 17

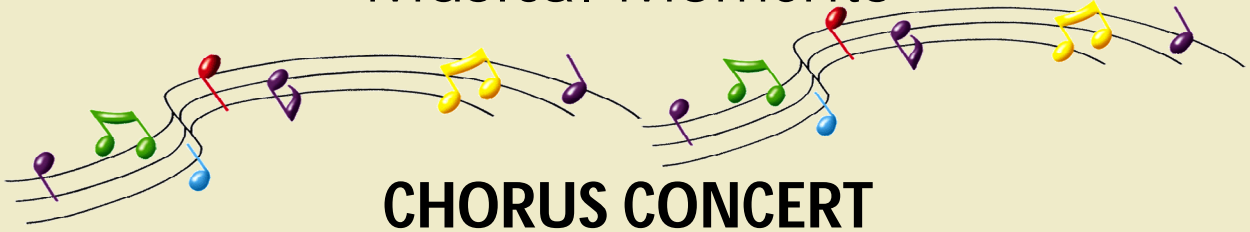
School Wide Dance. Join us in the courtyard at 7:45.

CURRICULUM NOTES

November is here so is a welcome change in the weather! During the first week of November, the students will be assessed on what they learned in the most recent module, Informative/Explanatory writing. The focus in **Reading** in November and December is Literature. *First* grade will tackle tricky words & retell stories, while *second* grade will read literary text with strong characters; *third* grade will be reading fairy tales, folktales, & fables; *fourth* and *fifth* grades will be reading in book clubs or partnerships. The emphasis in **Writing** instruction will be Opinion writing. *Kindergarten* will continue writing personal narratives, *first* grade will write letters sharing their opinion, and *second* grade will be writing letters about characters in literature. *Third* grade will write both personal and text-based opinions, while *fourth* grade writes literary magazine articles about books. *Fifth* grade takes on the challenge of writing opinion essays. During November and December in **Math**, students move into using operational strategies. *Kindergarten* will continue to work with shapes, and work on counting 11-20 ; *first* grade will learn the relationships between addition and subtraction, and count and model numbers; *second* grade will learn to add and subtract 2-digit numbers, and *third* grade continues to master those multiplication facts while taking on the fun challenge of division; *fourth* grade will start with factors, multiples, & patterns, understand fraction equivalence & comparison, and end with addition and subtraction of fractions; and *fifth* grade will spend the November multiplying & dividing decimals, and in December they will add and subtract fractions with unlike denominators. The emphasis in **Science** for kindergarten through 5th grade is Physical. Units vary from grade to grade, so be sure to ask your child what exciting things they are learning in science!



Musical Moments



CHORUS CONCERT

will be Tuesday, December 5th at 6 p.m.

Thank you to the six students who auditioned for All State.

You all made me very proud!

All County auditions for 5th grade Chorus students will begin after the Concert on December 5th. Information regarding how to audition and when will be sent home in a few weeks.

K and 1st- our goal for the month of November is to be able to echo rhythmic and melodic patterns

2nd - We are working on improvising short phrases in response to musical questions.

3rd – We are working on improvising rhythms over ostinati (repeated rhythmic/melodic pattern)

4th – We are performing ostinato (repeated rhythmic/melodic pattern), by ear on classroom instruments using proper instrumental technique

5th – We are playing 2-4 measure rhythmic/melodic ostinato (repeated pattern) within an ensemble, maintaining their part

Basically we are all using Ukulele's to play chords to simple songs. From there we will add improvised or written patterns on classroom instruments to enhance the singing/ukulele playing. Organized Chaos!



PTA Connection
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**All other PTA questions/
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A message from your PTA



Gobble Gobble...the holidays are here! We hope you all had a wonderful Halloween. Trunk or Treat was a great success and we cannot thank our parents, staff and students enough for participating and donating their time, candy, treats and effort. As we look forward in November, please remember that our PTA meeting is on **Thursday** November 16th. This is a change to our previously scheduled date. There will be an opportunity to meet your PTA at the meeting and find out a little more about what we do. We look forward to seeing you there!

#PTAPROUD

You've paid your PTA dues, sponsored a classroom, and supported fundraising projects. But what exactly does that money do to help the students at Curtis?

These dollars provide resources, above and beyond what the school district provides, in order to ensure that every child receives a quality education. Literacy is the cornerstone to academic success. As a result a large portion of the monies is spent to enhance the reading program. This year dollars have been allotted for:

- Leveled Literacy (LLI) kits that provide targeted reading Instruction for students of various reading abilities
- Florida Ready materials which help prepare 3rd grade students for their first experience with the state assessment test
- Sunshine State Readers that expose students to good literature and motivate readers to compete in the district wide competition
- Scholastic magazines that have up-to- date articles on current events providing additional exposure to non-fiction material.

Materials such as these have enhanced classroom instruction & kept our students achieving at levels significantly higher than the district average. Our teachers and students thank you for your support!



Our one and only catalogue fundraiser for the school year has begun! The Charleston Wrap Fundraiser began Monday, October 23rd and will run through Friday, November 10th. Here are the TOP 10 things you should know:

- 1) Please share the catalogue with friends, family, co-workers and neighbors!

- 2) You can shop online at <http://www.charlestonwrap.com/>

- 3) Our school's on-line shopping code is: **z-13058** (using the code ensures our school receives credit for purchases - i.e. money back to the school!)

