



CURTIS CHRONICLE

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APRIL 2018

Dates to Remember

- April 6 -

Open Court

- April 10 -

PTA Meeting

7pm

- April 13 -

Battle of the Books

- April 30th -

Teacher Appreciation week
begins

- May 8 -

Chorus Concert

6PM

- May 11 -

Field Day

From the desk of the Principal



So it begins!! Mid-April continues state testing for our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. Let's think of testing as a way to celebrate everything the children have learned! The teachers and students work very hard all year, and it's time for the kids to SHOW WHAT THEY KNOW!! We know how important it is for students to be present and excited about each school day. This goes for testing days as well. And the best way for students to be ready for the exciting day:

- Students need to have their evenings "free" with some active playtime!
 - Lots of rest keeps kids alert and healthy!
- PROTEIN for breakfast keeps tummies from growling and feeling empty.
 - FRUIT adds extra vitamins! A BALANCED breakfast is the BEST!!
- A POSITIVE ATTITUDE is a MUST!! Don't share your anxiousness with your child!
- ENCOURAGE them, but don't overdo it. That can cause stress, too.

Please put the following dates on your calendar:

April 16-17	April 23-24	April 30-May 1	May 7-8	May 14-15
3rd Grade FSA ELA Reading	5th Grade FSA Mathe- matics	4th Grade FSA ELA Reading	3rd Grade FSA Mathe- matics	5th Grade FSA ELA Reading
4th Grade FSA Mathe- matics		5th Grade SSA Science		

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 727-738-6483.

Sincerely,

Mr. Richard Knight

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



Our Spring Book Fair has been a great success. Thank you to all friends and family who purchased books to support the library and school-wide technology needs!

Our school Battle of the Books is coming up April 13th.

3rd Grade Battle – 8:15 – 9:00

4th Grade Battle – 9:15 – 10:00

5th Grade Battle – 10:15 – 11:00

Final Battle between grade level winners. 1:00 p.m.

Good Luck to all our Battle teams



THUMBS UP!

TO OUR CFN BROADCAST TEAM MEMBERS

HANNAH H, LUKE L, ANASTASIA V, JENNA N AND KHAYDEN B



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

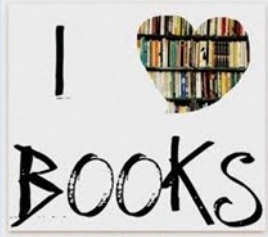
Fee: \$220 (covers both weeks) Due to facilities charges, fees have increased.



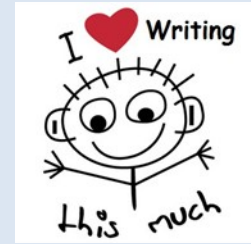
Students will engage in all aspects of the writing process: brainstorming, composing, revising, editing, and publishing in a risk-free environment. Literature, art, videos, and music will be incorporated to teach students new concepts to improve their writing.

For Registration information see Curtis website:

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



CURRICULUM



We are on the last lap of this school year! This is the time for students to remain focused and take their learning to the end.

The following workshops will finish out the year in **reading and writing**: Kindergarten will read and write with print strategies and sight word power; first grade will dig deeper, learning important lessons about books and writing realistic fiction like authors! Second grade works on becoming experts about characters in a series and also write realistic fiction. Third grade try solving the mystery before the detective by reading and writing mysteries. Fourth grade ends their year learning more about the Land of Flowers: exploring Florida's past, present, & future. Fifth grade prepares for the next chapter in their lives by reading the stories of others' lives and reflecting and writing stories of their own.

In **math**, all grades are finishing the year working at various levels in the domains of measurement and data, and geometry. Please continue to support your child at home to be sure they gain a good grasp of these topics.

Earth Science is the focus in all grades during the next 6 weeks of school as each grade discovers new things about weather, light, and weathering and erosion to name a few. The year will end with each grade being exposed to new science vocabulary they will experience next year.





PE News



Save the Date:

Field Day: Friday, May 11

We will need volunteers. Look for paperwork coming home in the future
Mr. Knight Dunking: Friday, April 27

*****Attention All 4th and 5th Grade Parents**

The PTA meeting on April 10th is a Motor Skills Challenge. All 4th & 5th grade students and their parents should come dressed to participate in this fun activity.

We look forward to seeing you.

