



# CURTIS CHRONICLE

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**FEBRUARY 2019**

## Dates to Remember

- **February 12** -  
PTA Meeting

- **February 14 & 15** -  
PE Adventure

- **February 18** -  
No school for students

- **February 22** -  
Sweetheart Dance

- **March 8** -  
No school for students

- **March 9– 17** -  
Spring Holiday

- **April 19** -  
No school for students

## *From the desk of the Principal*



Dear Curtis Fundamental Families,

Happy February! As we move through the second semester, our students are working hard on new skills and strategies in Reading, Writing, Math, Science and Social Studies to help prepare them for success. Our teachers are always available to support you and your child so that every student makes daily learning gains.

We have many great activities occurring this month from our PTA Meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup> in your child's classroom to our Sweetheart Dance on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please keep an eye out for more information about both of these evenings.

As many of you know, the Dunedin Blue Jays are going to begin demolition and construction on a renovation of the stadium that is next to our property. This project is scheduled to begin in April of this year and last approximately 10 months. I have met with the Dunedin Blue Jays, the construction company, District personnel and the City of Dunedin regarding this endeavor. I feel it is important that all of our families have as much information about this project as well as how it will affect our day to day operations and the area around the school so I have asked that there be a meeting, here at the school for all families to attend to get more information and ask questions. All members of the project have agreed to this meeting/presentation. As soon as I have a date for this meeting, I will send it out to all families so that you may attend, if you so choose.

I hope everyone have a wonderful February and I will see you around campus!

Sincerely,

*Mr. Richard Knight*

**727-738-6483**

### 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.

# Counselor's Corner

*During Classroom Guidance in January, our topic was Empathy.*

*The students learned that Empathy is the ability to “put yourself in someone else’s shoes”. Empathy means understanding how another person feels, because you have had the same feelings. Or, if you haven’t had the same experience, you can imagine what it would feel like if you were that person. Empathy means treating others the way you want to be treated.*

**Kindergarten:** *We read the book When I Care About Others. The students drew a picture and wrote about the following: “I like it when \_\_\_\_\_, so I \_\_\_\_\_.” “I don’t like it when \_\_\_\_\_, so I don’t \_\_\_\_\_.”*

**First Grade:** *The classes reflected, through drawing and writing, on the ways they help others and the ways others help them. They made connections as to how this shows Empathy.*

**Second Grade:** *The students created an “Empathy Garden”. For example, “squash” dishonesty, “lettuce” be kind, “turnip” to school on time, “peas” in your relationships, and “thyme” to do your school work.*

**Third Grade:** *The classes did an activity called “What Does Your Conscience Say?”. We discussed that your conscience is an inner voice that tells you what’s right and what’s wrong. It can make you stop and consider the consequences when you are about to make a bad choice. Your conscience reminds you when you need to deal with something you’ve done wrong and try to make things right. The students made connections as to how Empathy can encourage us to make good choices.*

**Fourth Grade:** *The students did a role play called “Imagining Yourself in Someone Else’s Shoes”. They acted out skits demonstrating how they would feel if they were in a person’s situation, and what they could do to practice Empathy towards the person in that situation. The students could choose from suggested situations or create their own.*

**Fifth Grade:** *The students did role plays about forgiveness. Being empathetic means forgiving. No one is perfect- everyone makes mistakes. Forgiveness means being able to give someone another chance. Forgiveness is the ability to recognize that, like everyone else, you are capable of making mistakes. It is difficult to forgive others when you cannot see your own faults. The classes practiced asking for forgiveness and showing forgiveness with Empathy in various situations.*

*Classroom Guidance in February will focus on Communication and Problem Solving.*

*Heidi Jolliffe - School Counselor  
Jolliffeh@pcsb.org*



# Media Center News



Congratulations to our School Battle Winners:

**Dana F.**

**Mary L.**

**Caleigh S.**

**Makenna V.**

The "Dream Team" will represent Curtis in the district Battle of the Books to be held Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>.



