

Upcoming Events

August
21st
F.A.S.T Assessment begins

Aug 25th - Sept 7th
Book Fair

September
4th
Labor Day- No School

5th
Volunteer Orientation &
Training in Centennial
Building 9:00a.m.

6th
Open House

12th
Grandparents Breakfast 8:10-
8:45 in Cafeteria for students
with last names beginning w/
A-H

13th
Grandparents Breakfast 8:10-
8:45 in Cafeteria for students
with last names beginning w/
I-O

15th
Grandparents 8:10-8:45 in
Cafeteria for students with
last names beginning w/ P-Z

18th – 22nd
Start with Hello Week

20th
All Pro Dad Breakfast 7:30 in
Centennial Building

24th
Tampa Bay Rays School
Spirit Day- Rays , vs. the
Toronto Blue Jays, 1:10 pm

25th
Teacher Planning Day- No
School for students,

CLUBS
Beach Club Every Thursday
Centennial @ 3:00pm



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Message From Mr. Cerreta

Our first few weeks of school have been wonderful! We heard many positive comments from the children and the parents. It is amazing at how quickly the students have become acclimated to their classes and the high level of academics. Our teachers did not waste any time delving into instruction and will continue to provide your child with the opportunity to reach their highest potential. We are thrilled to be celebrating Seminole Elementary's highest proficiency levels in Math and science. Our students showed tremendous gains last year! 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 the 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 11. To better accommodate the many grandparents that join us, we spread the event over three days.

Tuesday, September 12- grandparents of students' last name starting with the letters A-H

Wednesday, September 13- grandparents of students' last name starting with the letters I-O

Friday, September 15- grandparents of students' last name starting with the letters P-Z

Cafeteria News

Free breakfast is served every day from 8:10-8:30. Please be sure to have your child arrive at school between **8:10 and 8:30** so that they can participate in the breakfast program. All students must be in their class by 8:45. **Instruction starts promptly at 8:45 each day.**

School Home Communication

Each week I send home a weekly e-mail update to all Seminole parents. If you are not receiving these weekend updates or our phone calls, please log into FOCUS and update your contact information. If you don't know your log in, please call us at 547-7668 for assistance. Thank you!

School Agenda Planners

School Agenda Planners are a vital part of home and school communication and are required for all students. Please be sure to check your child's agenda planner daily.

Character Kids for August:

PreK:

Scott/Hock – Arlie Sherman
Piper – Jordyn Obermeier

KG:

Horton – Blake Vieno
Horton – Olivia Nabiullina
Conde – Evelyn Travis
Schuler – Katherine Johnson

1st:

Luczaj – Bella Chau
Mucerino – Grantley Pedigo
Mucerino – Brayden
McCafferty
Calhoun – Dustin Porter
Madison – Emery Culbreath

2nd:

Poolson – Amelia Glassmeyer
Sadock – Malakai Reynolds
Patterson – Amelia Biccum

3rd:

Kopkau – Elsie Taylor
Rudolph – ZeYang Lin
Benjamin – Vienna LaBarge
Morgan – Felicity Horne

4th:

Cröse – McKenzie Tran Delacruz
Rongey – Layla Gauthier
Brady – Noah Hoang
Brady – Bryce Henshaw

5th:

Lentz – Lydia Youngman
Gorman – Nathaniel Merdell
Georgiadis – Madison Dumas

Multigrade:

Steiner – Michael Olivares
Tijerina – Spencer Garlin

Clinic Minute:



Please complete the clinic card for your student if you have not already done so. The clinic card is a digital version that can be found when you log in to your FOCUS account. Please make sure your student is bringing a water bottle to school so they can stay hydrated throughout the day.



Message From Dr. McCafferty Assistant Principal

Dear Families,

Students are fast at work completing their Progress Monitoring 1 English Language Arts (ELA) and Math assessments. Results from Progress Monitoring 1 of our Florida Assessment for Student Thinking (FAST) tests will be sent home with all students upon completion of both tests.

It is important to note these assessments measure the entire year standards of your child's current grade level. Students are not expected to know all the content in which they were assessed as this test serves as a basis of knowledge for our teachers to know where and how to support. We take these assessments two additional times, once more in winter, and again in spring. During these times, we expect to see growth as the content is being taught.

We are excited that students will monitor their growth this year on this test and other assessments by using their own student data folder! We are looking forward to students being able to be proud of and motivated by their growth as they progress through the grade level.

You can support your child at home by:

1. Ensuring your child is here on time every day.
2. Reading with your child for 20 minutes (VPK-2) and 40 minutes (3-5).
3. Practicing basic math facts including addition, subtraction, and multiplication.
4. Communicating with your child's teacher about homework, classwork, etc.

If you have questions regarding the F.A.S.T. tests or your child's results, please contact your child's teacher or feel free to reach out to Dr. McCafferty at 727-547-7668 or mccaffertyj@pcsb.org.

Thank you for your support,

Dr. Jennifer McCafferty

RISE

Respect/Responsibility
Integrity
Self-Control
Empathy

Guidance Corner from
Mrs. Moore



I'm looking forward to a great year of classroom guidance lessons! This year my goal is to visit grades K-2 about twice a month, grades 3-4 once a month, and grade 5 two times each semester.

One of the lessons I will do with grades K-5 this Fall will be an introduction to a new program our school has acquired to help our students prepare for academic, career, and future success! The program is called Xello, and you can access it through Clever. Xello is an engaging online program that helps students build the skills, knowledge, and plans to be future ready. The program uses an investigative, discovery-based learning process. Through Xello, students will better understand themselves, their future career options, and the 21st century skills they'll need to succeed.

