



CURTIS CHRONICLE

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FEBRUARY 2018

Dates to Remember

- **February 1** -
Class Pictures
- **February 2** -
Open Court
8.15am
- **February 6** -
PTA Meeting
7pm
- **February 9** -
Daddy/Daughter Dance
7pm
- **February 19** -
No School for Students

Dear Curtis Fundamental Families,

As we begin the month of February, I would like to take a minute to thank all of our students, staff and families for a great first semester. This year, our students are taking MAP Assessments every 9 weeks to assess learning growth and gains in the areas of ELA, Mathematics and Science. One data point that we are able to gain from these tests are FSA Probability of Success. What this means is that based on a student's score, the test can predict the probability of a student in grades three, four and five receiving a Level 3 or above on the FSA ELA, Mathematics and SSS Science Assessment. Currently our students in grades three, four and five probability of success sit at:

ELA- 78% (Highest in the district), Mathematics- 83%- (Second highest in the district), Science (5th Grade Only) - 93% (Highest in the district).

While we are showing growth and gains, we will continue to work with every child to achieve the District's goal of "100% Student Success". On behalf of the staff of Curtis, I would like to thank you for your continued support in working with Curtis to allow all of our students the ability to work hard, persevere, and attain success! Also, the month of February comes with it many important events here at Curtis. Here are a few of our big events coming up:

Fourth and Fifth Grade FSA Writing- End of the month (Exact dates will be sent out soon), Jump Rope For Heart- February 12-16, Student Council will be selling Warm Fuzzies, No School for Students- February 19

Sincerely,

Richard 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



Upcoming Units:

K – 2: Chase/Flee/Dodge

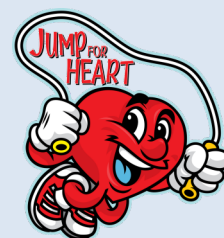
3rd – 5th: Track and Field

Patrols: The patrols are doing a wonderful job. I am proud of their commitment and positive attitudes. Imagine being their age and having the responsibility of arriving early or staying late, opening car doors and making sure students get safely into their correct vehicles. Keep up the good work. Please remember a.m. patrols should arrive no later than 7:30 and p.m. patrols must stay until 2:50.

If you are interested patrols have yet to be **adopted**.



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART



Our P.E. department is proud to partner with the American Heart Association as they are conducting a Jump Rope For Heart Event throughout the week of February 12! Donation envelopes will be going home on Friday, February 2 and are due on Friday, February 16.

During that week, students will be having fun learning about their heart with the Scare Squad while raising money to help fund lifesaving research. In addition to helping the American Heart Association, our school can earn free equipment. Students can earn their own



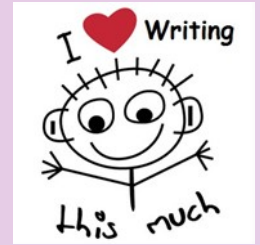
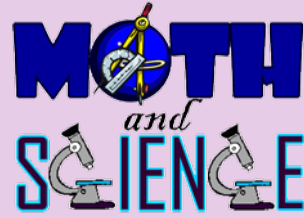
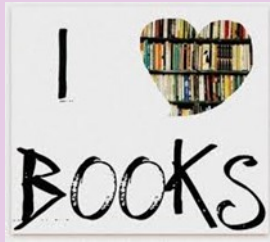
Scare Squad Monsters this year by using the new mobile app (App store for iPhone or Google Play for Android) or by visiting heart.org/jump to sign up and raise money online. Just for signing up, your child will earn a glow in the dark wristband! PLUS....this year, the mobile app unlocks even more fun and the Scar Squad Monsters and wristband come to life!

In addition, each student that collects \$50.00 or more gets a chance to hit our dunk tank and soak Mr. Knight!!!

Send a Warm Fuzzy to your Valentine! Student Council will be selling Warm Fuzzies for Valentine's Day! Sales will be held each morning from 7:30-7:50 am in the courtyard from February 5th-9th. All Fuzzies will be delivered on February 14th.



