



Curtis CHRONICLE

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January 2016

Dates to Remember

– January 3 –

Back to School for Students

– January 6 –

Open Court 8:15 am

– January 10 –

PTA Meeting 7:00 pm

Dunedin Highland Middle School

– January 13 –

Report Cards Distributed

– January 16 –

NO SCHOOL

– February 2 –

Class Pictures

– February 3 –

Open Court 8:15am

Math Party

Where will this be held?

Dunedin Highland Middle School

When will this happen?

January 10, 2017
from 7:00 - 8:00 pm

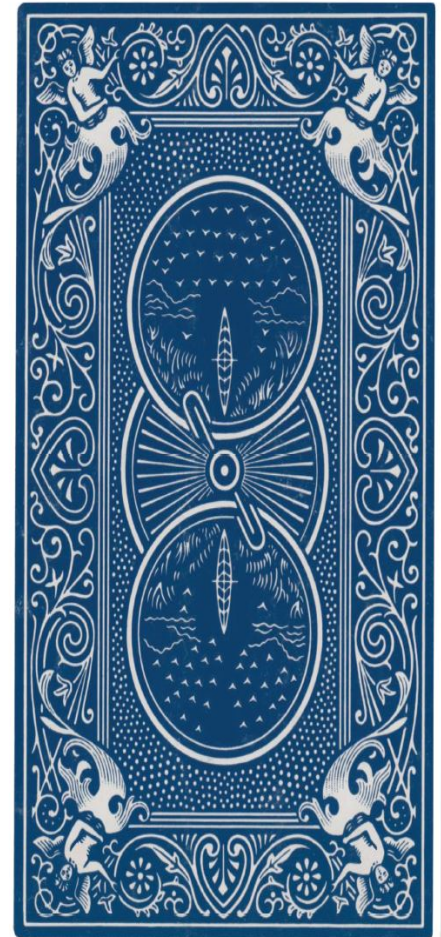
Who may come to this event?

All Levels

What are you to bring?

A deck of regular playing cards

This is a family oriented event. To be admitted, parents and students must attend together.



Dear parents: Please answer a few short questions about homework. Click the link for your child's grade level. If you have more than one child, please fill out for each grade level.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TW8B7HF>

Kindergarten

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TQ6BJVP>

1st grade

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TQBM6MK>

2nd grade

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TQLSJBR>

3rd grade

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TQMFVWS>

4th grade

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TQW83RL>

5th grade

District Application Programs

Follow these three steps to apply to District Application Programs:

Step 1: Get a Portal I.D. and Password

If you do not already have a User ID and password for your family, go to a nearby school and ask for one. Bring a photo ID with you. Only one User ID and password is needed per family.

Step 2: Apply Online Jan. 4TH thru Jan. 13th

Log on to the Student Reservation System (SRS) on the district's website, www.pcsb.org, using your User ID and password. Enter your five program selections from the list of programs.

Step 3: Accept Invitations Feb. 8th thru Feb. 15th

Log on to the Student Reservation System (SRS) with your User ID and password during this period to accept a program invitation. If you do not accept during this period, your child's invitation(s) will no longer be valid. Review your child's status in all programs to which you applied. It is not necessary to accept waiting list positions.

If you accept any ONE program's invitation during the acceptance period, the student's name will be removed from all other lists, (except the center for Gifted Studies) including waiting lists. You have the option to change your mind and select a different program before the Feb. 15th deadline.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

THUMBS UP!

TO OUR CFN BROADCAST TEAM MEMBERS

FOR JANUARY

Carter B, Stella F, Campbell H,

Isabella F and Julie J

HOUR OF CODE @ Curtis Fundamental

Code.org® is a non-profit organization dedicated to expanding access to computer science in schools. They have created a variety of fantastic tutorials to teach programming to all levels of students.

Most of our Curtis 4th, and 5th graders participated in these activities in their Library/Computer Lab Skills classes just before the winter break. Some teachers did it with their students when they visited the computer lab. The web address for all students (Pre-reader to 9th grade plus) is <http://code.org>.

Students, Keep Coding!



Gifted Philanthropy Project



Sharing our warmth with others.... in January, students will be collecting donations of gently used blankets to give to Pinellas Hope, a local agency that helps those less fortunate than us. We are encouraging families to check their linen closets to see if they might find a clean blanket that might still have a lot of life left in them. Students have set a goal of collecting 300 blankets!! Signs will be posted around the school after break as well as other 'advertising' of this project.

