



Seminole Elementary Times

March/April 2023

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Dates to Remember

April

3rd

- K-Kids Centennial – 3pm

6th

- Beach Club – 3pm
- PMAC – 3pm

11th

- All Pro Dad's Centennial 7:30am
- PTA Meeting and Family Fun Night – Kids Café' 5:30pm

13th

- Beach Club – 3pm

14th

- Pride Award

17th

- Battle of the Books District Semi-finals

19th

- Rotary Lunch 12pm

20th

- PMAC – 3pm
- Beach Club – 3pm

24th

- VPK – 2nd grade ELA /Math testing

25th

- 5th Grade Enterprise Village

28th

- Hawk Huddle PE Court 8:50am
- Battle of the Books District Finals

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,

I hope you all enjoyed your Spring Break. It is hard to believe that we are in our final 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 achievement. We are proud of our students for working hard to prepare for the upcoming Florida Assessment of student Thinking (FAST) testing which will begin in April and continue into May. A more detailed schedule and letters will be sent out soon informing families of the days of FAST 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 2022-2023 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 are 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 5- June 29 , Monday- Thursday from 8:00 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. 6:30 a.m.-6:00p.m. Contact R Club at 727-578-5437 for registration information. 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 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:

Karma Nash	Sophia Singkhaophet	Maya Castellanos	Jackson Marasco	Madison Dumas
Mya Johnson	Carson Richmond	Joseph Warner	Jorge Bueno	Zaiden Cramer
Sebastian Hock	Veronica Horne	Isabella Reinhardt	Owen Stancill	Rayne Torres
Zander Vazquez	Anthony Vidostegui			

Yearbooks Now on Sale



Capture this year's school memories by purchasing a school yearbook

Cost \$15 for softcover \$18.50 for hardcover

ALL YEARBOOKS MUST BE PURCHASED ONLINE ONLY

When you order online you can customize 2 FREE pages (Add photos and answer fun memory questions to help remember the year.)

The 2 Custom Pages are FREE and are printed ONLY in your book.

Create Custom Pages by: **April 20, 2023** to receive before school ends and to receive 2 customize pages. Yearbooks will be shipped to school.

TO PURCHASE AND CUSTOMIZE YOUR YEARBOOK:

1 Go to: www.treering.com/validate

2 Enter your school's passcode: 1014920224432

To purchase and customize your yearbook, you must be a parent or guardian 18 years or older



Seminole Elementary's 2022-23 Battle of the Books Winners



Congratulations to Mrs. Ronney's Remarkable Readers for winning this year's school-wide Battle of the Books. They will represent our school in the district virtual semi-finals on April 17, 2023. The team members are Amy Auten (Team Captain), Maya Walsh, Layla Eversole, and Braydon Jeske.

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



Dear Families,

We are now beginning the end of the year testing season in which we find out how much your child has grown this year! We have seen their growth and are excited to show everyone else their progress.

The first test is for 4th and 5th grade students and is a writing test slated for the week of April 10th. We are a writing field testing school which means that we were chosen to take part in the test for the state of Florida. No scores for writing will be reported this year. The test is planned to go "live" next school year.

For the other year-end assessments, please find the dates below 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 be used to calculate 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. Please look for more detailed letters about these tests coming home in the upcoming days.

Testing is schedule for 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 Science 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

March Character Kids

Pre-K	
Piper	Laken Wentz Grayson Speak
Scott	Sophie Ouellette
Jost	Carson Traxler Leila Richards
Kindergarten	
D'Altilio	Amaya Reed
Horton	Evan Castellanos Everley Young
Schuler	Adisa Howell
Conde	Annalese Crisp
1st Grade	
Mucerino	Ryan Eisenhower
Luczaj	Calvin Le
Brady	Sawyer Peterson
Slaughter	Zoey Heyder
2nd Grade	
Carlson	Kamryn Smith
Poolson	Michelle Duncan
Calhoun	Lucas Ruse
Patterson	Maya Castellanos
3rd Grade	
Sadock	Clark Kritsings
Rudolph	Johnny Lyon
Kopkau	Leo Rosenberg
4th Grade	
Harty	Dylan Seymour Madeline Recendiz
Rongey	Bryce Nix
Crose	Kaiden McKinley
5th Grade	
Gorman	Joshua Belmont
Lentz	Shane Jaeger
Sanders	Brayden Speed
Napoli	Jorge Bueno
Capitosti	Ryder Patterson

Congratulations to our 3rd Quarter Principal's List Students



3rd Grade

Bryce Henshaw
Noah Hoang
Lillian Moser
Vuk Veljkovic
Elise Carlson
Easton Myers
Savanah Parks
Mckenzie Tran Delacruz

