



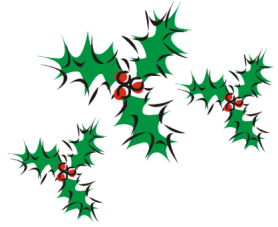
Curtis CHRONICLE

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DECEMBER 2017

Dates to Remember

- December 1 -

Open Court

8:15am

• December 4 -

Clever Training

2.30pm

- December 5th -

Chorus Concert

6pm

- December 13th -

Kindergarten Holiday Program

6pm - Auditorium

- December 22nd-

Last Day of School for students

- January 8th 2018 -

Students return to school

Happy December Families,

We have many activities coming up before winter break. Students have MAP testing, chorus concerts and our Might Mu Math Team will be competing on December 9th. A reminder for our 5th grade families that Open Enrollment is coming up January 10-19.

As the calendar year winds down, we find ourselves busier than ever with our shopping, traveling and preparing for the New Year. I would like to remind everyone to take time to be together as a family. Go outdoors, play board games and read together. It is those times that we remember more than how our house looks or what we got as a gift.

On behalf of everyone here at Curtis Fundamental I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season!

Sincerely,
Mr. 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.



PE News



Candy Drive: Thank you for your support during the candy drive. We collected 570 pounds of candy, which means \$570.00 for P.E. equipment and a very generous donation to Southeastern Guide Dogs. Dr. Kochenaur shipped the candy to the troops overseas, so nice that we are part of such an amazing event.

Upcoming Units:

K – 5: Kicking

3rd – 5th: Invasion Games

Patrols: The patrols are doing a wonderful job. I am proud of their commitment and positive attitudes. Imagine being their age and having the responsibility of arriving early or staying late, opening car doors and making sure students get safely into their correct vehicles. Keep up the good work.
If you are interested patrols have yet to be adopted.

Curtis Turkey Trot: Our students trained for 6 weeks to run a one mile Turkey Trot during P.E. class on November 16th. During P.E. class all the classes ran 5 laps around the track. We timed each grade level and posted their times on our P.E bulletin board. They did an amazing job. It was fun teaching the students about stretching and the concept of pacing.

Website: Check out the P.E section of the Curtis website. Thanks to Mrs. Schneider we have been posting pictures of the activities taking place during class. You may recognize those smiling faces.

Blood Drive: A special thank you to all the parents and staff that took the time to donate. Did you know that one unit of blood saves three people's lives? We appreciate you taking the time to make a difference.

5th Grade Parents and Students

Can you believe soon you will have a 6th grade student?! We invite you to meet the Clearwater Fundamental Middle School counselors here at Curtis Fundamental for a Q and A about schedules, electives, and more!

Join us **Tuesday, January 9, 2018**, at **2:00 p.m.** in the auditorium. Parents and students are welcome.

Remember...during the application period, January 10th-19th you **MUST** go on and select which middle school you would like for your child to attend. We will discuss this more in length on January 9th. See you then.

Melinda Watson
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BROADCAST TEAMS FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

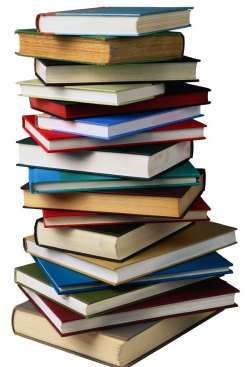


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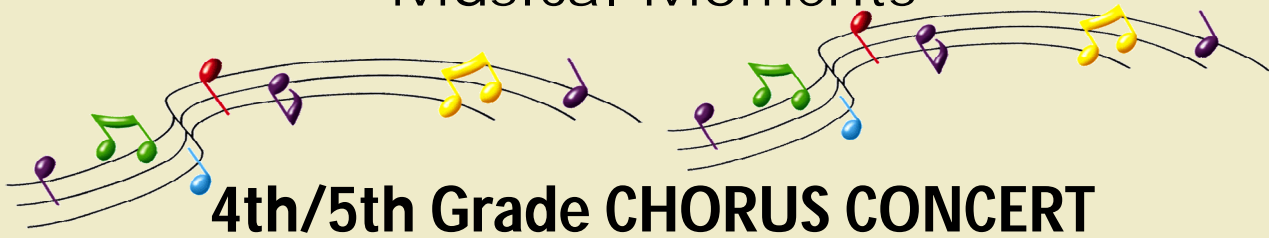
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MADDIE K, MURRAY S, KELSEY C, LUNA B, BREA B

Fall Book Fair A GREAT SUCCESS!

Thank you parents, teachers and students for generously supporting our library and promoting reading at our fall book fair. The book fair proceeds help us to support the technology and library needs of our school. Thank you to all the volunteers for their many hours of time.



Musical Moments



4th/5th Grade CHORUS CONCERT

will be Tuesday, December 5th at 6 p.m.

Please have your Chorus student in my music room by 5:40p.m. We will begin working on our Spring musical immediately after our concert! If your child is NOT in Chorus and wants to try it out, please have them come on either December 6 (4th grade) or December 7 (5th grade) to check it out!