Thank you for helping us teach our students the importance of giving.

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.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN PE



Marathon Kids Running Club

Our Marathon Kids Running Club is going great and we are so proud of all of the kids participating (grades 3-5)!! Daily goals are being met and some long term goals have already been met!! We had our first group of kids complete one marathon (26.2 miles!!) and they have received their first prize (Nike T-Shirt)!!!

If your child does earn the shirt (and many will), they may be worn to school on Fridays!

Fun and Active Ideas To Do As a Family

- **Take a Walk.** Walking is a perfect way to reflect on the day and learn about what's going on in each other's lives. Finding ways to go on a fun nature walk or allotting twenty minutes after dinner for a walk around the neighborhood!
- **Healthy Habits & Hobbies.** Many of us have a list of things we plan to do when our children get older. But why wait? Dreaming of picking up your tennis racquet again someday; why not make it into a family fitness activity and take lessons together? Want to learn karate or taekwondo; what about a family class? Excited about a salsa dancing or a rumba class? Teach the kids a few moves and dance around the living room. With a few modifications, many adult fitness activities can become fun for the whole family.
- **Keep Physical Activities Simple.** Getting more physical activity doesn't always have to be a planned event. Ask everyone in the family to be on the lookout for simple ways to be more active. Try parking your car further from the door at the shopping mall, taking the stairs instead of the elevator, or walking to the corner store instead of driving. Get creative and involve everyone.
- **Outdoor Fitness Fun.** There are many fun outdoor family activities to enjoy together. From riding bikes to kite flying. Getting outside can be invigorating for everyone and can provide a few moments or all day opportunities for physical activity to boost family fitness.
- **Family Challenges & Competitions.** Sometimes a little family competition can be motivating. Ask everyone to set a physical activity goal: maybe learning to skip, jumping rope ten times without missing, or seeing who can keep a hula hoop going longest. Keep track of progress on a poster board in a central location.

Previous Units: Health and Wellness and Winter Games

Upcoming Units: Flying Discs (3-5)

Kicking and Trapping (K-2)

Musical Moments



Song of the Month for December has been, "You're a Grand Old Flag"

Song of the Month for January will be "Auld Lang Syne"



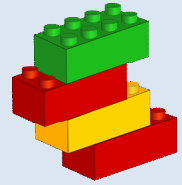
If you 4th or 5th grade child is interested in being in Chorus and they are NOT already, please have them attend Chorus the week we get back. Glee is our next musical! 5th Grade Honors Chorus (3 children involved) will meet January 18th from 2-2:45 in the Music Room and on February 1st in the music room. The students have been performing lots of different music during our special time. Tonechimes and Boomwhackers have been highly in use.

Ukulele's have been a joy to work with in 5th grade! Looking forward to January and what it will bring.

Have a blessed break!



Spring Enrichment



- Bricks4kidz • Clearwater Marine Aquarium • Golf
- Lacrosse • Yoga for Kids • Air Dry Clay • Soccer • And More!

For complete details go to: <http://www.pcsb.org/curtis-es> click on the Clubs and Activities tab.

Registration is currently open and is based on a first come, first serve basis. Registration for all programs will be online.

Thank you to all the parents and kids that sent in box tops in December. We collected 16,250, tops so we should receive a check for \$1,625.70. Wow!



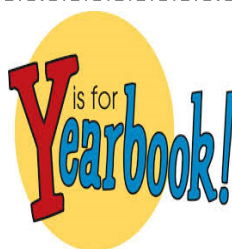
Thank-you to all the staff, parents and students who attended December's movie night and Sweet Tomatoes Spirit Night. We appreciate your support!



Curtis PTA would like to wish all staff, families and students a very Happy New Year!

SPIRIT NIGHT for January has not yet been confirmed. Keep an eye out for a venue and date coming home in your child's folder, via e-mail, on our website or our Facebook page.

Remember yearbooks can be ordered online. Please visit <http://community.pictavo.com/> for more information.



2nd Annual Curtis Color Run

Saturday, January 28, 2017

Event Registration: Online discounted pre-registration is available until 11pm on Monday 1/16/17. Register online at www.CurtisColorRun2016.racehawk.com.

Discounted registration: Family - \$100 (up to six people). Individual entry - \$20 (plus service fee). Paper registration forms are available at school in the front office and can be completed through Thursday 1/12/17 to receive the discounted pre-registration rate listed above. Race day fees: Family - \$110. Individual entry - \$25.