



# It is time to start school!

Dear Fuguitt Families,

We hope you have had a wonderful summer, where you have had time to relax and recharge! We are so excited for the upcoming school year! We are looking forward to seeing our students back on campus! Our teachers are already planning

and preparing for your children and an amazing new school year!

## **Important dates to remember:**

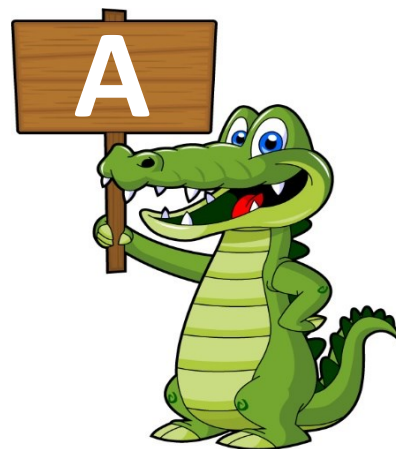
**Meet the Teacher:** Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 1-3 pm

**First Day of School:** Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>

**Title I Annual meeting/ Open House:** Wednesday, August 24, 5:30-7 pm

**School time:** 8:45am to 2:55pm

**No School:** Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>- Labor Day



- **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.
- **Welcome:** We are so delighted to welcome our new Assistant Principal, Eliza Lentz. We also welcome Natalie Schoeneck in Kindergarten team, Kaitlyn Castro, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade team, Hannah Boardman, 4<sup>th</sup> grade team, Megan Rivers, 5<sup>th</sup> grade team, and Dr. Michael Miller is our MTSS Coach! I am pleased to let you know Mrs. Marinela Trushi will be our front office clerk and Mrs. Ashley Adams will be our Family & Community Liaison and assist in the front office. Miss Shauna Daucher is our DMT, she has been busy helping our families with registration and enrollment.



- **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 as students will not be pulled out of learning to have lunch. Please be sure you have a state issued ID.
- **Daily learning:** Teachers will cover the B.E.S.T. state standards required for their grade level. Students will receive small group instruction and have access to our computer lab and science lab materials.
- **Mandatory Uniforms:** As you shop for back-to-school uniforms, please be sure to keep in mind our uniform colors. If you need assistance, please contact the school office or Clothes for Kids at 441-5050.
  - White, Navy-Blue, or Hunter Green collared shirts.
  - Khaki pants, shorts, skirts, or jumpers
  - Closed-toe shoes, no crocs.

**\*NO other colors or jeans are permitted! Students out of uniform will be asked to contact their families for a change of clothes.**

- **The Clinic:** If your child is not feeling well, please keep them home. If a student gets sick during the school day, our nurse will assess your child and consult with you. If a student exhibits illness beyond normal stomachache or “boo-boo,” we will request that you pick up your child. We strongly encourage you to make back-up plans for pick up and provide the front office with several people for us to contact on your behalf.
- **Drop off and Dismissal:** Students may enter campus at 8:15 am. Students will be dismissed at 2:55pm. We will continue the same drop off and pick up processes that we had last year; 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade in the North car line, Pre-K, Kindergarten, and grades 3-5 in the front car line, ESE pick up and drop off will be at the last gate in the front car line.
- **Visitors:** Visitors are permitted on campus for designated purposes (i.e., parent conferences, family events, volunteering, etc.). Please see attached letter from our Family & Community Liaison for more information about becoming a volunteer. For security reasons, families are not permitted to walk their child to their classroom.
- **First week of school:** We will have additional adults to help your child out of their car and to their class. The same is true for our bus students. Due to our continued focus on security, families will no longer be able to walk their child to class. I know this is scary for our first-time students, but I promise we will have plenty of adults to help your child to class and hopefully you will be able to join us for our “**Meet and Greet**” event on August 9<sup>th</sup> to meet your child’s teacher and see the classroom ahead of time.
- **Dismissal:** After 2:30 pm, we are not able to change how your child gets home or sign them out early. Please notify the office before 2:30 pm if you need to change how they are getting home or sign them out early. If your child is a car rider or walker, please meet your child in the car circle at 2:55pm. Our staff will direct you to pull up past the cross walk at the appropriate time and your child may enter your vehicle.
- **PTA:** Our PTA has already put together a calendar of great family events and activities! Please help support the amazing things our PTA does for our school by joining the PTA. Membership is just \$5.00. Check them out on Facebook, at Fuguitt Elementary PTA, they will continuously update this page with important information throughout the school year.



We are so delighted that you are part of our amazing learning community. We welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education at Fuguitt. We look forward to working with you and your children. We have an open-door policy, so please feel free to reach out to us or just stop by and say hello.

Thank you for partnering with us in your child’s education, *where our students are paving the way to success.*

Dr. Bentley, Principal & Mrs. Lentz, Assistant Principal





# Welcome to Fuguitt Elementary!

My name is Ashley Bell Adams, and I am the Family & Community Liaison at our school. My hours are Monday thru Friday, 9:00 AM until 2:30 PM. I look forward to meeting all our families and community members.

Research has shown that student success is directly linked to parental involvement, both at home and at school. Grades rise, self-esteem grows, and schools are successful. If you show how important school is to you by getting involved, then your student will also feel that it is important. 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/volunteerregistration](https://pcsb.org/volunteerregistration). 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.

Thank you for being engaged in your student's education. We look forward to getting to know you better.

Sincerely,

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Family & Community Liaison  
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[bellas@pcsb.org](mailto:bellas@pcsb.org)

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**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.**