



# Seminole Elementary Times

March/April 2022

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## Dates to Remember

### March

29<sup>th</sup>

- Report Cards go Home

30<sup>th</sup>

- BUGS Ceremony 7:30am Centennial
- Awards Program (4<sup>th</sup> – 1:20pm, 5<sup>th</sup> -1:50pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 2:25pm)

31<sup>st</sup>

- Principal’s Breakfast 7:45am Centennial
- PMAC 3:00pm

### APRIL

4<sup>th</sup>

- K-Kids 3:00pm Centennial

8<sup>th</sup>

- Kindergarten Fire Station Field Trip

12<sup>th</sup>

- All Pro Dads 7:30am Centennial
- PMAC 3:00pm

13<sup>th</sup>

- McDonald’s Spirit Night 3-6pm

18<sup>th</sup>

- Kindergarten Safari Savvy Reptile Field Trip

20<sup>th</sup>

- Rotary Club Luncheon w/ Principal 12:00pm

22<sup>nd</sup>

- Mid Period Report
- Daddy/Daughter Dance 6pm Kid’s Café

25<sup>th</sup>

- Pride Awards

28<sup>th</sup>

- PMAC 3:00pm

### STEM

- Every Tuesday 2:55-3:55pm

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus

- Every Tuesday 8:00-8:40am Centennial

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus

- Every Thursday 8:00-8:40am Centennial

K-Kids

- First Monday of the Month 3:15pm Centennial

Beach Club

- Every Thursday 3:15pm in Centennial



Students should not be dropped off at school prior to 8:10 am. There is no adult supervision provided until **after 8:10 am**. Thank you for your support of this safety practice.

## A Note from Principal Cerreta



Dear Seminole Elementary Families,

I hope you all enjoyed your spring break. It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the 3rd grading period. As we enter the final quarter of the school year, our teachers and students continue to work hard each day. Each grade level is preparing to show off their remarkable growth on a variety of assessments that will showcase their academic achievement. We are proud of our intermediate students for working hard to prepare for the upcoming FSA testing which will begin in April and continue into May. A more detailed schedule will be sent out soon informing families of the days of FSA testing.

I would also like to remind everyone that we are still teaching, and students are still learning in preparation for the next grade level. Our focus is on the importance of arriving to school on time and reading every evening at home so that every child has the best opportunity to make academic growth and gains.

The remainder of the 2021-2022 school year is going to be amazing as we continue to provide academic experiences for our students that are rigorous, relevant, and enriching. As your principal, it is important to me that everyone who steps through our doors, teachers, students, parents and the community is excited to be here! This attitude enables us to meet the challenges of academic excellence in a positive, fun, and nurturing environment. Please keep an eye on student agendas, our website, as well as School Messenger for important information.

As we are preparing for the final grading period and end of the year, we are also preparing for our Summer Bridge Program. We are pleased to be offering Summer Bridge at Seminole Elementary. Summer Bridge is offered to ALL students in grades PreK 4- grade 4. ALL of our Seminole students are encouraged to attend for continued learning and to prevent that “Summer Slide”. Summer Bridge is a 4-week program June 6- June 30 , Monday- Thursday from 8:30 a.m.-2:00p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Before and after school childcare is available through our R Club for Summer Bridge students 5 days a week. Contact R Club at 727-578-5437 for registration information. Please see the Summer Bridge Registration packet attached to our newsletter. Thank you for supporting your child’s education and our school. Seminole Elementary is a wonderful school because of the dedicated staff and all of you. My is door is always open and I welcome your input. Please feel free to call or email me to discuss any concerns you might have throughout the remainder of the school year.

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 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.