4th Grade

Jaylen King
Amya Auten
Layla Eversole
Julius Morales
Lyla Aguillard
Jacob Del Rio
Lainey Gamache
Harper Palmese
Carson Richmond
Reagan Stanton
Colton Taylor
Marian Losada

5th Grade

Makenna Buchans
John Fitzpatrick
Katie Fitzpatrick
Adam Mribiha
Jorge Bueno
Macy Davies
Caden Drake
Sebastian Rhage Hock
Shelby Kessler
Elizabeth Lovelace
Havoc Morrison
Elijah Postma
Jace Drake
Piper Plomatos
Marquise Brayden Speed

Rotary Students of the Month



Congratulations to our Rotary Students of the Month Joanna Johnson, Liam Soles, Piper Plomatos, and Jessica Gassem

2022-23 I Can Award Winner



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

Field Day Fun



This month we participated in "Say Something Week" at Seminole Elementary. Each day of our theme week highlighted an important aspect of being safe and being an Upstander. We reviewed our safety rules which are:

1. Know What's Up – have a plan, know your address, and phone number, and know the first and last names of your parents/guardians.
2. Spot Red Flags – if something someone says or does makes you or someone else feel unsafe or uncomfortable, listen to the signals your body is giving you that say something doesn't seem right
3. Make a Move – If something or someone makes you feel unsafe or uncomfortable, get away and go to a safe place or person. If you think something might be unsafe or uncomfortable, stay away!
4. Talk it Up – If something makes you feel unsafe or uncomfortable, you can use your strong voice to say "NO." Always tell a safe adult when you spot a red flag.
5. No Shame/No Blame – When you tell a safe adult that something made you or someone else feel unsafe or uncomfortable, it is NOT tattling. Telling a safe adult is the right thing to do!

We talked about what it means to be a trusted adult and made thank-you cards for the trusted adults here at Seminole Elementary. We talked about taking good care of ourselves and made a huge paper chain full of ideas for self-care. On Friday, we celebrated our Upstanders with a donut party.. Students who were nominated for an Upstander award were invited to get a donut, get their picture taken in the photo booth, and feel celebrated for standing up for others who were being picked on, making others feel welcome or included, or helping resolve a conflict.

Thank you to everyone who participated by dressing up, standing up, and showing up! – Mrs. Moore

TITLE I

4 Great Ways to Encourage Your Child's Writing

1. Write a "Convince Me" Letter – Writing is more than telling stories or reporting on books they have read. There are many ways your child can use words, including trying to convince someone to agree with them. As a parent you can practice this type of writing by letting your child argue with you in writing. Choose a topic you do not agree on, such as allowance or bedtime. Your child will then write a letter trying to convince you to change your mind. Your child has to use facts, quotes and logic to back up their argument.
2. Play a game with pictures – Do a search to find a few interesting images or cut out pictures from magazines. The pictures can be realistic or fantastical images. Glue some of the images into a notebook leaving room for your child to write about one of the images. You can prompt them by asking what they see, what the people are thinking, what will happen next or just let them use their imagination.
3. Make an "I Can" book – As your child learns to read and write, they will also be **learning other new skills. Making an "I Can" book will let them practice their new skills.** Staple together a bunch of blank sheets of paper to make a book. As your child reaches a new milestone, such as learning to tie their shoes or ride a bike, they can draw a picture on a new page in the book. After the picture, they can write sentences to tell about their accomplishment.
4. Make a Journal Jar – A journal can be a book where your child writes about ideas or answers questions, such as, "If you could do anything this summer, what would you choose?" This is a place to keep all their ideas and questions. To make, wash and decorate a wide-mouth jar. Then write or print out journal prompts on slips of paper. Your child can then pull out one prompt each day and write about it in their journal.

Music News

with Mrs. Marr

Chorus News

4th & 5th Chorus rehearsals are Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8am in Centennial.

Our Spring concert, **At the Movies** will be held **May 16 @ 6pm** at Seminole High School. Hope to see you there!

Meanwhile, in music...

Seminole BEATS News

Seminole BEATS practice is on Fridays at 8am. You may see Beats members rocking their new team tees this week. So proud this amazing group!

March 2023

Art News



Neutral Colors

Kindergartners are learning about a new color family...neutral colors! Cannon in D'Altillios class wore the perfect shirt on the day we learned that these colors can be found in African animals fur! Next week we will paint the lion's mane using grey, black, white and brown.



Do you have any old Amazon boxes or other unused boxes? We would like to use them for our upcoming recycled cardboard mask project in the Art room! Please have your child bring it to the Art room from April 3rd – 7th, thanks!

