



# Seminole Elementary Times

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## Dates to Remember

### May

2<sup>nd</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>

- Scholastic BOGO Book Fair – Media Center

2<sup>nd</sup>

- K-Kids 3:00pm Centennial

3<sup>rd</sup>

- FSA – 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA

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5<sup>th</sup>

- FSA – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Math

6<sup>th</sup>

- FSA – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Math
- Kindergarten Clearwater Aquarium Field Trip

10<sup>th</sup>

- FSA – 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math
- PTA/SAC Meeting - Centennial

11<sup>th</sup>

- FSA 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade FSA Math
- Volunteer Appreciation Station – Office

12<sup>th</sup>

- PMAC 3:00pm
- Multicultural Fair & Talent Show PE Court 5pm-7pm

17<sup>th</sup>

- FSSA - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science
- Spring Concert @ Seminole High 6pm-8pm

18<sup>th</sup>

- FSSA- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science

19<sup>th</sup>

- Last Day of ELP
- Patrol Seminole Live Treasure Island Fun Center FT 9:30am – 2pm

24<sup>th</sup>

- Pre-K Rising Up Program – Centennial 9:00 – Green Piper, 10am – Calhoun
- Kindergarten Rising Up Program –1:00pm

25<sup>th</sup>

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fun Day
- Bugs Program – Centennial – 7:30am
- Awards Ceremony 4<sup>th</sup> Grade 1:20pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade 2:25pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Clap Out 2:50pm Courtyard
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Assembly 6pm – Seminole High

26<sup>th</sup>

- Last Day of School – Dismissal 12:50pm
- Report Cards Distributed
- Accelerated Reader Drum Circle Celebration

## A Note from Principal Cerreta



Dear Seminole Elementary Families,

It is hard to believe that there are only 4 weeks of school remaining for the 2021-2022 school year. It has been an amazing year! I am so proud of our students and feel blessed to be part of such an amazing school and community. At Seminole Elementary the learning never stops as we prepare for the end of the school year and start of Summer Bridge.

### Summer Bridge

Summer Bridge programs will take place June 6-June 30 Monday- Thursday from 7:50 am-1:50pm. Families can learn more at [www.pcsb.org/summerbridge](http://www.pcsb.org/summerbridge). R' Club will be offered FREE OF CHARGE for Summer Bridge students 6:30 am- 6:00pm. Please be sure to register with R' Club to reserve your spot.

### Teacher Appreciation Week

The week of May 2-6 is Teacher Appreciation Week. Help us celebrate our teachers by showing our appreciation for all of their hard work and dedication. See attached flyer.

### Volunteer Appreciation

Seminole appreciates all of our parent and community volunteers. Please stop by our Appreciation Station located in the front office on May 11<sup>th</sup> for some goodies and treats. We appreciate all that you do for Seminole Elementary.

### Last Day of School Dismissal

Summer is fast approaching. The last day of school for students is Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. **Please note that this is an early release day and students are dismissed at 12:50.**

### Important Information about 2022-2023

1. If your child is currently registered at Seminole Elementary, you do not have to register your child for the next school year. You will receive information regarding your child's homeroom teacher via the U.S. mail approximately 1 week prior to the start of the school year. At the beginning of the school year we ask that you update your child's emergency card.
2. Grade 5 students going to middle school do not need to register, the information will automatically roll over.

### Address Changes

If you moved or are planning to move over the summer, you must change the address in Student Reservation System and verify with the school.

### Laptop Computer Return

All student laptops must be returned to school along with their chargers by May 13<sup>th</sup>. During the weeks of May 16-26, students will have access to their computers in school, but will not be able to take them home. Please be sure to bring the charger with the laptop. Parents may be responsible for any damages to the computer.

### Campus Tours

We are offering campus tours to our incoming kindergarten parents. Please contact the school at 727-547-7668 to schedule a tour.

