



Seminole Elementary Times

November/December 2022

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Dates to Remember

December

1st

- PMAC

5th

- K-Kids

13th

- All Pro Dads

14th – 22nd

- Elf Gram

15th

- PMAC
- Holidays Around the World & Winterfest 5:30pm-7:30pm

20th

- K/1 Winter Concert 6pm 4th & 5th grade Chorus Concert 7pm Seminole High

21st

- Rotary Club Lunch

22nd

- End of 1st Semester

23rd

- Professional Planning Day – No School for Students

Dec 24th – Jan 8th

- Winter Break

Thursdays

Kids Beach Club Centennial 3-4pm

Remember!

School Hours 8:45am-2:55pm

- Students cannot be dropped off before 8:10 in the morning.
- Students need to be seated in their classroom by 8:45 am.

If You See Something Say Something



www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern

Look for Warning Signs. If you see something suspicious Say Something. Report by going to

www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern



<https://www.facebook.com/SeminoleElementaryHawks>

A Note from Principal Cerreta



Dear Seminole Elementary families,

I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday. It is hard to believe that we are almost halfway through the end of the 2nd grading period which ends on December 22nd. I want to thank our parents for continuing to support their child's education by having them read every night, signing their reading logs, completing 5-10 Dream Box Lessons and iStation on Clever. While we want our students to enjoy the time with their family and friends during the Thanksgiving Break, we would also like for learning to continue. Take a break from the video games and iPhones by reading a good book or completing a few iStation or Dreambox lessons.

We encourage all of our students to participate in the MyOn Fall Reading Challenge that runs until November 30th and our Dreambox Thanksgiving Challenge by completing at least two Dreambox lessons during the Thanksgiving break. See MyOn flyer attached.

Veterans Day Program

It was great seeing so many of our Seminole parents and families last Friday for our annual Veterans Day program. Thank you to the VFW, Commander Bill Fagerquist, Dave SanSouci, the Seminole HS Band students, Steve Sola, Ms. Marr and the Seminole Chorus for being a huge part of our Veterans Day program as we honored our Veterans and active duty military. Thank you for your service.

FAST Assessments (Florida Assessment of Student Thinking)

All students in grade K-5 complete an online assessment three times a year known as FAST Assessments. Assessments are used to measure a student's growth in Mathematics and Reading. The Fall assessment gathers baseline. The Winter and Spring assessments measure progress. It is used to chart a student's academic growth from year to year. The data from the FAST assessments helps the teachers carefully monitor the student's academic progress and provide remediation and enrichment when needed. Students will be taking their Winter FAST Assessments December 5- December 16.

Seminole Elementary Celebrates Holidays Around the World (Winter Fest) December 15.

All of our Seminole families are invited to our Winter Fest Family Night on Thursday, December 15 for an evening of Holiday Fun. Participants will have an opportunity to make holiday ornaments, decorate cookies, tour the school and see the Holidays Around the World, have hot cocoa and watch a holiday movie.

Congratulations To Our Outstanding Readers:

One aspect of our School Wide Reading Program is for the students to read 45 minutes for Grades 3-5 and 20-30 minutes grades K-2.

After students read a book or have a book read to them, they take an Accelerated Reader test to earn AR points.

Congratulations to the following students for earning 100 points grades 3-5 and 50 points grades K-2:

100 Points: Evangeline Nkomeje, Vuk Veljkovic

50 points: Lillian Soles

Congratulations to 1st Quarter Principal's List Students



These students have received all As in academics and S and above in conduct

Kristine Tardif	Vuk Veljkovic	Bryce Henshaw	Noah Hoang	Elise Carlson
Abigail Turner	Amya Auten	Layla Eversole	Sean Kier	Julius Morales
Lainey Gamache	Carson Richmond	Reagan Stanton	Colton Taylor	Makenna Buchans
John Fitzpatrick	Katie Fitzpatrick	Macy Davies	Caden Drake	Sebastian Hock
Shelby Kessler	Havoc Morrison	Elijah Postma	Jace Drake	Piper Plomatos

A Message from Assistant Principal

Dr. Jennifer McCafferty



Dear Families,

Does your child have a Progress Monitoring Plan (PMP)? A PMP is a specific, detailed plan tailored to identify individual assistance that will be given to remedy a student's individually diagnosed deficiencies. The PMP is an active working document that reflects what is being done to help remediate a student's deficiencies. The PMP intervention process is a continual process that occurs at four times during a school year (August, Cycle 1, Cycle 2, and Cycle 3). Families of students with a PMP from their last year's data already had a PMP generated, shared, and signed.

Students with data that generates a PMP from Cycle 1 data, will begin to have these PMPs shared with families for review and signatures. Once a student generates a PMP during a school year, the PMP will remain in effect for the remainder of the school year even if a student is no longer deficient in any content areas.

To support your child's success in reading, math, and science proficiency, please ensure they are reading for their required minutes, practicing their math facts, and exploring the fascinating world around us!

