



Curtis CHRONICLE

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JANUARY 2017

Dates to Remember

- January 8 -

1st Day of School

• January 9 -

PTA meeting

- January 19th -

Report Cards Distributed

• January 15th -

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

No school for students

***The staff of Curtis
Fundamental wish all
students and families
a happy and
Healthy New Year***



PE News



We have had a great month with our students in P.E.! Most of December's focus was on Striking using their Feet (K-2), Invasion Games (3-5), and Winter Games (all). The weather has been just perfect for such games and we are so proud of how hard the kids are working!

Celebrations/Snacks : Just as a reminder, our school has been recognized through the Alliance for a Healthier Generation for meeting stringent standards set by the Alliance's Healthy Schools program! We are so proud that we received gold recognition and would love to remain a gold school. There are many ways you can help! Two ways are by sending healthy lunches and snacks with your child and by having healthy only celebrations in the classrooms. Here is a list of healthy snack ideas: *Fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, whole grain crackers, pretzels, or cereal bars, small whole grain bagel, low fat or air popped popcorn, graham crackers, low fat cheese sticks, trail mix, low fat yogurt.*

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at woodkaju@pcsb.org.

Patrols: Mrs. Manley would like to congratulate our new patrols that will begin January 8!! As a reminder, A.M. patrol duty begins at 7:30 and P.M. patrol duty ends at 2:20. We appreciate how hard our patrols work and their commitment to keeping our students safe each and every day. **Don't forget to check out the Curtis website that has many pictures and videos of your kids in action during P.E.!!

Upcoming:

K-2: Striking (hands) / 3-5: Striking

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.



BROADCAST TEAMS FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

Ava O, Sydney S, Arianna De V and Lindsay M

December - Grade 3 – 5 Library Lesson was on Digital Citizenship

Family Tips (from www.commonsense.org/educators):

Use bookmarks and safe search options in your web browser, such as Epic or DuckDuck Go, to make sure your child can search safely.

Consider using filtering and blocking software.

Have older siblings help teach younger siblings how to be responsible online.

Share wisdom. Kids don't always understand how their actions affect others. Adults do. We teach kids to use words carefully, play nicely with other, and respect their teachers. Extend those lessons to the invisible, digital world.

Seek balance. As children grow, they need more independence and privacy. We must help them balance the negative and positive if they are going to thrive with digital media. Please make sure kids know how to be safe and responsible before letting them look

Keep an open mind. It is important for us to understand that our kids will spend much of their lives in a connected world, where everyone creates and communicates. We need to help them to enjoy it and learn from it.



Art Room News:



Congratulations to the following students whose art work was selected to be in the Creative Start Exhibition at the Dunedin Fine Art Center:

Brooklyn B in Mrs. Miklos's class

Megan J in Mrs. Miklos' class

Dana F in Mrs. Werlau's class



Congratulations to the following students who were given an award of excellence for their Kids Tag Art design:



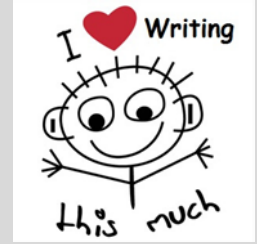
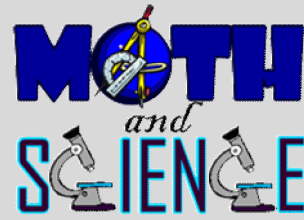
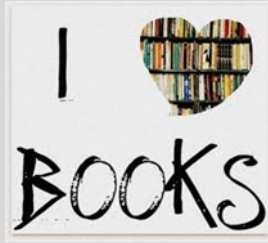
Mia H in Mrs. Rizzo's class

Kaia M in Mrs. Thomas' class

Ava C in Mr. Schell's class

Kids Tag Art is a program set up through the Pinellas county tax collector's office that gives fifth grade students the opportunity to design a vanity license tag. Over eighty Curtis students participated this year and created some amazing designs! Their vanity tags are available for purchase on the website kidstagartpinellas.com. You can find the designs by our students by doing a search for our school.

CURRICULUM NOTES



Happy 2018! It's hard to believe our school year is half over. Hopefully everyone is rested after having 2 weeks off and are ready to keep the momentum going.

Here's how 2018 will start off for the students:

During January, the focus in **Reading** varies. *Kindergarten* uses their reading strategies to tackle informational text. *First grade* will learn all about America's symbols, while *second grade* will read fables, folktales, fairy tales & informational text; *third grade* will read informational text about civics; *fourth grade* will unravel the beauty of multiple genres by reading literature to interpret poetry, drama, and prose; and *fifth grade* learn about history and the people who made it by reading informational text.

The emphasis in **Writing** instruction continues with Opinion writing. *Kindergarten* will write informational How to Books and All About Books; *first* and *second grade* will be writing opinion essays. *Third grade* will write text-based opinion essays/ letters/speeches, while *fourth grade* writes literary essays. *Fifth grade* will be writing opinion essays about the text read during reading.

Students continue with operational strategies in **Math**. *First grade* will start with comparing numbers and move into two-digit addition and subtraction; *second grade* will spend the month adding and subtracting 3-digit numbers, and *third grade* will understand and compare fractions with a numerator of 1; *fourth* and *fifth grades* will move from adding and subtracting fractions to multiplying fractions by whole numbers in fourth grade and multiplying fractions in fifth. During the month of January, the emphasis in **Science** is mainly Physical. *First grade* will finish up Physical science and move into Earth science learning about the stars in the sky. *Second grade* continues with Physical science learning about magnets and what holds things up. *Third grade* will "Feel the Heat" while fourth grade investigate air and water movement. *Fifth grade* gets to learn about and create electrical energy as well as doing some Physical science vocabulary academic gaming.



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JANUARY 2018

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A message from your PTA



Happy New Year Curtis Families! We have lots of exciting events planned for our school in 2018. February is our annual Daddy Daughter Dance followed in March by our famous Family Fun Night. We always need help with these events. Send us an email if you think you can contribute. Even an hour here or there helps! We look forward to seeing you on campus soon.

#PTAPROUD

Your Nominating Committee is now filling positions for next year's PTA Board and encourages you to consider joining the team.

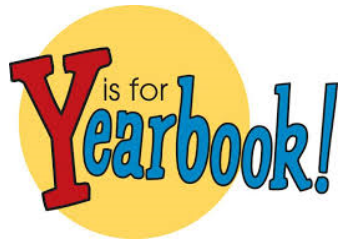
Being involved in the PTA is great way to become involved at Curtis. There are many different types of positions available - from those that happen once or twice a year to those that run all year. Have a voice, exchange ideas, meet new friends and contribute to improving our school - and have fun while doing it!

We are still looking for shadow/replacements for many of our positions. No experience required!

Email curtiscougarspta@gmail.com if you are interested in helping out.

PTA 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
11/27 - 12/27

Opening balance- \$35,358.52
Current balance- \$20,142.01

We paid Charleston wrap \$2,334.7,
Curtis for I-pads \$8,820 along with
class support of over \$5,500.

Directory Corrections

My sincere apologies to the **William Wadland & Melani Zagaris** family.

Mr. Wadland's name was misspelled on the first page of the directory under PTA Donations – Cougar \$75+. We appreciate the contribution Mr. Wadland has made to support our Curtis PTA and ask that you please make this correction to your directory.

Every effort is made to insure the accuracy of entries into the directory. However, mistakes do occur. Should you find an error with your entry, please e-mail me at stingraydavey@gmail.com so I can correct the electronic version and post corrections for our families. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Pat Davey