April Units:

K – 2nd: Dribbling

3rd – 5th: Fitness Gram Testing

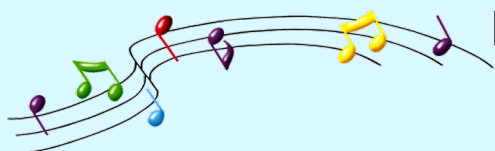
Patrols:

The patrols have been working hard to keep your children safe. Please take a minute to thank them when you see them doing a good job. We could not run arrival and dismissal without them.

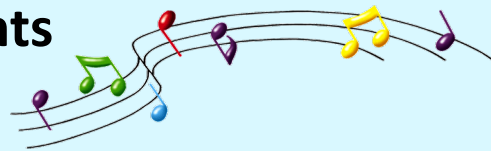
Parents please remember that morning patrols should be at their post no later than 7:30 and afternoon patrols are on duty until 2:20. I appreciate your commitment.

Summer Sports Camp:

Please be on the lookout for the Express Yourself All Sports Camp flyer. Mrs. Schroeder and Mrs. Manley will be offering camp June 11th – 14 from 8:30 – 11:30 right here at Curtis. It is a great time for all!!!



Musical Moments



Song of the Month is The National Anthem (we usually need two months to learn this piece of music)

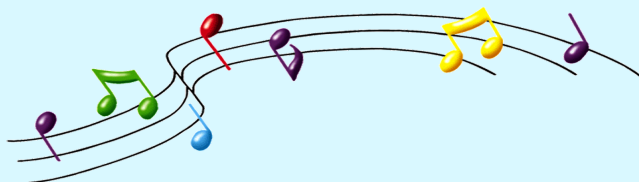
K/1st - we are learning to read the pitches Sol and Mi and sometimes La. Please share the movie, Sound of Music with your child. The movie is factually based (loosely) and the music is superb!

2nd - Ukulele's are our thing right now. We also have been learning some highly addicting songs.

3rd - Taking a break from Recorders! We are now dancing, singing and reading music.

4th/5th - Florida Orchestra concert on Tuesday, May 8th! We are learning about what music we will be experiencing on this field trip. This field trip is normally for 5th grade only but we were invited to bring our 4th graders! SO excited about sharing this concert with your children.

CHORUS- a letter will be going home regarding afterschool rehearsals. Looking forward to sharing our concert on Tuesday, May 8th at 6p.m.





PTA Connection
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COUGARS' ROAR

Curtis Fundamental
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A message from your PTA



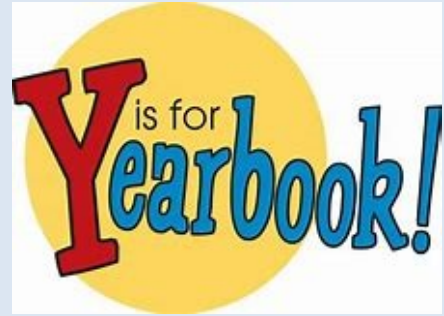
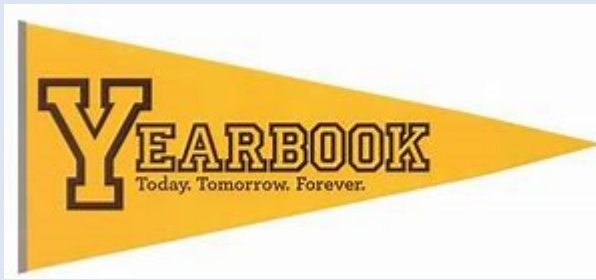
Spring is here and the school year is quickly coming to a close. We are thankful for the warmer weather and reminded to be thankful for our awesome teachers and staff. The month of April begins Teacher Appreciation week. This is one of the events your PTA is proudest to host. Our teachers and staff do an amazing job. Be on the lookout for emails and announcements on how you can help make this a week to remember for our teachers and staff.

#PTAPROUD

Curtis PTA would like to thank all the volunteers, staff, families and children who supported Family Fun Night 2018. It was an amazing success and a lot of money was raised. It is by far the biggest and most important fundraiser we have all year and it raises pretty much all of the money that we use to support our school and students throughout the year.

The money you helped us raise will go towards all the approved requests from our budget including classroom support, books, teacher conferences/continuing education, kindles and pretty much everything we support at the school.

Thank-you for all that you do!



Pre Order of Yearbooks has now ended. There will be a limited amount available for purchase on a first come first serve basis during the last week of school.

Questions? e-mail : CurtisYearbook@outlook.com

PTA MEETING

APRIL 10th @ 7PM on campus

Theme: P.E. NIGHT

*4th & 5th Grade students
ONLY may attend.*