



Seminole Elementary Times

August/September 2022

Issue 1

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Dates to Remember

September

5th

- Labor Day (No School)

September

8th

- Dairy Queen Spirit Night 4-8pm

12th

- Mid Period Reports
- Grandparents Breakfast A-H

13th

- All Pro Dads 7:30 am Centennial

14th

- Grandparents Breakfast I-O

16th

- Grandparents Breakfast P-Z

17th – 23rd

- Start with Hello Week

30th

- Hawk Huddle 8:45am PE Court
- PTA Fundraiser Due

Thursdays

Kids Beach Club Centennial 3-4pm

A Note from Principal Cerreta



Our first few weeks of school have been wonderful! It is amazing how quickly the students have become acclimated to their classes and the high level of academics. We are thrilled to be celebrating our “B” grade from the Florida Department of Education. Our students showed tremendous gains last year and have some of the highest gains in the state! We look forward to continuing our work ahead. We are raising the bar by increasing the academic rigor in the upcoming school year with before and after school ELP (Extended Learning Program), school wide reading incentives to promote independent reading and class schedules that help us to maximize time on task and student engagement. Thanks to the support from our parents, community, our teachers and students.

The month of September is a busy month with many activities planned. To recognize our grandparents, we have our grandparent’s breakfast taking place the week of September 12. To better accommodate the many grandparents that join us, we spread the event over three days.

Monday, September 12- grandparents of students last name starting with the letters A-H
 Wednesday, September 14- grandparents of students last name starting with the letters I-O
 Friday, September 16- grandparents of students last name starting with the letters P-Z

Upcoming Events:

September 5- Labor Day

September 8 – Dairy Queen School Spirit Night 4pm-8pm (bring your Parent Support card!)

September 12,14 &16- Grandparents Breakfast 8:10 in the Cafeteria

September 13- All Pro Dad’s Breakfast 8:00 in Centennial Building



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.

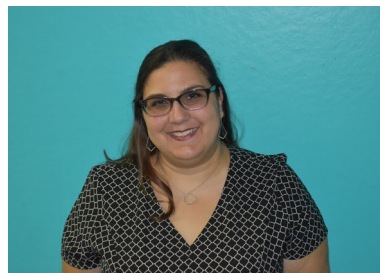
Report by going to

www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern



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

Welcome New Staff Members to Seminole Elementary



Dr. McCafferty – Assistant Principal



Mrs. Moore – Guidance Counselor



Ms. Daigle – Behavioral Specialist

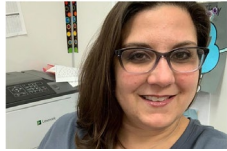


Mr. Slaughter – VE Teacher



Tiffany Tuinakauvadra - VE Resource Teacher

**A Message from Assistant Principal
Dr. Jennifer McCafferty**



Dear Families,

Thank you so much for welcoming me to Seminole! It was so nice to meet you during Meet the Teacher at the beginning of the month and Open House this week. I am looking forward to working with you and your child to ensure a successful year.

I wanted to share that we begin our Progress Monitoring 1 session next week. This computer-based test will allow us to determine your child's strengths and areas for support. We look forward to using the results of this assessment to inform our instructional decisions. Please be sure to look out for an information from me and information from your child's teacher about the specific day their class is testing. Students who receive accommodations will be scheduled to ensure those accommodations are provided. Finally, you will be sent a copy of this report shortly after the assessment is given and the stapled page will be required for you to sign and return acknowledging you have received the score report. If you have any questions about the assessment or the results you will receive once testing is complete, please feel free to reach out to me at mccaffertyj@pcs.org or 727-547-7668. Thank you for your partnership!

Seminole Staff Shout Outs!

We are excited to introduce a way for families to give shout outs to Seminole staff members! See the flyer for more information on how to submit a shout out to be shared and celebrated with the staff. You may give a shout out to as many people as you like by completing the form for each person. Additionally, save this to submit additional shout outs in the future. Thank you for helping us celebrate our staff!

SEMINOLE STAFF SHOUT OUTS!

HAS A STAFF MEMBER GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILD? DO YOU WANT TO EXPRESS YOUR APPRECIATION AND PUT A SMILE ON THEIR FACE?

NOW YOU CAN!