### Learning Environment Form

The process of class placement is sensitive and complex for teachers, parents, and the administration. Each year grade level teachers work closely together with a multi-disciplinary team to create future classes that meet the following criteria:

- balancing a range of achievement, social-emotional and readiness levels in each class
- balancing the number of students in each class receiving special services and additional support
- balancing gender and number of students
- balancing the inter-relationships of various combinations of students, including behavioral social and emotional consideration

These factors are given time and careful consideration by the classroom teacher, special area teachers, specialists, as we determine class assignments. Your input is invited in terms of the parental perspective as to the needs, strengths, and weaknesses of your child, including peer groupings. If you would like to communicate these needs, please complete the enclosed Learning Environment Form, no later than May 20<sup>th</sup>. **This form is optional.** The teachers and staff are well aware of the talents and challenges of every child, and we ask that you trust us to do the best for your child. Teachers do not assign students to particular teachers. They create balanced classes and administrators assign teachers to their class lists. **Please do not make specific teacher requests.** While we are greatly receptive to parental input regarding your child's needs, it is not possible or appropriate to accommodate parental requests for specific teachers. Our goal is to balance classes in ways that ensure academic, social and emotional equity.

### Principal's News (continuation from page 1)

We are currently looking for businesses that would like to advertise in our **Seminole Elementary folder**. When a business purchases advertising space your advertisement will be going home to over 500 families. If you own or work for a business that would like to place an ad on the back or inside cover of our folder you may purchase a space:

**\$200 for business card size \$400 for a half page \$800 for a whole page**

Please contact Theresa Cail in the school office if you are interested in purchasing an ad space in the folder. We also have other business partnership opportunities available.

#### Student Medication

The school year ends on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Pinellas County School policy does not allow us to send medication home with students or store it over the summer, even if your student is returning for Summer Bridge.

Please arrange to come to school to pick up any unused medication, including inhalers and Epinephrine Devices.

Any unclaimed medications will be disposed of on **Friday, May 27, by noon. 2022-2023 School Calendar**

Attached to the newsletter is the 2022-2023 school calendar. We hope that this information is helpful as you plan vacations for next year. We respectfully ask that you please plan family vacations on non-student days.

### PLANNING TO MOVE OVER THE SUMMER??



Parents,

If you are planning to move **out of the county or out of the state before** the start of the 2022-23 school year, please send in a signed note stating that your student will not be returning. In addition, you can request documents that will need to enroll in your new school.

#### Planning to move BUT staying in Pinellas County

Please follow the steps below to ensure we have the most up-to-date information for your child.

Steps to change your child's address:

1. Come to the front office during office hours (7:30AM-3:30PM) with a photo ID and get a Parent Portal username and password. (You may already have one, if it is expired you will need to bring your photo ID to the front office).
2. Visit the district's website at [www.pcsb.org](http://www.pcsb.org). Under the Site Shortcuts click Student Registration. There will be yellow and green boxes at the top of the page, and you will click the box that states Student Reservation.
3. Log in using your Parent Portal ID and Password.
4. Choose existing PCSB student.
5. Select address change and follow the steps.
6. You will need to provide 2 Proofs of Residency to the school. Acceptable proof of residency include utility bill, power bill, water, cable, sewer, telephone (not cellular), rental agreement, lease, and photo ID. (If you are living with someone OR the above items are in someone else's name you will have to do, and Affidavit of Residency provided at that school).



### Seminole Elementary's Multicultural Festival

May 12 6-8 pm

We are so excited to share the news that we will once again be having our annual Multicultural festival! Please come and join us for this wonderful evening as we travel the world and CELEBRATE OUR DIVERSITY! It will be a wonderful night for the whole family to learn about different countries, experience the cultures of different parts of the world, special performances, and fun activities for the kids!

We would also love to have as much family involvement as possible so if you and your family would be interested in taking part in the exciting night event by sharing about your cultural background and traditions we would be thrilled to have you join us! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Rosello at [stewart@pcsb.org](mailto:stewart@pcsb.org) or (727)547-7668.

### Battle of the Books



Congratulations to Mrs. Rongey's Triple R's who won our schoolwide Battle of the Books, and then tied for first in the regional semi-finals. They did an amazing job. The team consisted of Katie Fitzpartick (captain), John Fitzpatrick (teammate), Joanna Johnson (teammate), Makenna Buchans (teammate), and Adam Mribiha (Alternate).

