



# CURTIS CHRONICLE

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## MAY 2018

### Dates to Remember

- **May 4** -  
Volunteer Appreciation  
Breakfast
- **May 7** -  
Teacher Appreciation Week  
begins
- **May 8** -  
Chorus Concert  
6PM
- **May 11** -  
Field Day
- **May 23** -  
Fifth Grade Celebration
- **May 24** -  
Last Day of School  
(dismissal at 12pm)
- **July 13** -  
Uniform Resale

### Uniform Recycle

It is time to gather those uniform pieces that your kids don't need anymore! We would appreciate donations of uniform shorts, skirts, polos, plain denim jeans, and Curtis shirts in good condition. Students making a clothing donation can enjoy the last day of school UNIFORM-FREE! \*Clothing on non-uniforms days must adhere to the Pinellas County School Dress Code). Please deposit donations in the bins in the front office during the last week of school. The Uniform Resale is scheduled for July 13th. More information to follow.

### Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

It is time to honor our hardworking volunteers! The Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast will take place on Friday, May 4th. Volunteers, please don't forget to log your hours. Those who do so will be eligible for prizes at the event!



### School Food Drive

Support Student Council's annual school food drive benefiting Dunedin Cares, a neighbor helping neighbor food pantry. Donations of pancake mix, syrup, and paper towels are needed. Collection will take place May 10-17.

### 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.



# MEDIA NEWS



**THE MEDIA CENTER IS CREATING A  
SMALL MAKERSPACE IN THE LIBRARY AND WOULD  
LOVE DONATIONS OF LEGOS.**

**THANK YOU!**



## **WRITER'S CAMP**

*A Two-Week Summer Enrichment Program*

**Target Audience:** Current 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Students

**Dates:** Monday – Thursday, June 4th-June 7th AND June 11th – June 14th

**Time:** 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Facilitated by:** Mrs. DeWese and Mrs. McElveen

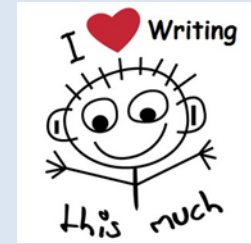
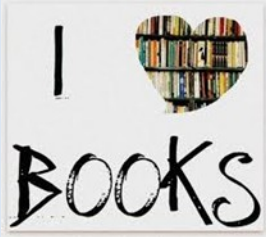
**Fee:** \$220 (covers both weeks) Due to facilities charges, fees have increased.

Students will engage in all aspects of the writing process: brainstorming, composing, revising, editing, and publishing in a risk-free environment. Literature, art, videos, and music will be incorporated to teach students new concepts to improve their writing.

**For Registration information see Curtis website:**

<https://www.pcsb.org/curtis-es>





## CURRICULUM

Didn't this school year just begin? Where has the time gone? Learning, growing, old and new friends...what a wonderful year it has been. That said, this is a difficult time to keep students focused on learning. This year our state testing runs through the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May. Please encourage your children to come to school rested and ready to learn. And when summer is here... take time to rest, relax, play, travel, have some fun! But please take some time to have some fun learning and keeping those skills sharp! Read favorite books, read new books, tell stories, have some creative play time, get out those cards, dice and dominoes and play endless games, draw, sing, skip, run, enjoy nature! We will see you in August!

## THANK YOU!!

*Testing will soon be finished for this school year! A BIG THANK YOU goes out to our students for their hard work and perseverance, to our teachers for their interminable dedication, and to our families for their never-ending support. "It takes a village" and our school is the best village around!*





# PE News



*Save the Date:*

Field Day:

Friday, May 11

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## **All Sports Camp**

### **For Kids, Designed by Kids**

Location: Curtis Fundamental Elementary School

Date: June 11-14

Time: Monday- Thursday 8:30 am- 11:30 am

Age Group: current 1st graders- current 5th graders

Facilitators:

Susan Manley- K-12 Physical Education Certified, PE Teacher

Tracy Schroeder- K-12 Physical Education Certified, 4th Grade Teacher

Fee: \$100

Focus: Help build teamwork, confidence, and coordination through practicing multiple sports and skills. It's your camp: Campers set the schedule; Tennis, Basketball, Scooter Hockey, Man Hunt, Scooter Derby, Pillow Polo, Capture the Flag, Hockey, Volleyball, Golf, Knock Out, and more!

