



Seminole Elementary Times

February/March 2023

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Dates to Remember

March

2nd

- Beach Club – 3pm
- Multicultural Festival 6pm-8pm

6th -10th

- Say Something Week

6th

- K-Kids – 3pm

9th

- Field Day (Pre-K)
- Osceola MS Discovery Night 6pm Osceola MS

10th

- End of 3rd grading period
- Field Day K-5 (during Specials)

11th – 19th

- Spring Break (No School)

23rd

- FT – Kindergarten Old McMickey's Farm
- Carwise Award Program Largo High 6pm

24th

- FT – Kindergarten Old McMickey's Farm
- AR 3rd Quarter Celebration

28th

- 3-5 Battle of the Books 9:30am Centennial

30th

- Beach Club 3pm

Remember!

School Hours 8:45 a.m. -2:55 p.m.

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

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,

Thank you for another great month of school. With only two weeks of school remaining before Spring Break, I hope everyone is anticipating a restful and fun spring break. When our students return from spring break, our teachers, literacy coach and part time hourly teachers will continue their work with students daily on specific skills. The during the day interventions and our before and after school tutor programs will help our students gain the additional minutes of learning and engagement in their daily lessons. I am confident that our students will continue to show tremendous academic gains. As I visit the classrooms, I know how hard the teachers and students have been working this school year. 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.

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 Reading Counts points.

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

Malakai Reynolds	Evan Hill	Diana Rizo Padilla	Roosevelt Robinson	Elsie Taylor
Blakeley Corry	Elle Amatuccio	Savannah Cleary	Bryce Hvidzak	Colton Taylor
Bryce Henshaw	Trinity Huidekoper	Leo Rosenberg	Alessandro Loiza-Garcia	Caden Drake
Jace Drake	Jessica Gassem	Alyssa Guptill	Kaycee Henshaw	Charles Jackson
Adam Mribha	Piper Plomatos	Elijah Postma	Layla Steinbach	Hunter Zukowski

Upcoming Events:

- March 9- Field Day – Pre- K classes
- March 10- End of 3rd Grading Period
- March 10- Field Day grade K-5
- March 11- March 19 Spring Break
- March 20 – Students return to school

PMAC Multicultural Festival



Thursday March 2nd 6pm-8pm

Come travel the World and Celebrate Our Diversity! Come join us and learn about cultures and traditions from around the world.

2022-23 Pride Award Winners



Congratulations to our Pride Award Winners

- Katie Fitzpatrick – Writing
- Elijah Postma – Math
- Caden Drake – Science
- Jace Drake – Social Studies

2022-23 I Can Award Winner



Congratulations to Addison Novak, our 2022-23 I Can Award Winner

2023 SES Kid Art Winners



Congratulations Nicholas Ritchie and Isabella Reinhardt for being our 2023 Kid Tag Art Winners.

2022-23 Joseph Carwise Recipients



Congratulations to Marquise Brayden Speed and Evangeline Nkomeje, our 2022-23 Joseph Carwise recipients.

A Message from Assistant Principal

Dr. Jennifer McCafferty



Dear Families,

I can't believe it's already March! Thank you for your continued support through iMoms, our PTA and SAC meetings, Daddy Daughter Dance, All Pro Dads, and all the other wonderful events we host as a Seminole family. We are appreciative of your support! Below please find the dates for the Progress Monitoring 3 F.A.S.T state test. Like with Progress monitoring cycles 1 and 2, all students, VPK – 5 grades will participate in this test. This cycle will determine student proficiency of grade level standards and will count in grades 3-5 toward our school grade. We are looking forward to our students showing what they know! As we get closer to these dates, teachers will let you know the specific dates your child will test.

The week of:

April 24th – VPK – 2nd grade students will test one day for ELA and one day for Math.

May 1st – 3rd – 5th grade students will take the ELA test

May 8th – 5th Grade will take the SSA paper-based test.

May 15th – 3rd – 5th grade students will one day math test.

Please let me know if you have any questions about testing.

Sincerely,

Dr. McCafferty

Say Something Week

March– 6th 10th

- Monday - Wear Red
- Tuesday – Dress Like a Past Decade
- Wednesday – Wear Pajamas or Sweats
- Thursday - Wear Your Favorite Team Shirt
- Friday - Wear Green

February Character Kids

Pre-K

Scott

Jost

Piper

Natalie Stojanovic

Ariella Grady

Taylor Corry

Bobby Lyon

Kindergarten

Schuler

Conde

D'Altilio

Horton

1st Grade

Luczaj

Brady

Mucerino

2nd Grade

Poolson

Carlson

Calhoun

Patterson

3rd Grade

Sadock

Rudolph

Kopkau

4th Grade

Rongey

Cröse

Harty

Cap

5th Grade

Sanders

Napoli

Lentz

Gorman

Stefan Vukovic

Raymond Bare

Luke Yi

Bentley Davis

Jessalynn Alincy

Lilly Toland

Crozby Jost

Bennett Humphreys

Fisher Wilson

Ricky Combs

Levi Vanklompberg

Nicholas Yaslik

Colin Norman

Karthy Partheepan

Sydney Vieno

Katelyn Aragon

Elliot Sperling

Alessandro Loaiza-Garcia

Xena Raymond

Ryder Patterson

Zander Vazquez

Allison Lawson

Mason Smith

Veronica Horne

iMoms Valentine's Day Breakfast Sponsored by Anona United Methodist



Some Important Things Your Child Needs to Know About Mathematics

As a parent, you can help your child learn math by offering them insights into how to approach math. Your child will develop more confidence in their math ability if they understand the following:

