



CURTIS CHRONICLE

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OCTOBER 2018

Dates to Remember

- October 3-7 -
Jersey Mike's in Dunedin
Spirit Nights
- October 5 -
Open Court
- October 5-18 -
Dali Art
- October 9 -
PTA Meeting- Cyber Security
- October 10 -
Walk to School Day
- October 12 -
End of First Grading Period
- October 15 -
Final Day for Fall Fundraiser
- October 17 -
Last Day for Box Top Collection Contest
for lunch with Mr. Knight
- October 15 -
No School for Students
- October 26 -
Report Cards Go Home
&
Trunk or Treat
- October 31 -
Character Parade
- November 12-16 -
Book Fair

From the desk of the Principal



Dear Curtis Families,

As we move into the month of October, I am excited about all of the after-school activities we have for our students. We are going to be starting our STEM courses in the coming weeks. Our Mighty Mu teams are working hard. We have begun a new program- Odyssey of the Mind. This is a program geared towards projects focusing on students thinking creatively to solve problems. We will also be starting a new program using an academic program called IReady. This program will be used to support students in the areas of Reading and Mathematics. More information will be coming home soon about our after-school IReady Program.

Our opportunities to come together as a community will continue with our Open Court on the 5th, PTA Meeting on the 9th (We will be talking about security) and our Trunk or Treat on the 26th. I look forward to seeing everyone at these events!

Finally, as we settle in to the school year, please make sure that you are checking your child's planner every night, signing planners and homework, and reviewing the homework with your child. The time spent going over their homework is invaluable not only for their academic success, but is a great time to bond with your child.

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 September, our topic was Respect.

Kindergarten: We read the book *I Show Respect*, and played a game called Respect Roll and Respond. I rolled a dice, and based on the number, the students discussed with a partner various ways to show respect (to their parents, to their teachers, to their friends, to themselves, and to the world).

First Grade: We did an activity called There Are No Wrong Answers. The students got into groups to discuss their opinions about various topics. They noted how they think alike and how they think different. They also considered what kinds of problems the world would have if everyone thought alike and had the same opinions.

Second Grade: We made dynamic Friendship Venn Diagrams using hula hoops. The students got into pairs and brainstormed all the ways they are the same and all the ways are different.

Third Grade: We did an activity called What is Respect? Students worked in pairs and shared whole-group. Based on different scenarios, the students discussed whether the situation was disrespectful, and to whom it was disrespectful.

Fourth Grade: We did an activity called Be Strong, Be Mean, or Give In? The students learned the response styles of being passive, assertive, and aggressive, to describe the choices they have in conflict situations. They applied these ideas to clarify the choices faced in different situations. They practiced predicting the results, or consequences, of certain choices.

Fifth Grade: The students did role play practicing Showing Respect to Self and Others. They got into groups and created mini-skits based on what showing respect looks like and sounds like. They could use prompts, or create their own situation.

Classroom Guidance in October will focus on Conflict and Bullying.

Heidi Jolliffe, School Counselor

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Media Center News

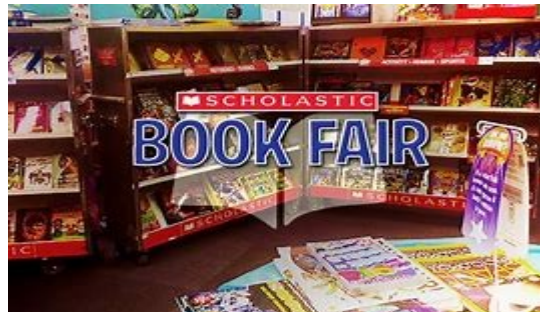
The Curtis Fundamental Library is hosting the Fall Scholastic Book Fair from Nov. 12th-16th

The book fair will be open for classes to preview and purchases on Thursday Nov. 7th and Tuesday Nov. 8th during school hours. The book fair will be open for our PTA night from 5:00PM-8:00PM on Monday, Nov. 12th for Reading Under the Stars.

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.



**THUMBS UP TO OUR
CURTIS FUNDAMENTAL NEWS BROADCAST
TEAM MEMBERS
FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER!**

**NOAH S.
SEAN C.
JILLIAN F.
VERONICA M.
JADAH S.**

ART News

The Dali Mobile is coming to Curtis!

During the week of October 5th all students will be touring the Dali Mobile during art class. The art mobile is provided in part by the Salvador Dali Museum in St. Petersburg. We will be learning about the famous artist Salvador Dali and his paintings while inside the mobile. It's time to get Surreal!

