

**WELCOME TO  
FUGUITT  
ELEMENTARY**



Home of the Gators

New Family Welcome Packet

School Website: <https://www.pcsb.org/fuguitt-es>

## School Information

### ❖ **Address:**

- 13010 101st St., Largo, FL 33773

### ❖ **Phone and Fax Numbers:**

- **Phone-** (727)588-3576
- **Fax-** (727) 588-4630

### ❖ **Administration:**

- **Principal-** Dr. Kathlene Bentley
  - Email- bentleyk@pcsb.org
- **Assistant Principal-** Eliza Lentz
  - Email- lentze@pcsb.org

### ❖ **School Hours:** 8:45 am – 2:55 pm

- Breakfast Hours: 8:15 am – 8:45 am

### ❖ **School Mascot:** Gator

### ❖ **School Color:** Green

### ❖ **School Dress Code:**

- Bottoms
  - Khaki Shorts, Pants, Skorts, Skirts, Jumpers
- Tops
  - Navy Blue, Forest Green, or White Polo Shirts
  - Fugitt Spirit Shirts can be worn on Friday
- Shoes
  - Closed Toed Shoes, no Crocs

### ❖ **Special Services and Programs**

- The 7 Habits found in Steven Covey's "The Leader in Me" are aligned with the B.E.S.T. standards and integrated across the curriculum
- Principal's Multicultural Advisory Committee
- Students Against Violence Everywhere Club
- Student-led Morning Show, Gator Bytes
- Chorus
- Gifted & Talented Program K-5
- STEM Club K-5
- Access Point curriculum for Exceptional students

# Fuguitt's Vision, Mission, & Core Values

## **Vision:**

100% Student Success

## **Mission:**

The mission of Fuguitt Elementary is to prepare tomorrow's leaders today by engaging and inspiring students for success on a daily basis by connecting learning to real life.

## **Core Values:**

We pride ourselves on developing a culture where students are empowered for success! The Leader in Me provides our school with the vision and language to lead the school in a way that addresses all areas of development. As each child discovers and develops his/her unique gifts and talents, they are given opportunities to lead. As leaders, they become active, engaged partners in their own education and their self-confidence, responsibility, and initiative grows. Children quickly understand the benefits of different gifts and talents; they learn to listen to new ideas, work together to achieve results, and motivate one another to be the best.

The staff at Fuguitt Elementary embrace the following core values and view them as a foundation of the culture within which we operate and a means by which to achieve our vision and mission:

**Be Proactive** – I am responsible

**Begin with the End in Mind** – I plan ahead and set goals

**Put First Things First** – I prioritize, I'm disciplined and organized

**Think Win-Win** – I look for alternative solutions

**Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood** – I listen to other people's ideas and feelings

**Synergy** – I value other people's strengths and learn from them

**Sharpen the Saw** – I take care of my mind, body and soul

## **Positive Behavior Intervention Systems (PBIS):**

“Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports” (PBIS) is an [evidence-based](#) / [three-tiered](#) framework to improve and integrate all of the data, systems, and practices affecting student outcomes every day. PBIS creates schools that support everyone for success. PBIS approaches behavior from a positive standpoint, including research-based practices and data-driven decision-making to prevent problem behaviors before they arise.

# Fuguitt Elementary 23-24 Suggested School Supply List

## **Kindergarten**

Bath Sized Towel (labeled with your child's name) for rest time  
Backpack (no wheels) large enough for towel and folder  
Change of clothes (labeled with your child's name) in Ziploc bag  
1 Package of washable markers  
1 Package of Expo dry erase markers  
10 Glue sticks  
Headphones (labeled with your child's name)  
**BOYS:** Ziploc bags (sandwich sized)  
**GIRLS:** Hand soap

## **1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

1 Spiral Notebook  
1 box Storage Bags (BOYS: Quart) (GIRLS: Gallon)  
2 boxes of Crayons  
2 packages of #2 Pencils  
3 Folders (2 pockets, 3 prong): Red, Yellow, Green  
1 Backpack (no wheels)  
1 box of Washable Markers  
1 pack large Expo Dry Erase Markers: Black  
1 pair of Safety Scissors  
1 Plastic Pencil Box

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

1 Pack (24) #2 Pencils  
1 Pack dividers  
1 Pencil Box  
1 Pair of Safety Scissors  
1 Box Crayons - 16 or 24 count  
1 box Ziplock Storage Bags -Quart or Gallon  
1 pair headphone  
2 Pack of Dry Erase Markers  
1 Refillable Water Bottle

