

THE CURTIS CHRONICLE

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What's happening at school:

NOVEMBER 11: VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM, 8:15 AM

NOVEMBER 11-15: BOOK FAIR

NOVEMBER 12: PTA MEETING, MENTAL HEALTH, 7 PM

NOVEMBER 13: GREAT AMERICAN TEACH IN

NOVEMBER 15: FALL FUNDRAISER WALK-A-THON

NOVEMBER 23- DECEMBER 1: THANKSGIVING BREAK

NO PTA MEETING FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

Principal's Message:

Dear Curtis Families,

Fall is finally here! As we move through the month of November, please remember to take time to read with your child. One of the best ways to increase a child's reading level is by reading every day for at least 30 minutes. By spending time and reading either with your child or side by side, you show the importance of taking time every day to read.

We have many exciting events happening at Curtis this month. On November 11th, we will be having our annual Veteran's Day Program in front of the two-story building. This program will begin at 8:15 and all families are invited to attend. Our PTA Meeting this month, on November 12th, is focused on Mental Health awareness. Joan Reubens from Pinellas County Schools, will be our presenter for the evening. Please remember that this is a mandatory meeting, NOT a SAC Alternate meeting. Great American Teach In is also right around the corner. GATI will be on November 13th. We would love to have as many parents as possible come in and talk to our students about your jobs, hobbies or interests. Please contact Holly Wintermeier in the front office for more information and to sign up. 15 minutes of your time can mean so much for our students!

As we get closer to Thanksgiving Break, I would like to ask all our families to make sure your travel plans do not affect your child's attendance at school. Attendance is one of the key factors to every student's success in school.

I wish everyone a wonderful month and a restful and relaxing Thanksgiving Break (November 25-29). I am thankful to be a part of such a wonderful school family.

Sincerely,
Mr. Knight

School Counselor's Corner

NEWS FROM MRS. JOLLIFFE
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During Classroom Guidance in October, our topic was Conflict and Bullying.

Kindergarten: We read the book *Don't Squeal Unless It's a Big Deal* and did an activity where the students determined if a situation was a "big deal" or "kid-sized problem". A "big deal" is a situation that involves people or things getting hurt, and it's an emergency. A "kid-sized problem" is a situation that kids can handle on their own by talking, listening, and helping others.

First Grade: We practiced Friendship Problem Solving. The students brainstormed qualities of a good friend. They then practiced what to say and do to make good choices solving conflicts between friends. They also practiced how to help when they see other friends having a conflict. The students role played various school situations in front of the class.

Second Grade: We read the book *Enemy Pie* and discussed the universal themes of acceptance, choices, friendship, conflict resolution, differences, perspectives, and relationships. The students then created their own "friendship pie" recipe, and drew a picture and wrote about a treasured friendship of their own.

Third Grade: Bullies 101

- Roles
- What Bullies Do
- How Bullies Make You Feel
- What Makes a Bully
- Strategies to Handle Bullies
- How Bystanders are Part of the Solution

Fourth Grade: We took a closer look at Relational Aggression. The students got into small groups and did role plays to gain the perspective of being in someone else's shoes.

Fifth Grade: We explored the difference between being a Bystander and being an Upstander. The students got into small groups and discussed how becoming an upstander means taking risks. They finished by getting into a restorative circle and sharing a time when they were an upstander, or an upstander helped them.

Classroom Guidance in November will focus on Gratitude.



Media Center and Art News

NEWS FROM MRS. KELLER & MRS. HILTERBRANDT
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Broadcast Team for October:

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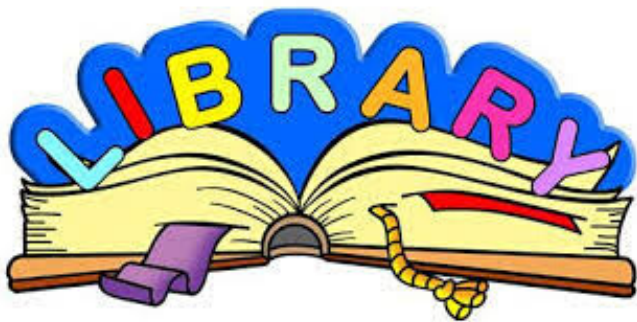
Crista M.

Battle of the Books Qualifying test will be the week of December 16. Students must have read and passed the Reading Counts quiz for at least 5 books to take the qualifying test. Any questions please ask your teacher or email Mrs. Keller.

K-2 are enjoying some makerspace activities after storytime and 2nd graders are working on selecting those “Just Right Books.”

3rd graders are learning how to become Super Digital Citizens using Nearpod on the iPads and also learning how to use our library catalog to find “Just Right Books”.

4th and 5th grade classes have experienced a digital breakout lesson and used Everfi for a Math/Science Hockey Scholar program online.



Art News

Congratulations to the following artists for having their art work selected for the Creative Start Art Exhibit. This is a Pinellas County Art Exhibit that will be on display from Dec 20th to Jan 24th at the Dunedin Fine Art Center.

