



December 8, 2020

Gator Tales

PTA INFORMATION

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Membership Report

Total Amount of Members - 114

PTA MISSION

To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

JOIN PTA online at

<https://fuguitt.memberhub.store>

PRINCIPAL, MRS. KATHLENE BENTLEY, ED.D.



Dear Fuguitt Families!!

I know this year has been challenging in every way but I want you to know how grateful we are for your partnership! I hope everyone enjoys the holiday season and has an opportunity to spend time with family and friends relaxing and having fun. We are looking forward to an exciting 2021 school year beginning on Monday, January 4th.

Our Family Map Reports will be sent home with your student before break. Please review the Reading and Math progress with your child. This data provides your and your child's teacher with helpful information on student growth in reading and math. If you are not signed up for Parent Connect, please let us help you! This will allow you access to your child's grades and other records through the internet. This is a great tool for parents to stay informed on the progress of their child. Please call or stop by the front office if you need assistance and to receive your login information. Please take this opportunity to update your phone and email with the front office as well. This is vital to keep you updated on the latest school information.

During our holiday break, please have your student sign in to their Personalized Learning Platform through Clever. The Personalized Learning Pathway (PLP) is a new online platform that provides a dashboard of information about how a student is doing in school and on state/district assessments. Student in grades 3-12 can keep track of clubs and volunteer activities as well as access online lessons for the areas they need more work on. It has partnered with Khan Academy to provide lessons for math practice in grades 3-5. Just 30 minutes a day will make a huge impact on your child's learning. Please encourage your child to read every day and sign their Reading Log. Students are highly encouraged to participate in the Holiday Challenge. These reading, writing, science and math activities will help maintain or improve their current level of performance and reward incentives will be provided upon their return in January.

As always, thank you for your continued support of Fuguitt Elementary and your partnership in your child's education. It is with your help and guidance that we continue to improve and grow leaders every day at Fuguitt. The staff and I wish you and your family a blessed holiday season!

*Kind Regards,
Dr. B & Mrs. Wager*

BUSINESS PARTNER OF THE MONTH



This month we are THANKFUL for our Business Partner, Winn-Dixie on Seminole Blvd. Given the unusual circumstances and challenges presented by the Covid19 pandemic, we have found ourselves in need of paper grocery bags. A LOT of them. These are used to deliver student personal belongings, books, materials, and supplies to our online students. Each time a request was made, Winn-Dixie graciously and generously supplied the much-needed bags. Even when their supply was limited, they gave what they could. Winn-Dixie, thank you for partnering with Fuguitt! We appreciate you!

CALENDAR

PTA PRESIDENT, MRS. WHITNEY KELLEY



Hello Gator families!

This month may be short with the upcoming holiday break but we are hoping to pack a lot of fun in! The Fuguitt PTA will be sponsoring a bunch of upcoming contests and events so keep an eye out. If you have not already joined PTA please consider doing so. The events we sponsor are put together by a small handful of volunteers and we would love some help with planning.

As this year comes to an end we hope that 2021 brings some normalcy and stability for our students and their families. We can't wait to show you what we have in store for next semester! Please follow the Fuguitt Elementary PTA Facebook page to stay up to date and if you are a member you will receive updates from MemberHub. Happy Holidays and here is to a better New Year.

Whitney Kelley

DECEMBER 11TH

5:30 - 6:30 PM Santa Drive by, Friday

DECEMBER

The Great Fuguitt Bake Off and The Gingerbread Book Character Contests (please follow our FB Fuguitt Elementary PTA page for upcoming



DECEMBER 19TH - JANUARY 3RD

Winter Break - No school



MEET OUR STAFF

Mrs. Kay Wood, the music specialist

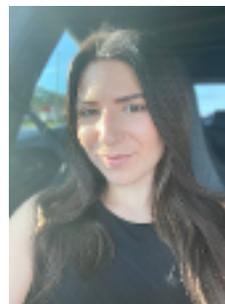


She was inspired by music at an early age. Mrs. Wood started playing flute in the 6th grade and has played professionally for 20 years. She attended the University of Florida and earned 2 Bachelors degrees in Music Education and Flute Performance. She went on to obtain 2 Masters degrees in Wind/Orchestral Conducting and Flute Performance.

Mrs. Wood has taught in PCSB Schools for 15 years at various schools throughout her career (Tarpon Springs Middle School, Clearwater High School, Bauder Elementary, Oakhurst Elementary, and Seminole Elementary). She has been a mentor teacher for new hires in the district and served as department head for the Fine Arts departments at her schools. Mrs. Wood teaches flute privately and has been an adjunct professor in the area community colleges and universities. She serves as a curriculum writing

specialist for Colleges and Universities across the Southeast United States and is also the Executive Director of the Pinellas Youth Symphony.

Mrs. Wood lives in Seminole with her husband Chip, her son Connor, and 2 cats - Twilight and Midnight. Her favorite hobbies are reading, studying art, cooking, going to the beach, traveling, studying new music, and listening to orchestral and band music.



Mrs. Garrett Sarah, 2nd grade teacher

I am originally from Kokomo, Indiana but I moved to Florida with my family when I was 10 years old. My family always knew that I would be a teacher because I loved playing school and teaching my friends! I graduated from St. Petersburg College with a Bachelors in Elementary Education. This is my first year at Fuguitt Elementary and I'm so excited to be a Fuguitt Gator. In my spare time, I love going to the beach with my dog and spending time with my Fiancé!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEADERS OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER 2020

Congratulations Fuguitt Elementary Leaders of the Month for exhibiting the Leader in Me behaviors for Habit #3, Put First Things First!