### Pride Award Winners



Congratulations to our 2021-22 Pride Award Winners

- David Banyeretse – Science
- Evan Grinde – Math
- Courtney Chen – Social Studies
- Yanshan Yang – Writing

They received their awards at the annual ceremony held at Ruth Eckerd Hall on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Family/Community News



If you would like to learn how your business could be a partner with Seminole Elementary school, please contact Heather Plankey in the front office. (727)547-7668 or [Plankeyh@pcsb.org](mailto:Plankeyh@pcsb.org)

### PTA News



The PTA has several board positions open for next school year. This is a fun way to get to know other parents and be involved with our school. For more information, please contact Heather Plankey in the front office. (727)547-7668 or [Plankeyh@pcsb.org](mailto:Plankeyh@pcsb.org)

The last Spirit Night of the school year will be on **May 11th** at the Chipotle in Seminole City Centre from 4pm-8pm. Get some delicious dinner while supporting our school.



Teacher Appreciation Week will be May 2nd through May 6th. If you are able to contribute we are asking for the following:  
Monday May 2nd - Bring a flower for your teacher  
Tuesday May 3rd- Bring a card for your teacher  
Wednesday May 4th- Bring in a sweet treat for your teacher

### Order Your Yearbook and Have it Shipped to Your House



If you have not purchased a yearbook, it's not too late to receive one. You can still purchase a yearbook and have it shipped to your house. The cost is \$15 plus shipping. You can order by going to [www.treering.com/validate](http://www.treering.com/validate)

Enter in school code: **101492022443910**

### BOGO Book Fair



May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> in the Media Center.

Buy a book and get one item of equal or lesser value for free

## PE News



Seminole Elementary is stacked full of talented students! The Talent Show is going to be amazing!! Please join us for this epic show on **Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** at 5pm on the PE court. If your child is performing in the Talent Show, please make sure they are at the PE court no later 4:45. The show will start at 5pm sharp.

## Art News



Apply for an Arts Summer Camp Grant through Creative Pinellas! Our visiting mosaic artist works at Safety Harbor Art and Music Center, which holds a variety of camps, including a Wearable Art Camp led by Miss "Art"! Check [www.shamc.org](http://www.shamc.org) for the calendar, out soon. Beginning March 1, 2022 apply online at [creativepinellas.org/gotosummercamp](http://creativepinellas.org/gotosummercamp)

Getting a grant is easy. If you are approved for this program you will be eligible to get a grant to attend one arts-focused summer camp session (including drawing, painting, pottery, photography, and other visual arts) at a qualified Pinellas County organization or program.

Pinellas County residents between the ages of 5 – 18 are eligible for an Arts Summer Camp Grant

Campers and or parents can also email us at [summercamp@creativepinellas.org](mailto:summercamp@creativepinellas.org), with any questions or to schedule a phone call if needed.

## Music Notes from Mrs. Marr



Tired of Livin' on a Prayer? Wanna to be Too Legit to Quit? If so, then I want to invite you to this year's Spring Concert, Retro Mixtape, featuring the 4th and 5th Grade Seminole Hawk Chorus! The concert will be held on Tuesday, May 17 @ 6PM in the Seminole High School Auditorium. We hope you can join us for an evening filled with nostalgia as we travel through time, singing some of the greatest hits through the decades.

- Mrs. Marr 🎵🎶

## Gifted Service Learning Project



The 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade gifted Service-Learning Project involves taking collections for All Children's Hospital to help the children take their mind off the hospitalization and be less stressful. The students are collecting NEW – infant toys, adolescent/teen specific items (such as adult coloring books, advanced craft kits, etc.), action figures, card and board games (such as UNO, Monopoly, Candy Land, etc.). Follow this website for further items - <https://www.hopkinsallchildrens.org/Giving/Ways-to-Give/Items/Donate-Toys-and-Items>

The students are collecting from **4/26/22-5/23/22**. A collection box will be in the cafeteria hallway and front office. Thank you for helping!

## Accelerated Reader Recognition



Congratulations to the following students who have earned 50 points (K-2) and 100 points (3-5)

Julius Morales	Lilyanna Corry	Macy Davies	Alyssa Guptill
Trinity Montgomery	Malcolm Witherspoon	Dino Burns	Briella Chesley
David Banyeretse	Emmaline Gambino	Rex Ridge	Elise Carlson

## The Fine Motor Corner-



by Kimberly Meyer, MS OTR/L our school based Occupational Therapist

What kind of learning style does your student have? If you don't know, there are many quizzes online that can help you (and them) determine their preferred learning style.