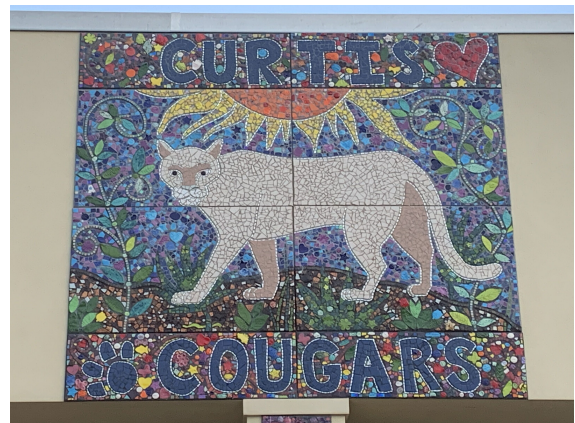
Brooklyn P. 3rd Grade

Kateleya J. Kindergarten

Paige T. 2nd Grade

Liam S. 3rd Grade

Our favorite mosaic artist, Miss Heather Richardson, is coming back this month to help us create some more beautiful mosaics for our school campus! The students and I will be working on hand made ceramic tiles in the art room in preparation for her visit. This project is funded by a grant we received through Pinellas County Schools Art Department from referendum funds allocated for teacher project grants. If you have any store-bought tiles laying around your home from home improvement projects please consider donating them to this year’s school wide mosaic project.



Musical Moments

NEWS FROM MRS. NOORDHOEK
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The **Song of the Month** for November is America (aka. My County 'Tis of Thee).

The **Composer of the Month** is from the Baroque period of Music.

5th Grade All County Chorus and World

Drumming:

-**Honors Chorus** auditions will be held on Tuesday, November 12th and Thursday November 14th from 7:35-7:50 and 2:10-2:30. Four 5th grade students from Curtis will be participating in All County Honors Chorus.

·**Honors World Drumming** auditions will be held on Wednesday, November 13th and Tuesday, November 19th 7:35-7:50 and 2:10-2:30. One student will be allowed to represent Curtis. An email was sent out to 5th grade Chorus students regarding All County.

4th and 5th Grade Chorus: We just finished up Auditions! So many talented kids!! We will be having some after school rehearsals to prepare for our Winter concert. The dates are December 3, December 4th and December 6th in the Auditorium from 2:10-3:30p.m. Our concert for the kids at school will be the morning of December 10th. The Concert for parents and family will be Tuesday, December 10th at 6p.m.



Great American Teach In & Book Fair News:

Great American Teach In: GATI will be held November 13th. This event is a great opportunity for parents and family members to share their passion, career, and hobbies with our students. Children benefit from seeing their parents and family members interacting in their class. Interested in participating and making a difference? Email ambermeganwarren@gmail.com.

Book Fair: Our library is hosting the Fall Scholastic Book Fair from Nov.11th-15th The book fair will be open for classes to preview and purchases on Nov. 7th and Nov. 8th during school hours. The book fair will be open for our PTA night from 5:00PM-7:00PM on Tuesday, Nov. 12th. Buy your Sunshine State & Florida Reads Book Award titles!! All profits from our book fair go towards the library and technology needs of the school. Google Curtis Fundamental Book Fair to find our online book fair page. We also are in need of volunteers...we need YOU! Volunteering at the Book Fair is the perfect way to stay connected to your child at school and help students find the books they can't wait to read. Sign up now and get ready for a fun and rewarding volunteer experience. No special skills needed! The book fair runs from 11/11 - 11/15, but set up and preview will begin 11/6. To sign up, please visit the Sign Up Genius page at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0945A4AB28A0F85-book> or contact Lisa Sebastian at LSebastian1999@gmail.com or text to 727-542-1615.

COUGARS' ROAR

October 2019



Yearbook News

YEARBOOK PLANNING IS UNDERWAY!

Deadlines: We are designing the first quarter layouts.

If you have pictures for consideration from the first day of school through Character Parade (August - October), please upload to commpe.pictavo.com by November 10th.

Recognition Ads: If you used the order form to order a recognition ad, please check your email for information on how to login to design your ad online.

Yearbooks are at the lowest price of the year! Purchase yours today at commpe.pictavo.com before prices increase after next month. You can also sponsor pages, write your child a well wish, or design a recognition ad with special pictures you create.

Thank you to all 5th graders who submitted entries for the cover art contest! As always, if you have any questions, please contact me at curtisyearbook513@gmail.com.

Walk-A-Thon

THE PTA FALL FUNDRAISER IS HERE!

The Fall Walk-A-Thon is a healthy, engaging fundraiser to help PTA reach the annual budget goal to support the school and students. Help us reach our fundraising goals so that we can continue to provide for school and student needs! The total school goal is \$25,000!

The Walk-A-Thon will be held on 11/15/19 from 1-1:45p.m. Register your student at www.getmovinfundhub.com. The school identifier is 5db0a03e80275. Donations can be made through your child's webpage. See you there!

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