Kindergarten

Miss Branger's Class

Owen Hopkins

Ms. Cole's Class

Briana Harris

Miss Craig's Class

Violet Huston & Liam Golding

Mrs. Szarkowski's Class

Owen Amon Pena

First Grade

Mrs. Cellamare's Class

Aiden Banovich

Mrs. Farmer's Class

Julian Gold & Wyatt Lendermon

Mrs. Harris' Class

Emma Soloman & Caiden Haynes

Mrs. Montague's Class

Briana Bravo

Mrs. Rafferty's Class

Juliette Middleton & Ma'Kailah Greer

Second Grade

Mrs. Correa's Class

Austin Feeny & Eli Vazquez-Villalpando

Mrs. Erickson's K-2 Class

Miriam Mohamed

Mrs. Kallas' Class

Nikolas Waddington

Ms. Garrett's Class

Violet Larson

Third Grade

Mrs. Hildreth's Class

Nyia Mirto & Thomas Trushi

Mrs. Kubes' Class

Aleah Conrad

Mrs. Byrd's Class

Kenneth Babbidge

Ms. Robinson's Class

Shania Drain & Alivia Roman

Mrs. Timberlake

Isabella Burgos-Abarca

Fourth Grade

Mrs. Batista-Roca

Isabella Andry & Demetrius Bowers

Mr. Catlin's Homeroom

Amelia Turner

Mrs. Catlin's Homeroom

Cheyenne Watson

Mr. Long's Homeroom

Kevin Baligian

Mrs. Ryan's 3-5 Class

Zoey Rigg

Fifth Grade

Mrs. Berrian's Homeroom

Aria Rumble

Mr. Freed's Homeroom

Shawn O'Roake

Ms. Hagan's Homeroom

Genesis Davila-Rosario

Ms. Palumbo's Homeroom

Zaythian Valentin

MILE-HIGH CLUB

Here at Fuguitt, the intermediate grades (3-5) run laps around the field to collect miles. Four laps around the field make one mile. Once a student has completed one mile a shoe with their name is put up on our Mile Board in the Building 2 hallway. Every 5 miles the students receive a larger shoe with their name until they reach 30 miles. This semester we have 5 students who have completed a marathon (26.2miles), these students will receive a t-shirt for their accomplishment. **Shout-out to Jamarion Wilson, Parker Logan, Klesti Trushi, Aric Suriano, and Kylen Monk!**



A few reminders out at P.E. Please make sure your students have appropriate shoes on their scheduled P.E. days. All students should have on socks with close-toed shoes—sneakers with laces, Velcro sneakers, slip-ons like Vans, Keds, or Sketchers are also acceptable. We also encourage you to provide a water bottle for your student on their scheduled P.E. days. We only allow water out on the P.E. court to maintain a safe environment free of ants and other pests attracted to sugary drinks (soda, juice, Gatorade, Powerade, etc.).

-P.E. Squad-

SCHOOL SPIRIT NIGHT

Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Fuguitt Elementary PTA. Come in to the **Chipotle** at **10160 Ulmerton Rd** in Largo on Monday, **December 14th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Show this flyer on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Fuguitt Elementary PTA. **Order online** for pickup: **use code L4HY3CQ** before checkout in 'promo' field. Orders placed on **Chipotle.com** or through the **Chipotle app** for pickup using this unique code will be counted towards fundraiser.



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (SIP)

The School Improvement is our planning document that we complete each year to create our school goals. We use MAP and FSA data to set goals for each school for each year. Parents can visit our school webpage to access this year's plan.

THANKSGIVING READING CONTEST RESULTS

Thank you for participating in our Great Turkey Race! We had an overwhelming amount of participation, awesome job Gators!! What an incredibly CLOSE race between our top 3 racing turkeys!

In **FIRST PLACE** with 2,040 total minutes - Mrs. Correa's Class! Coming closely behind with 1,980 total minutes - Mrs. Kubes's Class! And right behind with 1,950 total minutes - Ms. Robinson's Class!

Our school read a total of 22,980 minutes this week! **WOW!** Way to go **GATORS!!** You all **ROCKED** this race! Congratulations to Mrs. Correa's class! Kids really enjoyed eating delicious **DONUTS** on Monday 11/30 courtesy of our friends at **Jupiter Donuts Largo!!!** Thank you Jupiter Donuts!



Winter Break Attendance Letter

Fuguitt Families,

As you think about your arrangements this holiday season, we want to stress the importance of sending your child to school every day possible. Every year, absences spike in

the weeks before and after the winter holidays as families squeeze in a few more vacation days. It's time to break that cycle. We know that just a few missed days here and there, even if they're excused absences, can add up to too much lost learning time and put your child behind in school. This is as true in kindergarten as it is in high school. Put simply, too many absences at any age can affect a student's chances for academic success and eventually for graduation.



We recognize that holidays are an important time for reconnecting with families far away. The costs of plane tickets often influence when you want to travel. But keep in mind the costs to your children's education if they miss too much school— and the message you will be sending about the importance of attendance. Even if you've got a homework packet from the teacher, it doesn't make up for the interaction and learning that happens in the classroom. Our teachers will be teaching, and our students will be learning, right up until vacation starts and the first day back. **Our school will be striving for "A Week Without Absences" when we return from winter break, January 4th-8th; all week students will have fun activities, challenges, and incentives related to attendance.** You can help us convey that message. This holiday season give your children the gift of an education and the habit of attendance!

Sincerely,

Fuguitt Child Study Team