There WILL be a donation collected at the Winter Concert to help support the music program at Curtis

K- The kids are working on their holiday music for their concert and the MIE keyboard lab

1st- First graders are working on the MIE keyboard labs learning their away the keyboards

2nd- 5th We are exploring the world of GarageBand on our I pads! First step are the Live Loops and Tracks. Many students are already recording songs they have created. There are Drums, Strings, Bass, Guitar, World Instruments, etc. to explore and create with! If you have an apple product such as an I phone, I pad or macbook/iMac you have GarageBand! Update your apps and have the kids create at home!



PTA Connection
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DECEMBER 2017

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comments:**
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A message from your PTA



Ho Ho Ho. Can you believe it is December already? December marks the season of giving as well as celebrating the end of the calendar year. We would like to thank you all for all that you give. It is our privilege to serve such a great community of families as your PTA. We are grateful for your support, and we look forward to seeing you and hearing your voice at our next PTA meeting on January 9 at 7 p.m. Wishing each of you a happy, healthy and safe holiday season!

#PTAPROUD

You've paid your PTA dues, sponsored a classroom, and supported fundraising projects. But what exactly does that money do to help the students at Curtis?

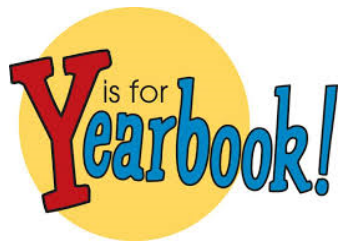
We allocate some of the money from the PTA budget for teacher appreciation. Teachers deliver so much to our students—inspiration, motivation and ultimately, their futures. Some of the things we give back to teachers are:

- We host a "Back to School Breakfast" for teachers at the start of the school year.
- We provide books learning tools and provide each classroom with money to start the year out right.
- We host a teacher gift wrapping event in December
- We manage teacher appreciation week where we show each teacher how much we appreciate them with special treats and fun events throughout the week.

Thank you for your support!

NO PTA MEETING IN DECEMBER

NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY 9th JANUARY @
7pm



The Pictavo Community Feature is now available! Pictavo Community is a secure online portal for students, teachers, parents, grandparents and community members to connect with their school. In Pictavo Community you can safely and easily upload photos for consideration or order your yearbook. Just go to <https://commpe.pictavo.com> to create your account.

Any questions please e-mail :

CurtisYearbook@outlook.com

upcoming EVENTS

Daddy Daughter Dance
Friday, February 9th. 2018

Family Fun Night
Friday, March 16th 2018

Treasurer's CORNER

Curtis PTA's balance
10/27-11/27

Opening balance- \$35,678.02

Outgoing: one check written for
teacher training \$319.50

Our current balance is **\$35,358.52**

SPRING T-SHIRT ORDERS



Spring tee shirt orders are
due NO LATER than

December 22nd.

They will be processed over the holiday break with disbursement at the end of January/ beginning of February. Don't miss the last chance for the school year to get your Curtis gear!! Any questions please email curtisteeshirts@gmail.com



CURTIS PARENTS ROCK

Did you know there is a group on Facebook specifically for parents of Curtis Students? It's a safe forum to ask questions about homework, field trips, events etc.

[www. Facebook.com/curtisparentsrock](http://www.Facebook.com/curtisparentsrock)

YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST

This contest is for **fifth graders only**. Please use plain computer paper and make your colors bold. Write your name and teacher's name on the back in pencil. Submit your artwork to the front office by December 15 and the winner will be announced at our next Open Court.



The PTA is looking for volunteers for the 2018-19 school year for the following positions. If you are interested in one of the positions below or have other ideas or questions, please contact us at curtiscougarsapta@gmail.com. Board members are available to shadow now and will train you how to work the position.

Sworn-in Executive Positions. These positions cannot be co-chaired and require monthly attendance of board meetings. Shadowing opportunities available.

Vice President I - Assists the PTA president as needed. In charge of the annual Great American Teach In (GATI), organizes Teacher appreciation week.

Vice President III - Responsible for coordinating with the principal and PTA board to bring relevant topics to our families and our monthly PTA meetings. Collect ideas, reach out to guest speakers and assist administration with the execution of these meetings.

Corresponding Secretary: Manages communications to and from the PTA including preparing and distributing the monthly newsletter, news blast, weekly email and other email announcements. Manages the PTA email account, posts on Facebook and liaises with technology chair for website positing.

Recording Secretary: In charge of recording all minutes at the PTA board meetings; producing said minutes in report format and filing such reports in accordance with PTA bylaws.

Special Committees - These positions can be co-chaired and monthly board meeting attendance is optional. There are also opportunities to shadow the people currently in these positions

Ways and Means: Responsible for all fundraising events hosted on and off campus. We need several volunteers who would assist in organizing specific events such as summer uniform resale, Daddy/Daughter Dance, Mom/Son events, Family Fun Night etc.

Yearbook Committee - Responsible for collecting and organizing pictures for the yearbook and placing the order.