VISIT: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/SEMINOLESHOUTOUT](https://bit.ly/seminoleshoutout) OR SCAN THE QR CODE

BY COMPLETING THE QUICK FORM, THE STAFF MEMBER WILL BE RECOGNIZED BY MR. CERRETA AND DR. MCCAFFERTY AT OUR NEXT HAWK HUDDLE (SCHOOL-WIDE ASSEMBLY).

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US CELEBRATE THE AWESOME STAFF AT SEMINOLE ELEMENTARY!

August Character Kids

PreK:

Scott/Sanders – Mohammad Halaweh
Josh/Hock – Carson Speak
Piper – Cole Brookins

KG:

D'Altilio – Nova Crowder
Conde – Avery Wright
Schuler – Zoey Khvorostor
Horton – Bella Serrano

1st:

Mucerino – Bennett Humphreys & Fisher Wilson
Luczaj – Luke Spoto
Brady – Ryleigh McKnight

2nd:

Poolson – Savannah Cleary
Patterson – Maci Strickland
Carlson – Helena Stojanovic
Calhoun – Aaron Novak

3rd:

Kopkau – Justin Mock
Rudolph – Monica Jackson
Sadock – McKenzie Delacruz

4th:

Rongey – Braydon Jeske
Harty – Prestin Schroeder & Reagan Stanton
Croze – Maya Walsh

5th:

Lentz – Katie Fitzpatrick
Gorman – Lilee Carithers
Napoli – Macy Davies
Sanders – Eva Nkomeje

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. **Leonard (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 minimally for grades K-2
- 45 minutes minimally for grades 3-5

What Is Title I?



From the Title One Parent Tool Kit.

Title I is a federally funded program designed to address the academic needs of students and to assist them in meeting the state's high standards, particularly in the areas of reading, writing, science and mathematics. The Pinellas County School District receives funds based upon the number of students who are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch.

What Is a Title I School?

Title I schools are determined by the percentage of students at each school who are eligible for free or reduced lunch.

You may see this in your Title I School:

- Intervention classes - provide intensive assistance in reading and math
- Additional resource teachers and assistants who are highly qualified
- Additional training for school staff
- A variety of teaching methods and materials
- Special learning events
- Training for families
- After-school tutoring

Back-to-School FOCUS Forms Tip

You'll find the following annual forms in FOCUS:


- Parent Acknowledgement of the Student Code of Conduct
- Media Release
- Directory Information Opt-Out Letter (Optional)
- Network/Internet Acceptable Use Agreement
- Technology Equipment Acceptance and Responsibility
- Residency Questionnaire
- School-Based Healthcare Services
- Student Clinic Card

Instructions:

- Please allow yourself 5-10 minutes to complete the acknowledgement forms in this electronic packet.
- All forms in the annual re-enrollment packet for EACH returning student must be submitted before parents/guardians regain access to their student's FOCUS information.
- If there are multiple parent/guardian FOCUS accounts for a student, only one parent/guardian can submit the re-enrollment packet.
- Please note: An asterisk (*) indicates that a response is required to move to the next page.
- If you need to pause, click the **Save and Continue Later** button to save your work and return to your last response.

Electronic Signature:

1. To electronically sign, select the **Click to Sign** link.

Signature: *  **Click to Sign**

2. Enter your FOCUS username and password. Then, click the green **Authenticate** button.



3. Use your mouse or touchpad on a computer or finger on touchscreen devices to sign.



4. Click the blue **Sign** button to complete the process.



Questions?

- If you have questions about items on the forms, contact your student's school.
- If you need technical assistance, contact the PCS TIS Help Desk at 727-588-6060.

VOLUNTEER



If you would like to volunteer in your child's classroom or for any school events you will need to complete the volunteer registration. This can be done by going to www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration. We will be having a volunteer orientation at Seminole Elementary on September 8th from 9:00-10:00. Please check in at the front office.

If you have any questions about volunteering at Seminole Elementary please contact Heather Plankey in the front office plankeyh@pcsb.org



All families are invited to our first SAC Meeting on Tuesday, September 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the Centennial Building. This is a great way to get involved with our school and meet other families.

You can join our PTA by going to

<https://seminoleelementary.memberhub.com/store>

The cost of joining is \$8

The PTA is also selling our new school spirit shirts for \$10.

The sizes range from youth extra small through youth extra large. These are for sale in the front office.

The PTA's Fall Fundraiser will be an easy to participate and no selling fundraiser. The flyer is included with the newsletter. Packets are due September 30, 2022.



