Hello Fuguit Families,

The school year is in full force and so is the PTA. We had a great month hosting Bingo Night and the All Pro Dads breakfast. Thank you to all that helped make both of these events a success and we look forward to the rest of the year.

If you have not already, please make sure to sign up for a annual PTA membership. It's only $5 per year and it not only shows your support but will help you stay informed on events throughout the year.

We are also in need of individuals looking to get more involved. Events like the PTA host cannot continue without a succession plan in place. Consider taking an hour a month by volunteering. If you are interested in learning more about the PTA and how you can make a difference please contact us today.

“Wherever you turn, you can find someone who needs you. Even if it is a little thing, do something for which there is no pay but the privilege of doing it. Remember, you don’t live in the world all of your own.”

-Albert Schweitzer

Greetings! My name is Pam Brucinek, and I am the Community and Family Liaison here at Fuguit. Though I am new to this position, I am not new to Fuguit as I have enjoyed the past five years as the Teacher Assistant in the Stars class. When asked if I would consider this new role, I took my time in coming to a decision, as I truly enjoy interacting with and teaching students. Liaison is all new territory to me, and I have had much to learn. I am glad I took the challenge! My new position has given me the opportunity to interact with people I otherwise might not have, and I am learning what a tremendous, combined effort it takes to bring students, families, staff, and community together.

On a personal note, I am married to my incredible husband Jan, and I am mom to six (yes, six!) grown children. I have four pretty amazing grandchildren as well. I love being outdoors and traveling when possible, and backpacking - including the Appalachian Trail - has been a particular joy of mine. I also love to write, and I enjoy classic literature. As I continue growing into the position of Community and Family Liaison, I will be quick to say that the kind support of staff and volunteers has been incredible. Fuguit family, you are amazing!

Calling all volunteers, the Library Media Center needs you!!!

Mrs. Carver would like to reorganize Non-Fiction this year, and it's a big job! The Book Fair is coming up November 12-21. (Theme is “Snow Much Fun Reading!” Lots of hands are needed! Looking for creative folks who like to do bulletin boards, etc. She has been wanting to redo the dividers and shelving labels in a creative way. Anybody have a Cricket or a “Maker” that would like to get involved? Reach out to Karen (The library lady) carverk@pchs.org

* Don’t forget you must be registered to volunteer. Sign up online at, https://asd.pcsb.org/schoolwiresforms/volunteer/ or visit the front office for a paper application.
PRINCIPAL, MRS KATHLENE BENTLEY, ED.D.

We had a great first quarter of school! Our first report card will come home on Tuesday, October 29. I have been thoroughly impressed watching all the learning at school. Thank you parents for partnering with us to ensure success for your student! We've had several family events and we love to see all the excitement and enthusiasm from our students, staff and families! Our Harvest Fest is one of our annual events and even with the weather not cooperating, it was huge!! Coming in November, we have Thanksgiving Luncheon, The Great American Teach-In and our monthly All Pro Dad's meeting. Please check our website, marquee and your child's agenda for dates and reminders. We know that when the school and parents team together, the results for children are phenomenal! Students recently completed their first round of MAP, the district common assessments in reading, math, and science. This information serves as baseline data and provides us the valuable information on individual students and school-wide trends. Our classroom instruction is data driven and our teachers use this date to adjust their instruction to meet the needs of each student! If you would like more information about your student's assessments, please contact us!

I highly encourage all parents to sign up for a Parent Connect password. Your password allows you to logon to a portal providing a snapshot of your child's grades. This is a fantastic tool to stay in touch with grades and other pertinent information. To receive your password, contact the school office at 588-3576.

If you have not yet joined PTA, it's not too late! We have a strong, hardworking PTA at Fuguit! I highly encourage you to support this organization that does so much for our school. PTA serves as an advocacy organization promoting the welfare of children. They provide family involvement opportunities creating a bridge to welcome families to the school. PTA also supports many programs that touch the entire school community and sponsor many of our school events!

Parents, please remind your student to read and sign their reading log nightly. Students are required to maintain Student Reading Logs as part of our Reading curriculum. Parents are expected to sign reading logs nightly and encourage reading each evening. Your support of our Reading goals is a valuable part of ensuring success for all students! Thank you for your continued support at Fuguit Elementary, where our leaders are ready to take center stage!

Kind Regards,
Dr. B

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **October is National Bullying Prevention Month**
  Wear and share **ORANGE on Unity Day, Wed., Oct. 23, 2019** to show your support of bullying prevention. #UnityDay2019. For ideas to get involved, visit [this website](https://www.anti-bullying.com) and follow [this link](https://www.anti-bullying.com/)

- **Mark your calendar for application program events**
  The application period for magnet, fundamental and career programs for next school year is Jan. 8-17, 2020. Pinellas County Schools offers nearly 80 programs focused on students' interests, talents and learning styles. At Choice Fairs, families will have a chance to meet with program representatives and learn about magnet, fundamental and career programs. Fairs will be held:
  - Oct. 29: 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Countryside High, 3000 SR 580, Clearwater
  - Nov. 2: 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Pinellas Park High, 6305 118th Ave., Largo
  - Nov. 4: 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Lakewood High, 1400 54th Ave. S, St. Petersburg

  Families will also have opportunities to visit schools and explore programs in more detail at Discovery Nights, which will be held Oct. 29-Dec. 20. Please contact individual schools to find out about tours or about shadowing opportunities at high schools. Additional information will be posted [here](https://www.pinellas.k12.fl.us/). If you have questions, please call the Student Assignment Office at 727-588-6210.
HELD EVENTS

BINGO NIGHT, October, 11th, 6 - 8 PM

It was an incredible and awesome Bingo Night!!! Thank you all so much for coming, we hope you had lots of fun and enjoyed the game! We want to thank our precious volunteers for helping out. Without your continued support we would never be able to put on events like these. We strongly appreciated your support and assistance during the event. Thank you!!!

ALL PRO DAD’S MEETING, October, 18th at 7:30 AM

We had wonderful All Pro Dads meeting that morning with coffee, sliced apples and delicious sausage biscuits, kindly donated by McDonald's (huge thank you to Ms Caitlin Hissa, Manager of McDonald’s, Pinellas Park, FL 33781). The meeting’s topic was creativity. Creativity is how we express ourselves and use our minds, gifts and abilities to better our lives and our community. It allows us to address challenges and provide solutions. It’s important to nurture creativity in our children. We had an opportunity to practice being creative and colored plastic plates, trying to make funny or scary masks. It was funny, kids liked it very much. Check out these articles from All Pro Dads for more resources: Teaching Innovation to Your Kids, 6 Ways to Cultivate Your Child’s Imagination, 10 Ways to Develop Creativity.

HARVEST NIGHT, October, 18th, 6 - 8 PM

Despite of the rain we had wonderful Night full of fun, games, nice and scary costumes, kids' smiles and laughs. It was awesome!!! Thanks everyone for coming and sharing the celebration and special thank you to our volunteers - you are the best!!!