Donations Needed

I am in need of the following recyclable items in the art room:

- ◇ Plastic containers with lids (butter, sour cream, etc.)
- ◇ Styrofoam egg cartons

We use these for water containers and storing paint.

Please send any donations to the office.

Thank you! *Mrs. Hiltbrandt*



Due to a new Educator Certification Application System launched at the Florida Department of Education, it is taking longer for teachers to be issued their teaching certificates. Without a certificate, a teacher must be reported out of field even though he/she will be certified in the area he/she is teaching once the certificate is issued.

Alyssa Cain- School Social Worker

I am confident they will provide excellent instruction in a safe learning environment to all students. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Richard F. Knight, Jr., Principal

THANK YOU to Winn Dixie and Publix on Main Street in Dunedin for generously donating materials for our school T-shirt order.





Musical Moments

This Land is Your Land was our song of the Month for September and America, the Beautiful is the song of the Month for October

K and 1st have been exploring dances from various cultures including America. We will be learning some basics of Ukulele and keyboards. I could use parent help in constantly reinforcing Left and Right hands at home.

2nd and 3rd have been learning various folk dances from many different countries. The kids are noticing how well they cooperate when they are silent and listening while dancing. We will continue to practice dances from different cultures and adding Keyboards into the mix.

4th has been preparing for our field trip to Ruth Eckerd Hall to see the Florida Orchestra in October. Ask your child when the theme of the concert is! Maybe they even remember some of the composers and pieces we have talked about. Typically this field trip is for 5th grade only. We were extremely lucky to take 4th grade!

5th has been working on Units in the Keyboard lessons called Opus. They are intensive lessons on getting the know the keyboard. The kids are working on a piece of music called, "New River Train." They are singing while reading symbols that tell them what notes to play. Even those children who have been taught traditional piano lessons are learning new things.

Chorus

An email was sent home recently explaining when auditions are going to be. Parents of Chorus kids, please read your email. If you did not receive an email, check your junk/spam. If still no email, please let me know so I can update your email. I'm trying to "save the trees" this year!

Thank you,

Mrs. Noordhoek





PE News



All classes have been busy learning to bowl these past two weeks. We had a fantastic turnout for our Take Your Parent to P.E. week. We enjoyed watching the students and parent interacting, it made for a fun-filled experience.

Candy Drive

The annual candy drive is coming! From October 29th – November 6th we will collect candy in ZIPLOC BAGS. For every pound we collect Dr. Kochenaur will donate \$1.00 to our P.E Program, he in turn sends the candy to any troops stationed overseas. He also will match our total and give a monetary donation to The Ronald McDonald House. It is a win, win for everyone. Last year we made over 800.00 dollars, which we used to purchase equipment.

Patrols

I'd like to thank the Weber Family for their donation, we appreciate you adopting us!! The money will be used to purchase much needed belts and pins.

Parents I'd like to remind you that is your son/daughter needs to miss patrol for any after school activity they are responsible for finding a fill in. If they cannot find a fill in they must complete their duty then report to the activity.

Also, please remember morning patrols begin at 7:30 and afternoon patrols must stay to 2:20. I appreciate their hard work and commitment. Any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at manleys@pcsb.org.



Healthy School Fun Facts:

Cherries are a member of the rose family.

There are close to 10,000 varieties of apples.

A bunch of bananas is called a hand.

Noodles were invented in China, not Italy.

Fresh eggs sink in water and rotten eggs will float.



PTA Connection
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PTA
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October 2018

Mr. Richard Knight

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Laura Daniels

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A message from your PTA



Treasurer's Report

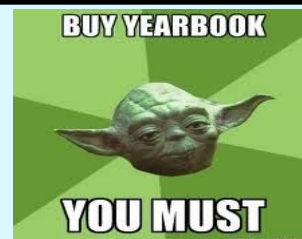
Our opening balance on 8/24 was \$17,126.61. We have made \$39,749.14 from Curtis Spirit fundraisers, PTA membership dues and donations, Splash event, Directory Ads & Class Sponsors. We have spent \$18,847.61 on Curtis T-shirts, student enrichment programs (Mighty Mu), curriculum enhancement, communication software, insurance, PTA national dues, treasurer software, classroom support and class sponsors. Our balance as of 9/21 is \$38,028.08.