Please contact your child's teacher or me, Dr. McCafferty, if you have any questions.

Respectfully,
Dr. McCafferty

SEMINOLE STAFF SHOUT OUTS!



Has a staff member gone above and beyond for you and your child? Do you want to show your appreciation and put a smile on their face? Now you can. Visit

<https://bit.ly/seminoleshoutout>

By completing the quick form the staff member will be recognized by Mr. Cerreta or Dr. McCafferty at our next Hawk Huddle.

Thank you for helping us celebrate our awesome staff at Seminole Elementary.

Thank you to all of the presenters of this Years Great American Teach-In



Pre-K and Kindergarten Parade



November Character Kids

Pre-K

Jost/Hock – Katherine Johnson

Scott – Andre Loeffler

Piper – Blake Vieno

Green – Ayla Aldrich

Kindergarten

Conde – Olivia Diaz

D'Altilio – Bella Chau

Horton – Khyla Holland

Schuler – Salma Halaweh

1st Grade

Brady – Christian Losada

Luczaj - Beryl Yi

Mucerino – Ethen Perez & Victoria Vanguela
Calzadillas

2nd Grade

Calhoun – Alice Abbott

Carlson – Jaymi Dunlop

Patterson – Bryce Hvizdzak

Poolson – Kalena Griffin

3rd Grade

Sadock – Savannah Parks

Kopkau – Ajna Goxhaj

Rudolph – Hailee Smith

4th Grade

Crose – Sean Kien

Harty – Harper Palmese & Andres Pineros

Rongey – Madison Dumas

5th Grade

Gorman – Jordan Seibert

Lentz – Owen Stancill

Sanders – Jace Drake

Napoli – Isabella Reinhardt

EBD

Capitosti – Ryder Patterson

2022-23 Battle of the Books List



1. **Amari and the Night Brothers** by B.B. Alston
2. **The Beast and the Bethany** by Jack Meggitt-Phillips
3. **Ben Yokoyama and the Cookie of Doom** by Matthew Swanson
4. **J.D. and the Great Barber Battle** by J. Dillard
5. **Julieta and the Diamond Enigma** by Luisana Duarte Armendariz
6. **Katie the Catsitter** by Colleen AF Venable
7. **pLeonard (My Life as a Cat)** by Carlie Sorosiak
8. **The Lion of Mars** by Jennifer L. Holm
9. **Measuring Up** by Lily LaMotte
10. **The Million Dollar Race** by Matthew Ross Smith
11. **Mystery on Magnolia Circle** by Kate Klise
12. **Shirley and Jamila Save Their Summer** by Gillian Goerz
13. **Stella** by McCall Hoyle

Reading Expectations



Students are expected to read Monday - Thursday and parents should sign reading logs

- 30 minutes minimum for grades K-2
- 45 minutes minimum for grades 3-5

Art News



Provided by Referendum Funds
For Pinellas County Schools

Ms. Art (Barth) is happy to report she was granted funding through Pinellas County Schools Art Department to beautify our school grounds through various projects with a student Public Art Club! This is only possible because of taxpayers (you) approving the [PCS Referendum](#), thank you! She has plans to upcycle repurposed colored bottle caps she received to create both sculptures for our gardens, and mosaics to label the building numbers! Stay tuned for progress pictures and applications for 4th and 5th graders to help out.

How Can Parents and Guardians Create a Language Enriched Environment at Home



Building a language enriched environment will help your child become avid readers as they grow. One way is to read newspapers, comic books, magazines, street signs, recipes, or directions to them every day. Create a special time in the evening or at night to read with your child, such as, before bed or while eating dinner. Encourage your child to talk about the book(s) they are reading. If they seem hesitant, ask them questions to help them get started. The more you do this, the more your child will get comfortable with the idea of discussing their books with you or anyone. Share poetry and rhymed books with your child. Identifying and using rhyming words will help them develop letter sound recognition which is important for reading readiness as they grow. Lastly, as you walk around outside, point out words on street signs, buildings or store fronts and have your child try to read it to you. The more they read the more confident they become with their reading skills.

VOLUNTEER



If you are interested in volunteering at our school, please register at www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistrationparticipation will earn a prize.



Please bring your photo ID when you come into the school office to sign out your student, check in for conferences, or to meet your student for lunch. Families can eat lunch with their student on Wednesday's and Friday's.



The next PTA meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 13th at 6:00 p.m.. This is a great opportunity to get involved and meet other families.



Spirit Night:

Our November Spirit Night has been rescheduled. It will take place on Wednesday, November 30th at Tijuana Flats from 5-8 p.m. Please come and enjoy some dinner with other school families and staff. The class with the most participation will earn a prize.

Lost and Found

Your stuff misses YOU too.



Our lost and found is starting to grow a collection of jackets, lunch boxes, and water bottles. If your student is missing any of those items please have them check the lost and found in the front office.