THUMBS UP TO OUR CFN BROADCAST TEAM MEMBERS FOR  
DECEMBER/ JANUARY:

**BROOKLYN B.**

**INDIRA H.**

**LEXIE H.**

**EASTON P.**

# ART Room News

“Wow!” is all I keep hearing from everyone on campus who has witnessed what Heather Richardson is creating with our students in the art room. Our students are now official mosaic artists and experts. I am amazed! We have spent the last several weeks making more ceramic tiles, glazing, firing, breaking, arranging and gluing them. It is incredible to see how what may appear to be broken unusable shards of tile can be assembled to create something so unique and beautiful! We are planning on finishing all 14 panels by the first week in February and will then schedule an installation date in the near future. So stay tuned! I can not wait for everyone to see our finished work!





# PE News



## Units:

K – 2: Chasing and Fleeing

Identify the components of Physical Fitness

3rd – 5th: Physical Education Lacrosse

Our P.E. department received a grant from U.S Lacrosse thanks to information provided by Kevin Lathan. The Soft-Stick Equipment Grant includes:

30 soft lacrosse sticks (15 blue sticks & 15 red sticks)

30 soft lacrosse balls. Physical education lacrosse, also known as soft-stick lacrosse, is a co-ed version of lacrosse that utilizes modified equipment and rules, and is designed for youth to achieve quick success executing the basics skills of lacrosse (cradling, scooping, passing, catching and shooting). The rules of soft-stick lacrosse and the modified equipment also make it a version of the sport that does not require protective equipment to learn and enjoy.

The students have enjoyed learning the skills associated with lacrosse. It has been fun watching them succeed and embrace what we hope is a new sport they will pursue on their way to having fun being healthy.

## Patrols

Our second semester patrols are doing a great job. Just a reminder for the parents. Morning patrols begin at 7:30 and afternoon patrols finish at 2:20, I appreciate all their effort in providing a safe environment for our students. We are still waiting to be sponsored. If interested, please contact the front office.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Garden to Cafeteria project as part of our quest to continue being a healthy school.

P.E. Adventure February 14th and 15th.





PTA Connection  
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# COUGARS' ROAR

Curtis Fundamental  
Elementary  
**PTA**  
everychild.one voice.

February 2019

Mr. Richard Knight

**Principal**

Laura Daniels

**PTA President**

Amber Warren

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**All other PTA questions/**

**comments:**

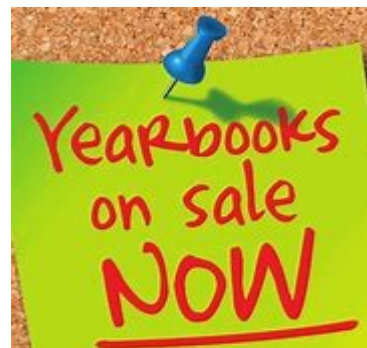
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## Yearbook News

\* There's still time to order a yearbook, ads, well wishes and page sponsorships at [commpe.pictavo.com](http://commpe.pictavo.com). Only a few ad spaces left so reserve yours today! The deadline to submit your personally designed ad is March 1st. Paper order forms will be distributed soon.

\* WE NEED YOUR PICTURES! From lunch visits to field trips, Curtis parties and everything in between, we are looking to capture your child's memories this year and you can help! Upload your photos for consideration to [commpe.pictavo.com](http://commpe.pictavo.com).

As always if you have any questions or would like to help out with yearbook, please feel free to contact me at [curtisyearbook513@gmail.com](mailto:curtisyearbook513@gmail.com).



## Sweetheart Dance

If you would like to help out during the Sweetheart Dance on 2/22 from 6pm-8pm, please sign up for a team! Check out the sign up genius at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c49aiae2aabf94-sweetheart>.

# School Advisory Council News

Hello Curtis Families,

Our School Advisory Council (SAC) will be releasing our annual School Climate Survey this Spring. Our survey will be assessing different, more school-specific information than the recent district survey, which will help us understand what is working well for our Curtis families and what we need to focus on improving. Mr. Knight will again be offering a HOMEWORK PASS as incentive for all our Curtis families in completing the survey.

Parents, please come to an upcoming meeting to see what School Advisory Council (SAC) is about. Meetings are held in the school media center/library (on PTA meeting nights) to listen and give your opinions, they matter! Children are welcome to play quietly in the media center while we meet.