Great American Teach In

Do you have a career, hobby, or interest that you'd love to share with our students? Parents are invited to join our school in celebrating the 23rd annual Duke Energy Great American Teach-In at Curtis Fundamental Elementary School on Wednesday, November 14, 2017. This is a great opportunity to volunteer at our school and a chance to share and interact with the students. Volunteers may speak to a single class, multiple classes, or stay for a full day. Presentations can involve sharing information about a career, hobby or personal experience, organizing an activity, reading a story or even teaching a class. Sign up forms will be going out at the end of September and your classroom moms will begin scheduling parents to speak. If you have any questions or would like additional information please contact Amber Warren at ambermeganwarren@gmail.com.

Yearbook News



ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK ONLINE AND SAVE!

Prices for the yearbook will increase after 10/31 so don't delay reserve yours today!

1. Login to <https://commpe.pictavo.com/> (new users search for Curtis then create a username and password) School ID: 77995
2. Click **Shop My School** and choose from the following items: yearbook (sale price \$17 until 10/31), recognition ads \$15, sponsor page \$10, and well wishes \$7

*Email your sponsor page and well wish sayings to curtisyarbook513@gmail.com
You can also upload pictures for consideration in the yearbook! Just select Upload Photos.

Don't hesitate to email the yearbook team at curtisyarbook513@gmail.com with questions.

Box Tops for Education



Don't forget to continue to send in Box Tops! You may use the last sheet of the newsletter to send them in on or cut them out and send them in a plastic bag marked with your child's name and teacher's name. We will be collecting them all year but right now the classes are working to collect the most by October 17th in order to win lunch with Mr. Knight in honor of Principal Appreciation Month!

Check out a full list of participating box top products at bfe.com/participating-products and start stocking up on products with box tops. Please spread the word to your family, friends, and neighbors. Thank you for your support!



Walk to School Day

Wednesday, October 10th is Walk to School Day. Walking to school helps to incorporate regular physical activity that students need each day while also forming healthy habits that will last a lifetime. Please join us on October 10th at the Dunedin Blue Jays Stadium when we will walk to school with the Dunedin Fire Department. Hope to see you there!

Family Fun Night Planning

Want to help with Family Fun Night but not sure what to do?

The Family Fun Night Committee will be having a planning meeting on Monday, November 12th at 6:30 pm prior to the PTA Meeting scheduled that evening. We will discuss the multiple positions that need to be filled to make this a successful event for Curtis including: Volunteer Coordinator, Hospitality, Media Chair, T-Shirt Coordinator, Sponsorship Chair, Donation Coordinator, Games & Activities Coordinator, Food & Drink Coordinator, and Community Partner Coordinator.

Help Wanted!

PTA is in search of someone interested in coordinating the Daddy Daughter Dance which will be held in February.

If you are interested, please contact Nicole Delfino at nmdelfino@yahoo.com.



JOIN US OCTOBER 3RD *thru* OCTOBER 7TH FOR A
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**ANY REGULAR SUB, CHIP &
 A 22oz FOUNTAIN DRINK**



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Curtis Fundamental PTA
Presents

Trunk or Treat

Friday, October 26th
5-7pm

Dunedin VFW Parking Lot
360 Douglas Ave, Dunedin 34698

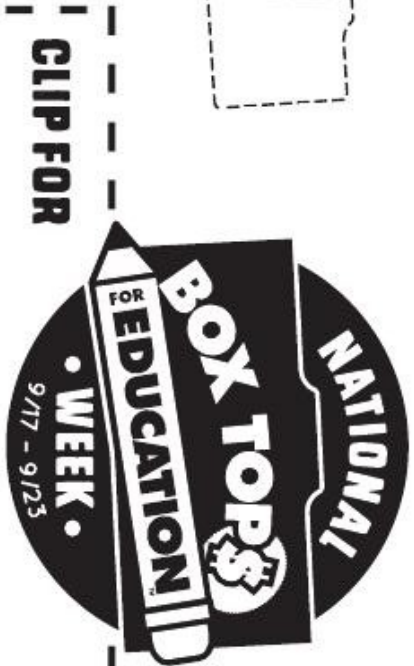
PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL TRUNK
OR TREAT!

THE VFW PARKING LOT WILL BE BLOCKED
FOR DECORATED CARS ONLY.
PLEASE ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 4:30PM
TO SET UP YOUR DECORATED TRUNK.
ALL OTHER PARTICIPANTS PLEASE PARK
AT THE BLUE JAYS STADIUM.
DONATIONS FOR TREATS AND TRICKS WILL
BE ACCEPTED OCT. 22-26TH IN THE FRONT
OFFICE!

Please contact Nicole Delfino at
nmdelfino@yahoo.com with any questions!



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