

THE CURTIS CHRONICLE

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What's happening at school:

OCTOBER 2: WALK TO SCHOOL DAY 7:30AM

OCTOBER 4: OPEN COURT

OCTOBER 5: BACK TO SCHOOL SPLASH

OCTOBER 10: PTA MEETING FOR GRADES 3-5 7PM

OCTOBER 17: PTA MEETING GRADES K-2 7PM

OCTOBER 25: TRUNK OR TREAT 5PM-6PM

OCTOBER 28: SAC MEETING

Principal's Message:

DEAR CURTIS FAMILIES,

As we move into the month of October, I am excited about all 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. Odyssey of the Mind is starting up with Mrs. Brown. This is a program geared towards projects focusing on students thinking creatively to solve problems.

I would like to remind all our families that the computer lab is open to all students every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning from 7:00-7:30. This is a great way to allow students to have additional iStation and/or Dreambox time. Also, if you are having difficulties with Technology Homework Night, students can come in and complete this on these days.

Our opportunities to come together as a community will continue with our Open Court on the 4th, PTA Meeting on the 10th for third-fifth grade and the 17th for grades Kindergarten through second. Please remember that this PTA Meeting is a SAC Alternate Night. If you are unable to make it to the PTA Meeting and/or would like to be a part of our SAC Meeting, we will have your PTA Cards at the SAC Meeting on Monday, October 28th.

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

School Counselor's Corner

NEWS FROM MRS. JOLLIFFE
JOLLIFFE@PCSB.ORG

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.



PE Notes

NEWS FROM MRS. WOODKA & MRS. MANLEY
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Previous Units:

K – 2: Stunts and Tumbling

3 – 5: Fitness Gram Testing

K- 5: Bowling

Tampa Bay Lightning: SCOREEEEEEE Equip the Thunder Program is coming to Curtis Thursday, October 17th for all 1st through 5th grade students. This is an educational program run by the Tampa Bay Lightning alumni and community hockey staff. More information will be coming home soon. Go Bolts!

Safety Patrols: Did you know we have 62 patrols? That is an amazing number of students offering to keep our students safe. The patrols have yet to be sponsored. If interested, please contact the front office, any donation amount makes a difference. Any questions/comments regarding patrols please contact Susan Manley at Manleys@pcsb.org.

FYI: A few observations we made during our last units. The students love using the jogging trampolines during the stunts and tumbling unit, they would make a wonderful gift. Also, The American Ninja Warrior obstacle course was a huge hit. Many of the students were hesitant on the balance beam but by Friday had conquered their fears. Many parks offer this type of obstacle course it is a great way for our Curtis Ninjas to strengthen their bodies.

Upcoming Units:

K – 2: Rhythms

3 – 5: Cardio Games

Go Cougars!



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Media Center Happenings

NEWS FROM MRS. KELLER
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Book Fair News!

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-8:00PM 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. Thank you for volunteering!

A Special THUMBS UP to our Curtis Fundamental News Broadcast Team Members for August and September:

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Musical Moments

NEWS FROM MRS. NOORDHOEK
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"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.

Each month all students will be learning a time period of music and a composer to go with that time period. The composer of the month for September was Johann Sebastian Bach. Bach is one of my favorite composers of the Baroque period. I hope the kids have been excited about learning about Bach. I'm not telling you the composer for October :)

Fifth grade has been preparing for our field trip to Ruth Eckerd Hall to see the Florida Orchestra on October 22nd. Ask your child when the theme of the concert is! Maybe they even remember some of the composers and pieces we have talked about.

4 th and 5 th Chorus:

Please parents of Chorus kids, please check your email. I have heard from most of my Chorus families regarding whether you are receiving emails. I still haven't heard from 20 families, at least. Please check your junk email. Or, if you have not heard from me this year and your child is in Chorus, send ME an email: noordhoekh@pcsb.org. I want to send email notes homes instead of paper.

5th Grade ALL STATE Chorus:

I will receive notification on October 4th! Fingers crossed!

5th Grade ALL COUNTY HONORS Chorus or World Drumming:

Information will go home soon regarding auditions for these opportunities



COUGARS' ROAR

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Yearbook News

YEARBOOK PLANNING IS UNDERWAY!

Yearbooks are on sale for \$22 until 12/13/19. They will be full price of \$28 after 12/13/19. You can upload pictures for consideration, order yearbooks, ads, sponsorships, and well wishes at commpe.pictavo.com.

5th Graders Only: Be on the look out for the yearbook cover art contest info in the coming weeks.

As always, if you have any questions contact the yearbook committee at curtisyearbook513@gmail.com.

Your PTA Team:

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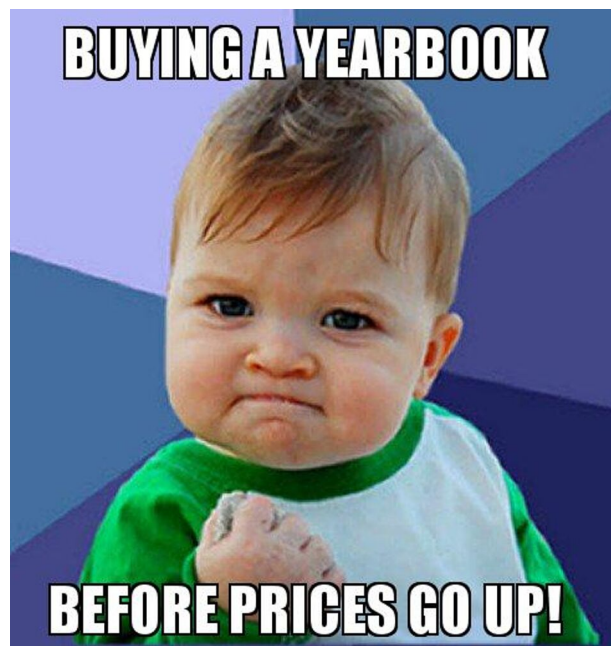
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PTA Events

A LOOK AT WHAT IS COMING UP AT CURTIS!

Trunk or Treat: Friday, October 25 from 5-6PM at the VFW Dunedin (360 Douglas Ave, Dunedin, FL 34698). Please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0945A4AB28A0F85-trunk3> to volunteer to decorate a trunk, or donate candy, treats and water. The City of Dunedin is holding their Downtown Trick or Treating the same evening, so we hope you can join us at the VFW and enjoy the evening in Dunedin.

As the VFW is offering again to graciously host us for this event, please be sure we leave no trace of the event; all trash, candy wrappers, water bottles and decorations needs to be removed or properly disposed of at the end of the evening.

Coming up.....mark your calendars! In November.....the PTA will be hosting a **Curtis Walk-a-Thon**, dates and more information will be coming home soon. Also for the first time (that we are aware of), Curtis Fundamental is applying to participate in the Dunedin Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 14th. Volunteers will be needed to make this a successful event. More information on these events will be coming!

With the rescheduling of the Back to School Splash, the **Mom-Son Event** has been postponed. We are working on an alternate date to hold this event and will get back as soon as we have more information to share.

Anyone willing to help with any of the above events please contact Nicole Delfino at nmdelfino@yahoo.com.



CURTIS FUNDAMENTAL PTA PRESENTS



EVENT

5:00 to
6:00 PM

TRUNK

or

treat

FRIDAY OCTOBER 25, 2019

VFW Dunedin Parking Lot @ 360 Douglas Avenue
Volunteers needed to decorate trunks and donate
candy, treats and water.