Shane Jaeger    Evan Hill    Ajna Goxhaj    Evangeline Nkomeje    Marissa Drake  
Piper Plamatos

## Summer Bridge



This summer Seminole Elementary will have Summer Bridge

Dates: June 6-30

Days: Monday - Thursday

Hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Free breakfast and lunch provided

Register for elementary summer bridge at

<https://reservation.pcsb.org>



## DADDYdaughter DANCE

Daddy Daughter Dance

April 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:00pm-7:30pm

In the Kid’s Café, fathers, grandfathers, uncles, or any significant male figures are invited to bring their special young ladies to an evening of dance and fun.

## 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 you 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 an Affidavit of Residency provided at that school).

### Family/Community News



The state of Florida has launched the New Worlds Reading Initiative - a free book delivery program that partners with students and families to build personalized, at-home libraries. Kindergarten through fifth grade public and charter school students in Florida who are not reading on grade level are eligible to participate. Once enrolled, a student will receive a book by mail during each month of the school year. Learn more about the program, eligibility requirements at [www.newworldsreading.com/enroll!](http://www.newworldsreading.com/enroll!)

### PTA Spirit Nights:

April's Spirit Night will be on April 13th at McDonald's (7003 Seminole Blvd.) from 3pm-6pm. Swing by after dismissal or come back for a fun early dinner.

May's Spirit Night will be on May 11th at Chipotle (11241 Park Blvd.) from 4pm-8pm

### Clothing Donations



Our clothes closet is in need of girls and boys shorts sizes 6-10. If you are cleaning out your closets and have these sizes, please consider donating to our clothes closet. We do not need donations of any other sizes at this time.

### Yearbook Sponsorship



If your business would like to purchase advertising space in our yearbook please contact Heather Plankey in the front office at (727)547-7668 or [plankeyh@pcsb.org](mailto:plankeyh@pcsb.org). When a business purchases advertising space in our yearbook it will greatly reduce the cost to our students and your advertisement will be going home to over 500 families.

## March Character Kids – Honesty

### KG

Conde	Elle Amatuccioe	Crozby Jost	Isaiah Herz
D'Altilio	Caydan Stancik	Robert Yocklin	
Horton	Coleston Green	Malakai Reynolds	
Schuler	Ryan Eisenhower	Allora Keohavong	

### 1st

Brady	Caden Diamond	Salvador Espinal
Harty	Rowan Plomatos	Elias Gabbard
Luczaj	Jackson Marasco	
Mucerino	Link Brunk	Savannah Cleary

### 2nd

Misener	Logan McKinley	Sydney Vieno
Patterson	Tiffany Chen	Gavin Pipe
Sadock	Georgia Capasso	Brayden Stanmore

### 3rd

Carlson	Alessandro Loaiza-Garcia	Sofi Pridanova
Kopkau	Lainey Gamache	Harper Palmese
Poolson	Destiny Davis	Leah Romero
Rudolph	Braydon Jeske	Madeleine Recendiz

### 4th

Crose	Lilyanna Corry	Mason Eicher
Napoli	Barrett Whittaker	My'ani Durham
Rongey	Jessica Gassem	Maurice Drake
Sanders	Zane Rivera-Scott	Gia Trzeciak

### 5th

Gorman	Izabelle Adair	
Grimm	Emmaline Gambino	
Lentz	Elle Vaughan	Aubree Lerner

Capitosti Jaylen King

### School Counselor News



Mrs. Holly Schultz, School Counselor

We have been focusing on Honesty this month as our character word. There are many ways we can teach our children to be honest. The best is by example. It's important for them to see you being honest. Also, we can use situations that come up as times for discussions about trustworthiness (e.g. "I know I can trust you when you are honest with me"). You may want to ask your child "Why do you think it's important to be honest?", "How do you feel when you know someone is being honest with you?", "How do you feel when they are not being honest?", or "Why is it hard to be honest sometimes?" We do need to remember when we are honest, though, to be careful of what we say. Children, and adults too, often say what's on their mind without thinking about or realizing how it might affect others. It can be difficult to "filter" sometimes, but it is important to help our children learn how to stop and think before they say something.