- 4) You must register your child on-line and share the school code and your child's code for both our school and your child to receive credit for purchases.

- 5) Drop off your 'items sold' coupons in the front office - Prizes will be drawn every other day and delivered to your child through their classroom.

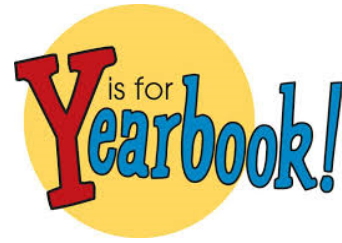
- 6) The fundraiser will end Friday, November 10th - due to the proximity to the holidays, and to ensure delivery of products before the Winter Break, there will be no exceptions to the end date.

- 7) Order forms must be turned in with a check or cash by end of school, 2:00 pm on Friday, November 10th.

- 8) Please make checks payable to: **Curtis Fundamental PTA**

- 9) Any questions, please email Nicole Delfino at nmdelfino@yahoo.com or text, 727-631-5418.

- 10) Have fun!! For those that haven't ordered before, the wrapping paper really is the bees knees!



The Pictavo Community Feature is now available! Pictavo Community is a secure online portal for students, teachers, parents, grandparents and community members to connect with their school. In Pictavo Community you can safely and easily upload photos for consideration or order your yearbook. Just go to <https://commpe.pictavo.com> to create your account.

****We need trunk or treat photos. If you have any please upload them.**

We are running an "Early Bird Special" - the yearbook is being offered for sale at \$16.00 per book until 11/17/2017. Any questions please e-mail :

CurtisYearbook@outlook.com

upcoming **EVENTS**

Fall Fundraiser / Charleston Wrap

Catalogs and Order Forms have gone home!

Great American Teach In
Wednesday, November 15th
Curtis Campus

NOVEMBER PTA MEETING

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:
The November PTA meeting is on
THURSDAY, November 16th.
Please adjust your calendars
accordingly. The theme is
'volunteering'.

The Blood Mobile will be at Curtis this same day from 3:30-7pm so BEFORE the PTA meeting plan to come a bit early to donate blood! Incentives include: a blanket for all donors plus a wellness checkup AND they will donate items to our school like tissues, hand sanitizer and hand wipes.

Treasurer's CORNER

Curtis PTA's balance
9/20-10/27

Opening balance- **\$44,409.43.**

We deposited \$1,825.50 this included magnet sales, Year-book, PTA membership dues & donations, student classroom support and class sponsors. We withdrew \$31,527.08 for T-shirt printing, curriculum enhancement, classroom support, office supplies, national dues and class sponsors.

Our current balance is
\$31,527.08.

SPIRIT NIGHT:

November 9th

5pm - close



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a Curtis PTA fundraiser at Chipotle at 2537 Countryside Blvd on November 9th. Bring in the Flyer (that will be sent home in your child's folder), show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you are supporting the cause to make sure 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Curtis Fundamental PTA.

Do you know a

Veteran?

Please invite them to
be a part of our
celebration!



What: Veterans Day Program. **Where:**

Curtis Fundamental Elementary.

When: November 10th at 8:30

Please contact our school counselor,
Melinda Watson, with the name/
branch of the Veteran you plan to
invite. We look forward to honoring
our guests! watsonmel@pcsb.org

**Wednesday
November
15th**



Please contact your child's room mom or Laura Daniels at lauradaniels85@outlook.com if you would like to participate by coming in to school to share information with students about your career or hobby.

MAGNETS

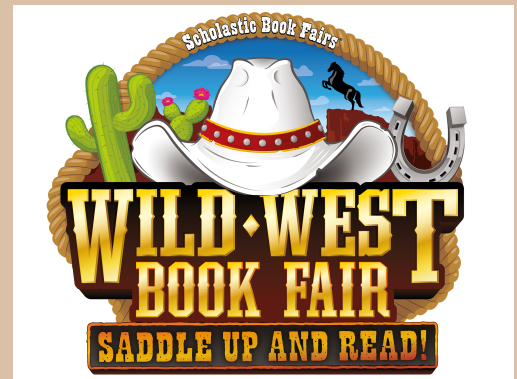
If you bought a car magnet that was defective please email Laura Daniels - lauradaniels85@outlook.com with how many magnets you bought, your child's name, teacher's name and grade. When the new ones arrive replacements will be sent home to you.



Howdy folks!

Welcome to the Wild West Curtis Book Fair!

Be sure to mosey on down to the Scholastic Book Fair in the Media Center to help support, enrich and encourage the love of reading. Remember, books make great holiday gifts as well. The on-campus book fair will be open the following days/times:



SETUP: Wednesday, November 8th 8:00-10:00 a.m.

CLASS PREVIEW DAYS: Thursday, November 9th & Friday, November 10th from 8-2 p.m.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC POSSE: Monday, November 13th, Tuesday, November 14th & Wednesday, November, 15th from 8-3:30 p.m. Thursday, November 16th from 8-2 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. (PTA night). Friday, November 17th from 8-12 p.m.

Break down: Friday, November 17th, 12-1 p.m.

Online book orders will be open from 11/4-11/24 by using the link below.

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/curtisfundamentalelemschool>

If you would like to volunteer during any of the hours above, please pony up and visit the link below to help us out.

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080945A8A82DA6F85-wild