Objectives: Build teamwork, Promote confidence, Improve coordination, Practice sport specific skills, Incorporate sport specific skills in game like settings, Increase athleticism, Improve physical health, Encourage positive and healthy active lifestyle

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**Deadline for applications is May 11**



## Musical Moments

### 4th and 5th Grades:

- Tuesday, May 8th the 4th and 5th grade Chorus will be having a dress rehearsal for their evening program for the school at 8:15a.m. The morning program will be for the students and staff only. There is not enough seating for parents/family members. The students will be dressed nicely that morning for the Florida Orchestra concert at Ruth Eckerd Hall later that morning. They need to be dressed in their best clothes for the dress rehearsal and the concert. There will be no time to change.,
- The Chorus concert in the evening will begin at 6:00p.m. The 4th and 5th graders need to be in the music room by no later than 5:45p.m. to warm up their voices and be prepared to perform! That evening the attire will be their new t-shirts (unless they have another role that requires a different outfit) and shorts. Sneakers or closed toe shoes need to be worn for safety on the stage.

### K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Grades:

- Third graders were working with ukuleles most recently. Lately we have switched to keyboards. Their recorders will be coming home sometime before the end of the school year.
- Second graders were working with ukuleles and have now moved to keyboards.
- K/1st grade students were working with Orff instruments and learning how to read Sol-Mi patterns and La. We have recently switched to keyboards!

### Explore at Home

- Here are some great music websites (free) to explore:
  - Patatap
  - Chrome Music Lab
  - Incredibox
  - Check out different apps on tablets/phones to create music

Hope you all have a wonderful summer full of family fun!



PTA Connection  
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# COUGARS' ROAR

Curtis Fundamental  
Elementary  
**PTA**  
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**APRIL 2018**

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## *A message from your PTA President*

Teacher appreciation week is May 7th– 11th and the theme is “Teachers Change the World”. We will be having some great events throughout the week such as catered lunches, gift bags, dessert buffet, and a surprise for the entire teaching staff!

A special thank you to Nicole Delfino on behalf of the entire PTA board for putting together an AMAZING Family Fun Night! An additional BIG thank you to our community partners who continually support our school including Brad Myers Music, McGough Nature Park, Tampa Bay Highland Dance, Mathnasium of Palm Harbor, Ninja Bounce of Palm Harbor, Clearwater Marine Aquarium, Suncoast Animal League, Humane Society, Dunedin Fiore Rescue, Dunedin Blue Jays, and Huntington Learning Center.

## ***#PTAPROUD***

The PTA wishes to express a BIG THANK YOU to **Ally Ford**, fellow Curtis parent, professional yoga instructor, and teacher/corporate speaker who so graciously took the time to speak at our April 10th PTA meeting about mindfulness.

The presentation was well received and we thank her for sharing her knowledge with us!

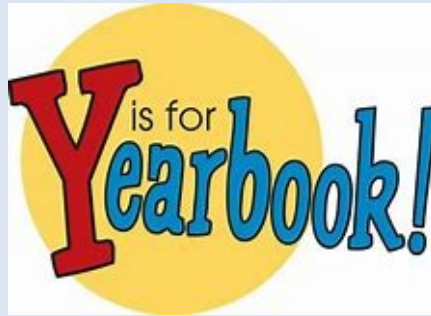




## Yearbook Delivery

Pre-ordered yearbooks will be delivered on May 17.  
Sales for remaining copies of yearbooks will begin on May 18th.

Questions? e-mail : [CurtisYearbook@outlook.com](mailto:CurtisYearbook@outlook.com)



## Exceptional Education Parent Survey

*Attention: Parents of children receiving ESE Services*

Please make sure to take the FL Department of Education's annual ESE Parent Survey. This survey helps determine how well the school is partnering with you and promoting your involvement in your child's education.

[www.esesurvey.com](http://www.esesurvey.com)

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