Spirit Night:

Our first school spirit night be at Dairy Queen on September 8th from 4-8 p.m. Please join us for a fun night of Seminole Elementary spirit!! Bring the attached flyer to Dairy Queen to turn in and the class with the most participation will earn a prize!

Backpacks



If your student is in need of a backpack please have come to the front office. We have several brand new backpacks in the front office to choose from.

Clothes Closet:



We are in need of shorts for our clothes closet. We would appreciate donations of shorts for girls and boys in sizes 6-10.

MyOn Summer Challenge Winner



Congratulations to Sebastian Rhage Hock for winning the summer MyOn challenge. He received a tablet for participating and winning the challenge.

September 2022 Cafeteria Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<i>All Meals Include Milk & Fruit Choices</i>	All menus are subject to change! We do our best to provide our customers with all of our planned options; If necessary, we may provide similar substitutions	1 CHOOSE ONE: Popcorn Chicken Mashed Bowl w/ Roll BBQ Pork Sandwich Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Chicken Caesar Wrap CHOOSE: Corn Niblets Mixed Side Salad	2 CHOOSE ONE Pizza Variety Chicken Tinga Rice Bowl w/ Roll or Chicken Tinga Taco w/ Set-up Apple a Day Salad Combo Ham, Turkey and Cheese Sub CHOOSE: Green Beans Veggie Dippers
5 LABOR DAY— NO SCHOOL	6 CHOOSE ONE: Breakfast for Lunch Mini Cheese Calzones Chicken Caesar Salad PBJ Kit or School Made CHOOSE: Marinara Cup Deli Roasted Potatoes * Romaine Side Salad	7 CHOOSE ONE: Chicken Nuggets Pasta w/Meat sauce or Lasagna Rollup Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant CHOOSE: Corn Niblets Sliced Cucumbers	8 CHOOSE ONE Teriyaki Chicken & Rice Bowl w/ Roll Grilled Cheese Chicken BLT Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap CHOOSE: Broccoli Mixed Side Salad	9 CHOOSE ONE Pizza Variety Corn Dog or Hot Dog on a Bun Apple a Day Salad Combo Ham, Turkey and Cheese Sub CHOOSE: Sweet Potato Fries Fresh Veggie Dippers
12 CHOOSE ONE: Hamburger or Cheeseburger Chicken & Waffles Fruit & Yogurt Plate Turkey Club Wrap CHOOSE: Country Baked Beans Fresh Veggie Dippers	13 CHOOSE ONE: Beef or Pork Tacos Cheesy Bread Chicken Caesar Salad PBJ Kit or School Made CHOOSE: Marinara Cup Broccoli Romaine Side Salad	14 CHOOSE ONE: Macaroni & Cheese Boneless Dill Chicken Wings Chicken BLT Salad Ham & Cheese Croissant CHOOSE: Crispy Fries Sliced Cucumbers	15 CHOOSE ONE: Popcorn Chicken Mashed Bowl w/ Roll BBQ Pork Sandwich Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Chicken Caesar Wrap CHOOSE: Corn Niblets Mixed Side Salad	16 CHOOSE ONE Pizza Variety Chicken Tinga Rice Bowl w/ Roll or Chicken Tinga Taco w/ Set-up Apple a Day Salad Combo Ham, Turkey and Cheese Sub CHOOSE: Green Beans Veggie Dippers
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Thank You Business Partners

Business & Community Partners:
Seminole Elementary is fortunate to have so many businesses and organizations that have partnered with us. 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

Great American Teach-In:

The Great American Teach-In will take place on Wednesday, November 16th. If you have a career of hobby that you would like to share with our students please fill out the flyer that is attached to this newsletter. You can also contact Heather Plankey in the front office if you have any questions.
Plankeyh@pcsb.org

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

- Beall's Outlet
- Seminole First Baptist Church
- Oakhurst United Methodist Church
- Vampire Penguin
- Pool Perfection Swimming Pool Builders
- Seratyn Salon
- Horace Mann Insurance
- Frankiewicz Financial
- The Hustle & Heart Group of Remax Collective
- The Henshaw Family
- Danielle Sapp -Berkshire Hathaway
- Northeast Orthodontics
- Seminole Elks Auxillary
- Seminole Women's Club
- Seminole Rotary Club
- VFW Post 9272
- The Backpack Lady Project
- Jessica Saydah – Mary Kay
- Yard DeSign