



CURTIS CHRONICLE

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SEPTEMBER 2018

Dates to Remember

- **September 7 -**
Open Court
8:10 am
&
Volunteer Orientation
Breakfast
8:45 am
- **September 13 -**
PTA Meeting
Math Help
7 pm
- **September 17-23 -**
Box Top Week
- **September 21 -**
Mother/ Son Date Night
6-8 pm
- **October 9 -**
PTA Meeting
Cyber Security
7 pm

From the desk of the Principal



Dear Curtis Fundamental Families,

As our school year continues on, I want to thank everyone for a wonderful first few weeks of school. Our students were excited to start the year and are now getting into the routine of their daily schedules. I am sure that you received great information at our Open House on the 28th and 30th of August. Please continue to communicate with your child's teacher with information that will help your child be successful.

In the month of September we will be conducting our first round of MAP tests. This year our students will be taking only the ELA and Math assessments on MAP. Science assessments will be given through district assessments. Instead of MAP testing, Kindergarten will be taking the FLKRS/STAR assessment. Teachers will be providing all of our students and families with information from the testing once it is completed.

If you have not met Mr. Clifford Jones, please say hi to him when you are on our campus. He does a wonderful job of monitoring our campus on a daily basis.

We will continue our Active Assailant Drill this month with a focus on "Hide", from the district program of "Run, Hide, Fight". Our teachers will be presenting information to students about where to go if they need to hide and what to do. As the district sends out more information, I will pass that along to you in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

Mr. Richard Knight

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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.

Counselor's Corner

Hello Curtis Families! My name is Heidi Jolliffe and I am the “new” School Counselor. I was the School Counselor at Curtis Fundamental from 1996-2004, and then took some time off when my daughter was born. In the years after, I have worked in the field of education in a variety of interesting settings, including doing educational research for Florida State University. I now have the tremendous opportunity to be back at the school I love, with all its wonderful teachers and students. I am thrilled to be here!

I will be going into each classroom one time per month for 30 minutes to do Classroom Guidance. In August, we worked on Relationship Building and did an Introduction to Guidance. During September, we will talk about Conflict and Bullying. In the months ahead, Classroom Guidance topics will include: Respect, Gratitude, Career Exploration, Empathy, Communication and Problem Solving, Mindfulness and Self-Regulation, Healthy Choices, and Growth Mindset.

I also work with students individually and in small groups, as needed. Aside from my role as the School Counselor, I am also the 504 Coordinator.

If I can ever be of assistance to your family or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I'm happy to help! My email is jolliffeh@pcsb.org or you can call me at school. I look forward to working with your children this year!





ART NEWS



We have had a great first few weeks in the art room!

Our new kindergarten students have done a fantastic job learning art room procedures. We have also practiced drawing, cutting, and gluing skills. I am impressed with how well everyone has done and am excited to have a great group of young artists to work with!

First and Second graders have been reviewing the Elements of Art. These are the ingredients that are used in every work of art ever made. Ask your student if they can remember what some of the Elements of Art are!

Third through Fifth grade students have been practicing their Zentangles to design a portfolio for their art work. I am sure some of you have heard them talking about drawing Zentangles. They love it!

Our school will be participating in this year's Kids Art Fest at the Dunedin Fine Art Center on Saturday, September 8th from 10:00-2:00. This is a free event and will include access to the hands on museum, make and take art activities, live performances and free food. Several of our fifth grade students have already signed up to help me at a make and take art table. Mark your calendars now to come out and join us for an afternoon of free art making!

Lastly, our school uses a virtual art site called Artsonia to share and showcase your student's art work. Many of you already have access to this and use it. I will be sending out an e-mail to any one who does not currently have an account for their student set up including all of our new Kindergarten students. Look for an email soon from Artsonia asking permission for your students art to be shared on the site. This is a great way to share what they are doing with relatives and also a great self-esteem booster!

I hope to see you around campus this month. Have a creative September!

Mrs. Hilterbrandt



PE News



What an exciting year so far. It has been such an awesome start! We began with a Cooperatives Unit as everyone was getting used to the P.E. Procedures and Expectations. Our next units are Movement Concepts (K-2) and Recreational Games (3-5).

Throughout the year each of our lessons will begin with an Instant Activity followed by a Warm-Up so that the kids get moderate to vigorous physical activity (MVPA) for the majority of the class period. We are very cognizant of the heat, so we make sure to do much of our movement under our covered court during the hot months. We look forward to another fantastic year!