1. There are many different ways to solve a problem. Even though most math problems have only one answer, there may be many ways to get to that answer. Learning math is more than finding the precise answer, it is also the process of solving the problem and applying what they have learned to new problems.
2. Wrong answers can be useful to help your child figure out where or why they made a mistake. Analyzing the wrong answer can help your child understand the concepts and learn to apply reasoning skills to arrive at the correct answer. Ask your child to explain how they solved the problem. This may help you discover the areas your child needs extra help with.
3. Take a risk. Help your child become a risk taker by showing them the value of trying to solve a problem, even if it is difficult. Give your child extra time to explore different methods to solving a difficult problem. As your child works, encourage them to talk about what they are thinking. This strategy will help your child strengthen their math skills.
4. Doing math in your head (mental math) is important. Math is not restricted to paper and pencil. Mental math is a valuable skill that comes in handy as they make quick calculations of costs in stores, restaurants, or gas stations. Let your child know that using mental math will allow their math skills to become stronger.
5. It is OK to use a calculator to solve mathematical problems. Knowing how to use a calculator correctly when allowed to use them in class is important. Let your child know that to use a calculator correctly and most efficiently, they will need a strong foundation in math operations, otherwise how will they know whether the answer they get is a reasonable answer.

These are some examples of how to support your child in math.

The Fine Motor Corner-



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

Promoting and Developing Life Skills in our children starts early and makes an impact for life. These skills include the following but there are so many more! How many of these does your student already demonstrate? Opportunities present themselves in situations where we can teach/ encourage life skills.

- Caring** (to feel concern for others)
- Common Sense** (thinking through situations)
- Cooperation** (Working together toward a goal)
- Courage** (Facing adversity)
- Curiosity** (A desire to learn or know about an array of things)
- Effort** (trying your hardest)
- Flexibility** (the ability to change plans when necessary)
- Friendship** (maintaining a relationship through trust and caring)
- Initiative** (seeing what needs to be done and doing it without being asked)
- Integrity** (knowing what is right/wrong and acting accordingly)
- Organization** (planning, arranging, and implementing things in an orderly way)
- Patience** (waiting calmly for someone or something)
- Perseverance** (to continue in spite of difficulties)
- Pride** (Feeling satisfied with yourself for doing your personal best or for achieving a goal)
- Problem Solving** (looking for a solution for a difficult situation)
- Responsibility** (being accountable for your own actions)
- Sense of humor** (laughing and being playful without hurting others)



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



Thank you to our PTA for hosting the Daddy Daughter Dance. There will not be a PTA meeting in March due to Spring Break.



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 Wednesdays and Fridays.

Lost and Found



Our lost and found is overflowing with jackets. If your student has lost a jacket, please have them check our lost and found in the front office.

Clothes Closet



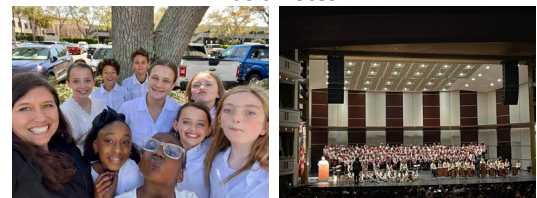
Please consider donating any gently used shorts to our clothes closet. We are still in need of shorts (sizes 6-14). You can bring donations to the front office. Thank you!

Art News



Congratulations to Savannah Holland for her acceptance into the Clearwater Arts Alliance's "March is Youth Art Month" K-8 Exhibition at the Creative Pinellas, 1211 Walsingham Rd., Largo, from March 4 to April 9, 2023! In addition, a reception and awards ceremony for students will be held on the afternoon of Sunday, March 5th.

Music Notes



On February 18th members of our Seminole All County performers performed at Mahaffey Theater under the direction of our own Mrs. Marr who led the orf section during the All-County Elementary performance. Congratulations to the following students who were a part of the All-County ensemble:

- Addison Bragg
- Sydney Harbour
- My'Ani Durham
- Evangeline Nkomeje
- Isabella Reinhardt
- Farrah Rollins
- Jorge Bueno
- Brayden Speed

Daddy Daughter Dance

Thank you to everyone who attended our 2nd annual Our Daddy Daughter Dance on Friday February 17th in the Kid's Café.



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

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Business & Community Partners:



Thank you to Slyce Pizza for donating academic incentive coupons for our students.



Thank you to Publix on 113th for donating ice cream for our PBIS reward.



Seminole Elementary would like to thank the Hustle & Heart Group of Remax Collective for continuing to sponsor 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 are currently looking for businesses to sponsor advertising space in the academic planner for the 2023-2024 school year. Please contact Heather Plankey in the front office for details.

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

- Best Buy (Clearwater)
- VFW Post 9272
- Rotary Club of Seminole
- Pinellas Education Foundation
- Smuggler's Cove
- The Hustle & Heart Group of Remax Collective
- 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
- Danielle Sapp- Berkshire Hathaway
- Northeast Orthodontics
- Seminole Elks Auxiliary
- Seminole Women's Club
- Jessica Saydeh-Mary Kay
- Yard DeSign
- Spenga Fitness
- Coastal Dreams Events
- Seminole Fresh Market
- Seth Michael Photography
- Bay Dermatology