Clothes Closet:



Please consider donating any gently used shorts to our clothes closet. We are still in need of shorts (sizes 6-14). We are also in need of girls shirts (sizes 8-10). You can bring donations to the front office.

The Fine Motor Corner-



by Kimberly Meyer, MS OTR/L our school based Occupational Therapist bring donations to the front office.

In coming newsletters, I will be highlighting chapters from the book **BRAIN RULES** by John Medina. He writes about what our children's brains need. These are 12 principles that he writes about.

1. Survival- the human brain has changed over time.
2. Exercise- boosts brain power
3. Sleep- how sleeping helps us think.
4. Stress- stressed brains don't learn the same way.
5. Wiring- every brain is wired differently.
6. Attention- we don't pay attention to boring things.
7. Memory - repeat to remember.
8. Sensory integration - stimulating more of the senses.
9. Vision- trumps all other senses.
10. Music - study or listen to boost cognition.
11. Gender how female vs male brains differ.
12. Exploration - we are powerful and natural explorers.

Brain rule 1: survival.

Our brain is designed to solve problems and is related to surviving in an unstable outdoor environment and to do it while we are nearly constantly moving. We learn to solve problems, learn from our mistakes, and learn to work in a team to survive. If we don't feel safe, we may not perform as well. If we feel misunderstood, we may isolate ourselves. The brain stem and limbic system are involved in survival and are the basis that needs to be developed first so that we can then layer on higher levels of emotional functioning. If we don't develop this, there can be emotional immaturity and the initiation of the fight or flight responses of fear. Here is a great website to check out more information of this point.

<http://iislearningcorner.com/2016-04-limbic-system-your-childs-onoff-switch-for-emotional-grounding-fight-or-flight-and-meltdowns/>

Music News

with Mrs. Marr

Upcoming Events

Kinder/1st Grade
Holiday Concert
December 20 @ 6PM

Seminole Hawk Chorus
featuring 4th/5th Chorus & Seminole Beats
Holiday Concert
December 20 @ 7PM

*Both concerts will be held at Seminole High School

Veterans Day

Thanks to all our neighbors, friends and families who could join us for our Veterans Day program. Despite the rain, it was a joy to come together to honor the wonderful Veterans in our lives.

Thanks again for joining us for this special event!

This Week in Music...

K and 1st grade are prepping for their Holiday Concert. We also had fun dressing up for career day! Meet Seminole Elementary's future music teacher...

4th and 5th Grade are continuing in their ukulele unit. This week, they are adding Am to the list of chords they know.

Recorder News

3rd Graders are learning how to read the notes B, A & G on the music staff and have been earning lots of Recorder Karate belts. Belts can be earned in music or by uploading your recorder performance using this [FlipGrid link](#).

Veterans Day Celebration

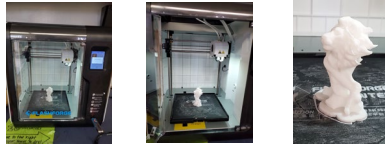


iMoms

Thank you, Anona United Methodist, for sponsoring our iMoms breakfast. Our next All Pro Dads breakfast will be December 13th in the Centennial Building. Please register before hand at <https://www.anona.com/apd-imom>.



3-D Printers from Rotary Club



Thank you Mr. Outlaw from the Rotary Club of Seminole for purchasing 2 beautiful 3D printers for our school.

Business & Community Partners:

Seminole Elementary would like to thank the Hustle & Heart Group of Remax Collective for sponsoring our Girlfriends group. They are generously donating for all of the needs of this group for the entire school year and attending the meetings. The Girlfriends group is a group of girls nominated by their homeroom teachers for being great examples to other students. The Girlfriends is a Pinellas County Schools program that focuses on empowering girls to be leaders at their current school and in the future. Thank you to the Hustle & Heart Group of Remax Collective for making this possible..

If you would like more information on how your business or organization can partner with Seminole Elementary, please contact Heather Plankey in the front office plankeyh@pcsb.org

We would like to thank the following businesses and organizations for their generous donations and support to Seminole Elementary:

- Pinellas Education Foundation
- Smuggler's Cove
- Rotary Club of Seminole
- Publix (113th Street)
- Beall's Outlet
- Seminole First Baptist Church
- Oakhurst United Methodist Church
- Vampire Penguin
- Pool Perfection Swimming Pool Builders
- Serafyn Salon
- Horace Mann Insurance
- Frankiewicz Financial
- The Hustle & Heart Group of Remax Collective
- Danielle Sapp- Berkshire Hathaway
- Northeast Orthodontics
- Seminole Elks Auxiliary
- Seminole Women's Club
- VFW Post 9272
- Jessica Saydeh-Mary Kay
- Yard DeSign
- Spenga Fitness
- Coastal Dreams Events
- Seminole Fresh Market
- Mary Kay
- Seth Michael Photography
- Bay Dermatology



Seminole Elementary RISE
Schoolwide Expectations
R- Respect/Responsibility
I – Integrity
S – Self-Control
E - Empathy

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