With Xello, students will build self-knowledge, explore options, create a plan, and learn about themselves and possible future careers. Parents are encouraged to explore Xello with their child by logging in together!



WELCOME TO MUSIC

It was great seeing so many of you in the music room at Meet the Teacher. We have been having a blast in music so far this year! Feel free to check out our Music News article each month to see all the happenings in music!

CHORUS NEWS

Chorus is an optional musical group available to 4th and 5th grade students. We meet on Thursdays (during PE), beginning August 31st.

NEW MUSIC NOTES



In order to have a blast in music each week, we strive to follow the Music Room Expectations. Our Music Room Expectations this year are:

Make Good Choices, **U**se Equipment Properly, **S**peak When the Time is Right, **I**nclude Yourself and, **C**are for Others. Students can receive verbal warnings if expectations aren't being followed. Three (3) verbal warnings each week will result in a Musical Behavior Note home. These notes are not a super big deal. They are a gentle reminder to please review the music room. Expectations with your child. Thanks for partnering with us to help keep the music room a fun, safe place for all!



Clothing Closet



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

What Is Title I?



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

From the Title One Parent Tool Kit.

Fine Motor Corner

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

It's an exciting time for most students when going back to school. Now is a great time to establish a plan that will build healthy habits which will help academically and otherwise. Here's some tips on making a solid plan.

Collaborate! Let your student have a say in the plan. This will help them be more compliant with a plan when they feel they were part of the team making the decisions.

Plan should include at least the following....

- A daily check for communications from the teacher in folders or a planner.

-Daily checking into backpacks for extraneous items, taking out completed work that is no longer needed in folders and notebooks. This helps build organizational skills. Taking out trash from the bottom of backpacks. Staying organized solves many issues at school with lost work or not bringing home or turning in assignments. It's a 30 second task done daily and makes a difference.

-Collaborate /establish a designated time to sit and complete homework each day in a friendly, non stressful location. Some kids work well with music playing in the background but not the television which can be a distraction. Using crunchy snacks to increase alertness or using chewy snacks during work time which can be calming. You can decide what is needed. Some kids come home hyper while others come home sleepy. Hopefully home work time can be kept to 30 minutes.

-A few hours of rest between coming home from school and doing homework can be beneficial. The last thing I want to do after coming home from work is open up my work computer and get back to work. Maybe your student is the same. They are working all day. If there's no homework, maybe a quick look through of what they're learning by watching a video or listening to podcasts on the subject for 15- 20 min. Stuff you Should Know is a fun podcast with some educational stuff thrown in. YouTube of course has all kinds of videos your student can watch to just have a little extra if you know what particular area they are studying in science or math, etc. If they're learning multiplication tables, schoolhouse rocks can help with many catchy songs to remember those times tables. The homework time is daily whether they have an actual assignment.

Physical exercise every day at a park or riding a bike or playing tag with friends for an hour each day at least. If they are in an organized sport like baseball or soccer or football, that's great too!

Office and PTA News

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.

Pick Up

If you are planning on picking your student up early please notify the office in advance so we can have your student ready for you. Early pick up of students should occur before 2:15 p.m.

Lost and Found

Our Lost & Found is already accumulating items. Please label your student's water bottle and lunch box with their name so we can return lost items.

Volunteering:

Our Volunteer Orientation will be on Tuesday, September 5th at 9:00 a.m. in the Centennial Building. Please check in at the front office. We will go over volunteer procedures and volunteer opportunities.

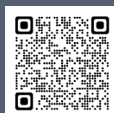
If you are interested in volunteering at our school, please register at www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration

PTA

Our first PTA General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12th at 6:00 p.m. Please plan on attending to learn more about the Seminole Elementary PTA.



PTA wants you to join!! We would LOVE to have as many families as possible join PTA this is year. Use this QR Code to join for just \$8





Business Partnerships

Seminole Elementary has many opportunities to partner with the businesses and organizations in our community. To find out how your organization can partner with our school please contact Heather Plankey in the school office at (727)547-7668 or plankeyh@pcsb.org

Thank you to the following organizations for their support of our school:

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| Remax Hustle & Heart Group | Horace Mann Insurance | Seminole First Baptist Church |
| 5/3 Bank | VFW Post 9272 | Seminole Women's Club |
| Seminole Elementary PTA | Osteria Bricco | El Jalisco |
| The Backpack Lady Project | Treasure Island Fun Center | Anona United Methodist Church |

Thank you Kiwanis Breakfast Club for your generous donation of one thousand dollars to Seminole Elementary!



Welcome to Our New Staff Members



Seminole Elementary

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www.pcsb.org/seminole-es

Louis Cerreta
Principal

Dr. Jennifer McCafferty
Assistant Principal

Dywayne Hinds
Area III Superintendent
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Ms. K. Mucirino – MBA



Ms. Hayduke -Pre-K Teacher



Mr. Schoenbeck - MBA



Ms. Benjamin - 1st Grade Teacher



Ms. Morgan - 3rd Grade Teacher



Ms. Georgiadis - 5th Grade Teacher



Ms. Steiner - EBD Teacher



Coach Torakis - PE



Coach Saxe - PE



Ms. Hafner – MBA



Ms. Carey – Hourly Title 1



Ms. Matthews – Hourly Title 1