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

1 pack of colored pencils  
1- 3 ring binder 1" with pockets (pencil pouch optional)  
Headphones  
2 packs of #2 Pencils  
2 packs of EXPO Dry Erase Markers  
2 packs of Glue Sticks  
1 box Ziplock Storage Bags - Quart or Gallon  
1 Folder (2 pockets, 3 prong)  
3 Composition Notebooks (green, blue, black)

## **4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

4 Plastic Folders with prongs  
2 packs of EXPO Dry Erase Markers  
Headphones with name  
3 ring pencil pouches (no boxes)  
1- 1½" Zippered Binder  
1 old clean sock  
1 Refillable water bottle  
2 packages of #2 Pencils

## **5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

2 Pocket Folders (any color)  
2- Three-Subject Spiral Notebooks  
1 pack of EXPO Dry Erase Markers  
Headphones with name  
Paper Towels  
Pencils  
2 Composition Notebooks  
1 box Ziplock Storage Bags -Sandwich or Gallon

**\*All items will be your child's personal items\***  
**\*ALL ITEMS ARE SUGGESTED ITEMS ONLY!\***  
**(NOTHING IS MANDATORY)**

## 23-24 Pinellas County Schools Student Calendar

| Date                                      | School Info   |
|---|---|
| <b>Aug. 10, 2023:</b>                     | All schools open. First Day for Students. All Pre-k and postsecondary schools' classes begin                    |
| <b>Sept. 4, 2023:</b>                     | Labor Day holiday – No school for students  |
| <b>Sept. 25, 2023:</b>                    | No school for students. (a) <i>*Possible hurricane make-up day)</i>   |
| <b>Oct. 13, 2023:</b>                     | End of first quarter  |
| <b>Oct. 16, 2023:</b>                     | No school for students. (a) <i>*Possible hurricane make-up day)</i>   |
| <b>Nov. 20, 2023 -<br/>Nov. 24, 2023:</b> | Thanksgiving holiday week – No school for students. (a) * November 20-21, 2023 Possible hurricane make-up days) |
| <b>Dec. 21, 2023:</b>                     | End of second quarter   |
| <b>Dec. 22, 2022 -<br/>Jan. 5, 2024:</b>  | Winter holidays – No school for students  |
| <b>Jan. 8, 2024:</b>                      | All PreK-12 and postsecondary schools' classes resume. Second semester begins                                   |
| <b>Jan. 15, 2024:</b>                     | Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No school for students  |
| <b>Feb. 16, 2024:</b>                     | No school for students. (a) <i>*Possible hurricane make-up day)</i>   |
| <b>Feb. 19, 2024:</b>                     | No school for students.   |
| <b>Mar. 8, 2024:</b>                      | End of third quarter  |
| <b>Mar. 11, 2024 -<br/>Mar. 15, 2024:</b> | Spring holidays – No school for students.   |
| <b>Mar. 29, 2024:</b>                     | No school for students.   |
| <b>Apr. 26, 2024:</b>                     | No school for students.   |
| <b>May 27, 2024:</b>                      | Memorial Day holiday – No school for students.  |
| <b>May 29, 2024:</b>                      | End of fourth quarter. Last day for all students. Students will be released two hours early.                    |

(a) Hurricane make-up days If 4 days needed, those days will be: 10/16, 11/20, 11/21 and 2/16

## Attendance Information

**Attendance:** Each child is expected to be punctual and attend school regularly as required by the Florida State Law. If a child has been absent, the parent or guardian must notify the school in writing within forty-eight (48) hours stating the reason for the absence, as required by Florida Statutes and School Board Policy. The day the child returns or one (1) day thereafter notes will be accepted. Any notes received more than two (2) days after the child returns must be a doctor's excuse for the absence to be excused. If excessive absences or tardiness continue, the Office of the State Attorney will be notified and will work with the family and school to resolve the problem. Please report your child's absence by calling the school at 588-3576. When your child is late, he/she must report to the school office before going to class to obtain a tardy slip. Tardiness prevents your child from receiving critical instruction and interrupts the learning process of other children.

Additional Information regarding district policies and expectations can be found in the Student Code of Conduct: <https://www.pcsb.org/code>

## Student Reservation System (Parent Portal)

<https://reservation.pcsb.org>

The Student Reservation System is a great resource for families, please come into our front office with your ID and a good email and we will make you a username and password.