The three most common types of learning styles include visual learners, auditory learners, and kinesthetic learners. Sometimes we learn using a variety of these styles and sometimes just one style works best. When we can figure out what learning style our students have, we can more effectively help them learn by providing unique opportunities in the way they learn best.

**Visual learners** will learn by looking at charts, graphs, picture aids, videos, and other things that they see. Graphic organizers, lesson outlines and picture aids are helpful for visual learners to stay organized. Tips include using a highlighter to highlight key words and phrases. Flashcards are useful. Previewing the chapter looking at the title and subtopics/headings of paragraphs. Sitting with a good view of the person speaking is helpful. Color coding, visualization, to do lists, written directions, creating posters are just a few ways to help these types of students learn.

**Auditory learners** will learn by hearing a read-aloud, listening centers, verbal instructions discussions. Auditory learners will remember more repeating or retelling information to other students, friends, or family. Using songs or music and making up songs replaced by words or details to remember information. Doing books on tape or recording lessons, creating questions or an infomercial.

**Kinesthetic learners** will learn by touch, textures and /or movement. These learners prefer hands-on! Incorporating body movements, manipulatives, motion, modeling directions or providing a richer sensory experience will facilitate learning. You can use drama, create a model or a game or a skit. Charades, gestures, "becoming it" and matching games are a few great tips to use for this type of learning style. If they're young and learning to write the letters of the alphabet, these kids do well with sidewalk chalk letters on the pavement.

## The Heat is On – Stay Hydrated!!



1. Remember to drink plenty of water daily!
2. Start your day with a big glass of water to prepare for your outside recess and P.E.
3. Drink at least 2 water bottles while at school so you will not get overheated, have a headache or a stomach ache!
4. Take off your jacket, sweatshirt, hoodies and ball caps while outside – these will only cause you to overheat in our hot sun.
5. Drink a big glass of water in the evening to prepare for the next day! Your body dehydrates overnight while sleeping.

\*\*All medications stored in the clinic, including inhalers and Epi Pens, will need to be picked up by **NOON on Thursday, May 26th** without exception. Medications are not allowed to be sent home with students or stored for upcoming Summer Bridge.\*\*



Please check the Lost and Found in the front office if your student is missing any items such as water bottles, lunch box, jackets, etc.

## Daddy Daughter Dance



### Florida ESE Parent Survey Now – May 31, 2022

It is time for the Florida Department of Education's annual Exceptional Student Education Parent Survey.

Each year, the department surveys parents of students with an individual education plan (IEP) who receive special education services to determine how well schools are supporting their involvement in their children's education.

**If your child receives special education services, make your voice heard.**

**Take the ESE Parent Survey at [www.esesurvey.com](http://www.esesurvey.com).**

Feedback helps the state and the school district improve educational services for children with special needs and their families. The survey is confidential, but Pinellas County Schools receives overall results and improves ESE services based on parent feedback. Thanks to feedback from families, PCS has created the ESE Parent Connector program, which designates a point person at every school to share ESE information and resources with their school communities.

The survey closes May 31. If you have questions, contact Tracy McMannus at

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If You See Something Say Something



[www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern](http://www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern)

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

[www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern](http://www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern)

### Character Kids for April

This month's character trait is self-control. Congratulations to the following students for receiving Character Kid for the month of April.

Conde	Elle Amatuccio	Cole Cramer
Cröse	Joanna Johnson	Owen Stancill
Rongey	Anastacia Valle-Najar	Luke Hulet

### Mrs. Misener's Class Keeping Our Campus Beautiful on Earth Day



Thank you Corey Thornton Productions and Treasure Island Fun Center for donating certificates for 1 hour of free video game play for students who earned their 1<sup>st</sup> semester Accelerated Reader goals.

### Thank you From Mrs. Conde's Class

Thank you to all our families that helped out with goodies for our egg hunt! Your support is always appreciated more than you know! 😊

### Summer Bridge



This summer Seminole Elementary will have

Summer Bridge

Dates: June 6-30

Days: Monday - Thursday

Hours: 7:50am - 1:50pm.

Free breakfast and lunch provided

Register for elementary summer bridge at

<https://reservation.pcsb.org>

### Congratulations Rotary Students of the Month



Congratulations to our Rotary students of the month: Jayden Sanchez, Marcella Andree, and Briella Chesley. They were treated to a lunch and received a trophy and goodie bag from the Rotary Club of Seminole.