This month I am retiring. I would like to express my thanks and gratitude for the opportunity to have served as the School Counselor here at Seminole Elementary for the last 16 years. It has been a privilege and a joy to work with the staff, students, and families. All will hold special memories and certainly be missed as I look forward to new adventures.  
Holly Schultz

## PE News

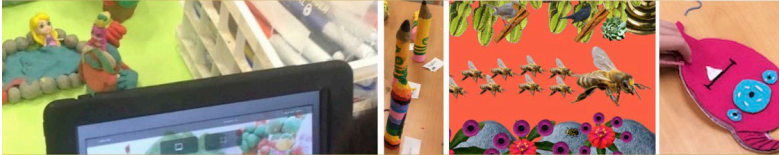
The PE Department would like to thank all the families who generously sent in water or popsicles for our field day. Thank you so much for making this fun event extra special for our students. We would also like to thank VFW Post 9272 for their generous donation which was put toward beautiful trophies for the tug-o-war competition and medals for the 40-yard dash. We appreciate your support greatly!

## Art News



### Hosted by the Visual Arts Department

Apply online: <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/26999>  
Application period from 3/22/22 to 4/24/22



## PCS Elementary Summer Art Camps



### Visual Art Camp Dates and Locations

- Mon., July 18 to Thur., July 21 at Curlew Creek Elementary, 3030 Curlew Rd, Palm Harbor
- Mon., July 18 to Thur., July 21 at High Point Elementary, 5921 150th Ave N, Clearwater
- Mon., July 18 to Thur., July 21 at Sanderlin PK-8, 2350 22nd Ave S, St. Petersburg

### Animation/Movie Making Dates and Locations

- Mon., July 25 to Thur., July 28 at Walsingham Elementary,



### NO COST TO PCS STUDENTS!

\*\*\* For currently enrolled Pinellas County District public school students entering 4th and 5th grades\*\*\*

### Acceptance and Waitlist

- Acceptance: 30 students per camp
- First come first serve basis
- Transportation must be provided by family

**Confirmation Email:** Sent to the email address on the Application form confirming accepted students into an art camp by May 6. **Waitlist Email:** Sent to the email address on the Application form for students placed on the waiting list by May 6. As spots become available, the next in line on the waiting list

**Questions:** Email Julie Levesque, Visual Arts Coordinator ([levesquej@pcsb.org](mailto:levesquej@pcsb.org))

## Music Notes from Mrs. Marr



Please mark your calendars for our 2022 Spring Concert, [Retro Mixtape](#), featuring the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Seminole Hawk Chorus. The concert will be on **Tuesday, May 17 @ 6PM** at the Seminole High School Auditorium. Please join us for an evening filled with nostalgia as we travel through time, singing some of the greatest hits through the decades. Hope to see you all there!

- Mrs. Marr 🎧 🎵



## 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 outside practicing by making giant letters on the pavement.

## Field Day Fun



**Congratulations Rotary Students of the Month**



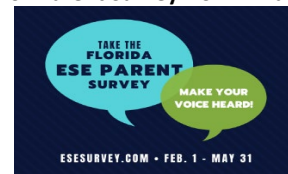
Congratulations to our Rotary students of the month: Emme Turner, Avriawna Auten, and Alexis Fontaine. They were treated to a lunch and received a trophy and goodie bag from the Rotary Club of Seminole.

**Congrats Yan Shan Yang**



Congratulations to Yan Shan Yang for winning this year's Tag Art Award. Yan Shan was presented her award and goodie bag by Charles W. Thomas, the Pinellas County Tax Collector. tag can be purchased at the Charles Thomas Tax Collectors office.

## 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 727-588-6062 or [MCMANNUST@pcsb.org](mailto:MCMANNUST@pcsb.org).

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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.

**Mrs. Conde's Thank You**  
Thank you parents for all your support with Valentine's day and our fun activities throughout the first few weeks of March! I appreciate you! 😊