Parents can use the Student Reservation System to:

- Reserve a seat for the current or next school year
- Change their residence address
- Apply for a District Application Program
- Apply for Special Assignment Request

**Please note that some of these options will only be available at certain times of the year.**

## Fuguitt PTA

- Our Parent Teacher Association will be open for new membership beginning July 2023. Please check our PTA Facebook Page and Fuguitt Website for up to date information on how to join (membership fee is \$5.00).

## Important Information

- **School will start on August 10<sup>th</sup>.** Our times will continue to be from 8:45am to 2:55pm. The campus opens for students at 8:15 am. Students may not arrive before 8:15am as there is no adult supervision, unless they are enrolled in the YMCA. Upon arrival students will be directed to the cafeteria for breakfast or they may go directly to class. Breakfast will stop being served at 8:50 am.
- **Lunch:** Students will continue to enjoy free breakfast and lunch at Fuguitt. Families may join their child for lunch at our outside picnic tables; you must come during your child's designated lunch time to have lunch. Please be sure you have a state issued ID.
- **Drop off and Dismissal:** Students may enter campus at 8:15 am. No student drop off before 8:15am, as there is no adult supervision. Students will be dismissed at 2:55pm. Students must be picked up by 3:15pm due to lack of adult supervision after this time. Please refer to our website for our dismissal traffic patterns and designated car line pick up areas.
- **Visitors:** Visitors are permitted on campus for designated purposes (i.e. parent conferences, family events, volunteering, etc.). If you are coming onto campus please ensure that you have a state issued ID with you, as they are required to sign in.
- **Signing Your Child Out:** If you are signing your child out of school early you must have a state issued ID with you. In the event a different adult is signing your child out early they must be listed as an emergency contact on the student's white card or you must contact the school ahead of time to notify the front office of who will be signing out your child. There is no student sign-out after 2:30pm.
- **Dismissal Plans:** If there is a change in how your child is getting home please contact our front office and notify them of the change. This contact must happen before 2:00pm.



## Required Modified Dress Code

**Fuguitt Elementary** follows a **Required Modified Dress Code** for all students.

All students, Pre-K through Fifth grade, must wear the official modified dress code described below:

### **Bottoms**

Boys - Will wear tan/khaki shorts or pants.

Girls - Will wear tan/khaki shorts, skirts, slacks, or jumpers.

Lengths of bottoms must adhere to Pinellas County Schools Code of Conduct.

### **Tops**

Students can choose from navy blue, forest green or white polo shirts.

No button-down shirts, logos, designs, lace, or ruffles.

For cool weather students can wear the following without logos or designs:

Modified Dress Code polo shirts, long or short sleeves.

Sweatshirts (no hoodies), sweaters, or parent's choice of whatever type of jackets they wish their child to wear to and from school.

**Fuguitt Spirit Shirts** can be worn with khaki shorts or pants on Fridays ONLY.

**Shoes** must be closed toe shoes, according to the Pinellas County Schools Code of Conduct.

**Socks** need to be worn with shoes.





## Volunteering

- ❖ We have many volunteer opportunities at our school. For example, volunteering in a classroom, tutoring, mentoring (a free county workshop is required), chaperoning field trips and assisting with any of the organizations here at our school such as our wonderful PTA and SAC Committee.
- ❖ All Pinellas County School volunteers must register by completing an online volunteer registration form at [pcsb.org/volunteer](http://pcsb.org/volunteer) registration. We want to make sure that all volunteers on campus are approved before volunteering, and that their hours are being recorded. The registration process and background check may take up to three weeks.
- ❖ If you have already been volunteering at a Pinellas County School, there is no need to re-register; we can add you to our database upon request, but we do ask that the beginning of each year you reactive your volunteer account.
- ❖ Pinellas County Schools requires that all volunteers self-report any altercation with law enforcement that has resulted in criminal charges and/or convictions that may have occurred since their last background check/volunteer approval. It is with our students' safety in mind that we respectfully request that you contact us directly if you need to disclose anything prior to volunteering this school year.

## Student Services Information

"The mission of Student Services is to provide an interrelated system of support to students, schools, families, and communities to ensure sustainable student success."