Healthy School News

Our school is a member of the Alliance for a Healthier Generation's Healthy Schools Program. Creating a healthier school for our students is important because we know that healthy students are better learners. Since we want to send a consistent message about good nutrition and healthy eating, we need your help!

We want to send a consistent message about good nutrition and healthy eating, so it is important that our celebrations and fundraisers reflect the healthy changes being made throughout our school building. Between holidays, classroom celebrations, and fundraisers, the number of high fat, sugary foods and beverages students consume during the school year can add up quickly. We are asking that our school celebrates and fundraises without using food, like doing a fun activity or project, or only include healthy foods and beverages during holiday and school wide celebrations and fundraisers. There are many fun ways to celebrate without food. The Alliance for Healthier Generation has tools to help you identify healthier foods and beverages. Visit www.healthiergeneration.org/smartsnacks to check out their resources.

There are several other ways we are creating a healthier environment, but here are just a few: Morning Walking Program (1st-5th grades only), School Wide Dances (once a month before school), and our Fitness Jars (we have a family one in the front office!). More information will be presented at our October PTA meeting. In the meantime, thank you for helping us create a healthier place for your child to learn!!



Patrols

Mrs. Manley would like to extend her gratitude to all of the patrols as they are doing a great job!! They are also looking to be adopted.



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May 2018

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A message from your PTA President



Hello Families,

My name is Laura Daniels and I am very excited to be your PTA President this year! Over the past two school years, I served on the PTA board as VP1 under Kelly Westerlund-Pena, who lead as President, and I am so proud of everything we accomplished as a team!

I would like to take a moment to say thank you to every parent that supports PTA efforts, whether it be through your memberships, monetary donations, donations of time and resources, and event participation. Because of your generosity we are able to enrich the classrooms and curriculum for our children.

Also, PTA is planning some great events this year! Our Mother and Son Date Night will be coming up on Friday, September 24th and it will be on campus, so please look out for the upcoming info and plans for this event!

Lastly, I would like to say thank you to everyone who participated and volunteered during our Uniform Resale and Back to School Splash. There are so many wonderful parents who volunteer and donate their time and we are so grateful!

Sincerely,
Laura Daniels

Yearbook News

Yearbook Orders Begin This Month!

The yearbook committee is already hard at work to make an amazing book and you won't want to miss it! Online pre-orders start this month. Log-on to commpe.pictavo.com to place your order and upload photos for the book.

Want to wish your 5th grader good luck in middle school? Want to tell your kiddo how proud you are of all their accomplishments? Our recognition ads and well wishes are the perfect way to recognize your little one(s).

Space is limited so place your orders before they are gone!

Be on the lookout for more information coming soon.

Have any questions or want to help with the yearbook?

Contact us at curtisyearbook513@gmail.com

Box Tops

My name is Maeva Da Ru-Rodriguez and I am our school box top coordinator. Box tops are a great way to earn cash to purchase important items for our school such as library books, new technology, and so much more. We're holding a clipping drive to jump start our school's earnings for the year and we need your help! Box top week is September 17th-23rd. Please clip your box tops and have them ready by September 23rd. You can drop them off in the front office or send them in your child's folder. Please check the date on each to ensure the expiration is no sooner than 11/1/2018. Each box top is worth \$.10 which adds up fast!

Check out a full list of participating box top products at btfe.com/participating-products and start stocking up on products with box tops. Please spread the word to your family, friends, and neighbors. Please use the template on the final page to submit your box tops. Thank you for your support!



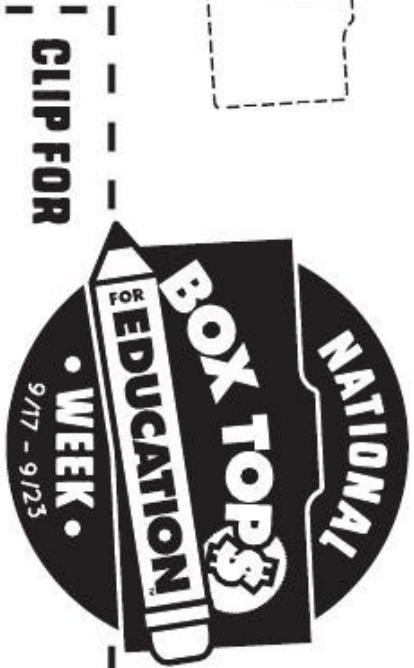
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