CURRICULUM NOTES



For a good part of the month of February, the focus in **Reading** continues from January. To review...*Kindergarten* uses their reading strategies to tackle informational text. *First grade* will learn all about America's symbols, while *second grade* will read fables, folktales, fairy tales & informational text; *third grade* will read informational text about civics; *fourth grade* will unravel the beauty of multiple genres by reading literature to interpret poetry, drama, and prose; and *fifth grade* learn about history and the people who made it by reading informational text.

The emphasis in **Writing** instruction continues with Opinion writing. *Kindergarten* will write informational How to Books and All About Books; *first and second grade* will be writing opinion essays. *Third grade* will write text-based opinion essays/letters/speeches, while *fourth grade* writes literary essays. *Fifth grade* will be writing opinion essays about the text read during reading.

Students are moving along in **Math**. *First and second grades* will move from to Measurement and Data. *First grade* will begin with Linear measurement while *second grade* works with money and time using standard units of measure; *third grade* spends the first 2 weeks continuing with fractions, then ends the month measurement developing the understanding of time, length, liquid volume, and mass; *fourth grade* will move from fractions and decimals to working with two-dimensional figures, while *fifth grade* divides fractions.

Science instruction during the month of February varies. *First grade* continues with Earth science learning about the gravity and sunny days. *Second grade* moves into Earth science learning about rocks. *Third grade* will learn about the states of matter in Physical science. *Fourth and fifth grades* are both working in Earth science. *Fourth grade* will learn what causes day and night and the different phases of the moon, while *fifth grade* begins their weather and climate unit. **Each student in fifth grade will also receive a set of science vocabulary cards for review in preparation for the State Science Assessment coming up in May.**



PTA Connection
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A message from your PTA



We are easing into our favorite time of the year and have many exciting events planned as we slide towards the summer. Please remember our February PTA meeting is on Tuesday, February 6th. This is a week earlier than usual to compensate for the Mardi Gras parade the City of Dunedin has on Fat Tuesday. This month we host our Daddy/Daughter Dance. Its an event no dad or daughter will want to miss. Make sure you preorder your tickets! Check Facebook or the Curtis website if you need more information. As always we look forward to seeing you on campus soon.

#PTAPROUD

On February 17, 1897 around 2000 men and women met in Washington D.C. to found what is now the National PTA. They shared two concerns: the conditions under which children were living and the future of the nation.

They held two basic beliefs - that children are the future and that everyone needs to care about children. These beliefs have guided PTA programs, projects and advocacy efforts for the last 120 years. We are united by this common concern. Take time this month to celebrate what our founders did and what your PTA has done to help better the lives of children and youth.

Treasurer's CORNER

Curtis PTA's balance
12/15/17 - 01/15/18

Opening balance- \$20,210.13
Current balance- \$19,804.55

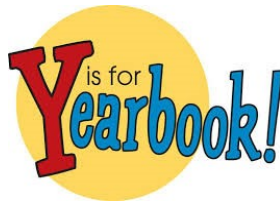
We made \$4,353.8 from Curtis Spirit fundraisers, Yearbooks, PTA membership . We spent \$4,759.38 on Curtis T-shirts, Student enrichment programs (author visit), family hospitality, classroom support and class sponsors

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upcoming EVENTS

Daddy Daughter Dance
Friday, February 9th. 2018

Family Fun Night
Friday, March 16th 2018



DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

Friday, February 9th

Curtis PTA presents
'BEAUTY AND THE BEAST'
Daddy/Daughter dance.

Tickets include cupcakes & drinks, keep-sake photo & music provided by a DJ.

Dinner will be served at 5:30 with music following from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

Dinner provided by Monty's Italian Restaurant featuring: Baked Ziti with your choice of Meat Sauce or Marinara Sauce, Garlic Knots & Salad. Gluten Free pasta is available. Dinner is Pre-order Only! \$5 per person

DANCE TICKETS \$15 per couple

Additional tickets \$5 per child. Please return your order form with payment by Friday, February 5th. Tickets will be available the night of the event for \$25/couple.

PTA MEETING

**TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 6th @ 7pm**

*Note this is the 1st Tuesday of the month. Adjust your calendars accordingly