## **Upcoming SAC Meetings-**

Tuesday February 12, 4:30-5:30pm

Thursday March 21, 4:30-5:30pm

\*No meeting in April. Due to Family Fun Night

## **What is the School Advisory Council?**

We need input and representation from our diverse Curtis family.

The purpose of SAC is to assist the principal in developing in evaluating the results of the School Improvement Plan, the Annual School Budget and help increase student success.

SAC is a team of individuals from various segments of the community; parents, teachers, administrators, support staff, business/industry people, and other interested community members.

This includes discussion of goals for our students and plans for the faculty. Enrichment programs, as well as, pursuing grants to meet school needs.

## **Why should I join?**

Each school in the State of Florida must have a SAC, Florida law requires it. Also, by law each School Advisory Council must be composed of the principal and an appropriately balanced number of stakeholders. These individuals must be representative of the ethnic, racial and economic makeup of the community served by the school. The Principal and other school staff are always in attendance, you can ask questions and stay informed about school business.

For more information, please contact Sari Wood, Chairperson, [sari.a.wood@gmail.com](mailto:sari.a.wood@gmail.com)

Thank you for your continued support,

Your School Advisory Council Board  
Curtis Fundamental Elementary

CURTIS FUNDAMENTAL PTA REQUESTS THE PLEASURE  
OF YOUR COMPANY AT THE

# Sweetheart Dance

- A dance for daughters and their special loved ones! Invite your father, grand-father, uncle, or even mom, etc... to enjoy an evening of fun and dancing underneath the stars!

FEBRUARY 22ND  
6:00PM-8:00PM  
CURTIS CAFE  
\*ALL MEALS ARE PRE-ORDER

Tickets are \$8 per Attendee and include entry, photo session, and dessert. Physical Tickets will not be distributed. Each child must have family member escort. Please email Laura Daniels at lauradaniels85@outlook.com with any questions or if your child has food allergies, we will happily make any necessary accommodations!

Student Name:

Parent Name:

Number of Tickets:

Total Amount Enclosed  
for tickets + food:

Ziti Meat Sauce Meal-\$6.00

QTY. \_\_\_\_\_

Ziti Marinara Meal-\$6.00

QTY. \_\_\_\_\_





# TEAM UP!

## JOIN PTA

Curtis Fundamental Elementary PTA is looking for people to fill numerous positions on some of our committees for the 2019/2020 school year. Here are 3 reasons you should consider filling one of those positions:

- 1. Get connected:** There is no better way to know what's happening at school and meet new friends! We are neighbors and peers and as a result, many friendships are forged via this connection.
- 2. Be a Role Model:** By heading up a PTA committee, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on volunteering, education and our school.
- 3. Your voice can be heard:** PTA can be a way for you to more effectively effect change at our school.

**No experience is necessary. Just a willingness to be part of the team. You will be provided with a binder full of instructions on how to manage the position as well as be given opportunity to shadow the current person you will replace.**

### AVAILABLE POSITIONS:

**Paw Partner Chair:** In charge of coordinating the teacher/classroom sponsorships. Ensure that each contributing family that donates a certain pre-determined amount of monies receives recognition and a class picture at the volunteer appreciation breakfast.

**Directory Chair:** Collect, coordinate, order and distribute student directory for parents, teachers and businesses.

**Membership Chair:** In charge of recruiting, enlisting and coordinating all PTA memberships. Must send in memberships to appropriate parties (County/State/National) and distribute membership cards to all families that enrolled.

**Ways and Means Co-Chairs:** The Committee that plans, coordinates and conducts all fundraising events throughout the year. We need 2 co-chairs for this committee to help coordinate and run events such as Family Fun Night, Sweetheart Dance and Mother/Son Date night.

**Book Fair Chair:** Coordinate the marketing, sales, set-up and tear-down, staffing (with assistance of Volunteers), inventory control, and overall operations of our Book Fairs.

E-Mail our PTA Secretary - Anne-Marie Nurnberger via [secretary.curtispta@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.curtispta@gmail.com)  
for more information.