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| <b>School Counselor</b><br>Angela Warner<br>Email: <a href="mailto:warnerm@pcsb.org">warnerm@pcsb.org</a>                | <b>School Psychologist</b><br>Nancy Harkins, Ed. S., NCSP<br>Email: <a href="mailto:harkinsn@pcsb.org">harkinsn@pcsb.org</a> |
| <b>School Social Worker</b><br>Niki DeMeza, LCSW<br>Email: <a href="mailto:demezan@pcsb.org">demezan@pcsb.org</a>        | <b>MTSS Specialist</b><br>Kathy Hagan<br>Email: <a href="mailto:hagank@pcsb.org">hagank@pcsb.org</a>                         |
| <b>School Nurse</b><br>Stephanie Doehleman, RN, BSN<br>Email: <a href="mailto:doehleman@pcsb.org">doehleman@pcsb.org</a> |  |

Services Provided: Child Study Team, Helping Families in Transition, MTSS/RTI, IEP Meetings, ESE Eligibility, 504 Plans, Counseling (Individual and Group), Crisis Intervention, Community Referrals, Bullying Prevention, School Health Services, Behavior Intervention, etc.

## Family Resources Program

Fuguitt offers a Family Support Program through a community partnership with Family Resources and the Juvenile Welfare Board. We have a Family Support Specialist on our campus several days a week. The Family Support Specialist can provide support for students in Kg-5<sup>th</sup> grade currently enrolled at Fuguitt. The purpose of this program is to provide support to our students and families by addressing the needs of the whole child and family, with the goal of increasing student achievement. Support is flexible and can be provided during school or non-traditional hours, at school, in the community, or in the home. Support/services may include (but is not limited to) wrap around case management, coordination with other community services, school advocacy/support linkage to tutoring/peer support, behavior support, individual/group/family counseling referrals or services, transportation assistances, referrals for legal assistance, connecting with different funding resources as needed, etc.

If you are interested in engaging with the Family Support Program, or would like to learn more, please reach out to our school social worker, Niki DeMeza ([demean@pcsb.org](mailto:demean@pcsb.org)) or our school counselor, Angela Warner ([warnerm@pcsb.org](mailto:warnerm@pcsb.org)).

## After School Programs

- ❖ **U.S. Best Taekwondo Center (727) 518-9543**
  - 380 Seminole Blvd, Largo, FL 33770
- ❖ **Ric Martin's Karate (727) 585- 8988**
  - 780 Missouri Ave N, Largo, FL 33770
- ❖ **Oh's Taekwondo (727) 393-4567**
  - 7520 Seminole Blvd, Seminole, FL 33772
- ❖ **American Mixed Martial Arts (727) 547-2662**
  - 10450 66th St N #1, Pinellas Park, FL 33782
- ❖ **Graydi (727) 584-7200**
  - 13420 Adams Cir, Largo, FL 33774
- ❖ **Ryan Dean's The Dojo (727) 542-2911**
  - 11917 Seminole Blvd, Largo, FL 33778
- ❖ **Wonder Kidz Academy LLC (727) 581-1195**
  - 557 Clearwater Largo Rd, Largo, FL 33770
- ❖ **YMCA (727)518-6796**

**\*The school is neither endorsing nor sponsoring this event nor approving or endorsing the views of the organization sponsoring the activity.**

# Community Resources

## **Pinellas County Resource Manual:**

Comprehensive Guide to Pinellas County Community Resources

<https://pinellas.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/clinical-and-nutrition-services/maternal-child-health/documents/resource-manual.pdf>

## **211:**

Information and Referral Services

<https://211tampabay.org/>

## **Mental Health Resources:**

Pinellas County Schools is providing a list of available counseling agencies as a convenience to our families. However, it does not endorse, support, or recommend any particular agency. The school board does not provide funds for counseling. Please check with your health care insurance for an approved provider list, as some types of counseling may be covered. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please call your school's social worker.

- Suncoast Center 727-327-7657
- Directions for Living 727-524-4464
- Sequel Care Youth Services 727-547-0640
- Chrysalis 727-231-4885
- Pinellas Support Team: Behavior modification/counseling services (for those with no insurance or insurance barriers to obtaining services)- (727) 785-2762 ext. 2
- Carlton Manor 727-343-3662
- Family Resources, free counseling for families with children 6-17 years old. Evening and Saturday appointments available. St. Pete, 727-552-1010 Clearwater, 727-298-3900
- 24-Hour Suicide Hotline: 727-791-3131
- 24-Hour Mental Health Assistance: 727-541-4628