VOLUNTEER

We are looking for volunteers to assist our 5th grade class at Enterprise Village on April 25th. Any registered volunteer, regardless of the grade their student is in, can help with this field trip. If you would like more information please contact Heather Plankey in the front office. 727-547-7668.

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



The next PTA General Meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 11th at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Immediately following the meeting the PTA will be hosting a fun movie night. Please attend and have a fun "week night" out with other Seminole Elementary families.



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. 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 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.

Clinic Minute



Stay Hydrated

Bring your water bottle to school **every day**. We do not have extra water bottles.

Drink all your water and refill it throughout the day ~ especially before PE and Recess.

DO NOT wear your sweatshirt, hoodie, jacket, or beanie, while outside ~ You will sweat and become overheated and feel sick even quicker!

Signs of dehydration:

- Thirst
- Feeling lightheaded, dizzy or tired
- Fast heartbeat
- Dry lips and mouth
- Stomachache

Your body needs water to work properly!!

The Fine Motor Corner-



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

When we sleep, the brain isn't resting.

Are you a lark or are you an owl? Larks are the morning people, most alert around noon and go to bed early. They usually get more sleep than the owl. Owls stay up late and are most alert around 6pm. Being a lark or an owl can be genetic.

Studies have proven that your brain needs sleep for cognitive demand, focus/attention and overall brain health. According to research studies, sleep deprivation affects learning.

How much sleep should you and your children be striving for? According to the CDC, Children 3-5 years old should get 10 – 13 hours of sleep (including naps) per 24-hour period.

School age kids 6-12 years old should be getting 9-12 hours of sleep per 24-hour period.

Teens 13-18 should get 8 to 10 hours of sleep in a 24-hour period.

Adults should strive for 7 hours of sleep in a 24-hour period.

Establishing a routine is essential for setting you and your child up for a good night sleep. Screen time should end two hours before bedtime and the bedroom cool, darker and quiet.

April 2023 Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Choose One: Cheese Pizza Crunchers Rib B Que Sandwich Chicken Caesar Salad Ham & Cheese Hoagie Choose: Mashed Potato & Gravy Farmstand Veggie Dippers	4 Choose One: Chicken Broccoli Penne Alfredo w/ Garlic Roll Beef 'n Cheese Nachos Combo Chef Salad PBJ Uncrustable <u>or</u> Sandwich Choose: Santa Fe Black Beans Lettuce & Tomato Side Salad	5 Choose One: Teriyaki Beef Dippers & Rice Chicken Nuggets Yogurt, Fruit & Granola Parfait Turkey & Cheese Croissant Choose: Broccoli Florets Sliced Cucumber Side Salad	6 Choose One: Breakfast for Lunch Chicken Parm Sub Greek Salad Crispy Chicken Wrap Choose: Deli Roasted Potato Romaine Side Salad	7 No School For Students
10 Choose One: Hot Dog on a Bun Beefy-Mac & Roll Harvest Farmers Salad Turkey Club Sub Choose: Sweet Potato Fries Farmstand Veggie Dippers	11 Choose One: Beef <u>or</u> Pork Tacos w/ Tortillas <u>or</u> Chips Chicken & Waffles Apple a Day Salad Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Choose: Santa Fe Black Beans Sliced Cucumber Side Salad	12 Choose One: Teriyaki Chicken Rice Beef Sloppy Joe Tots & Roll Yogurt, Fruit & Granola Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant Choose: Broccoli Florets Lettuce & Tomato Side Salad	13 Choose One: Mini Cheese Calzones Popcorn Chicken Bowl w/ Roll Antipasto Salad Southwest Chicken Wrap Choose: Corn Niblets Marinara Sauce Cup Romaine Side Salad	14 Choose One: Pizza Variety Fish & Chips w Roll Chicken Souvlaki Salad PBJ Uncrustable <u>or</u> Sandwich Choose: Crinkle Crispy Fries Carrot Dippers Side Salad
17 Choose One: Hamburger on a Bun <u>or</u> Cheeseburger on a Bun Cherry Blossom Chicken Rice & Roll Fruit & Yogurt Plate Greek Chicken Wrap Choose: Baked Beans Tossed Side Salad	18 Choose One: Cheese Quesadilla <u>or</u> Chicken Cheese Quesadilla Meat Lovers Stromboli Asian Beef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap Choose: Mixed Vegetables Marinara Sauce Cup • Salsa Cup Sliced Cucumber Side Salad	19 Choose One: Beef n Potato Turbate w Roll Macaroni & Cheese Chicken BLT Salad PBJ Uncrustable & Cheese Stick Choose: Sweet Peas Farmstand Veggie Dippers	20 ** Feature Entrée ** Choose One: Grilled Cheese <u>or</u> Grilled Ham n Cheese *Chicken & Rice Bake Popcorn Chicken Salad Italian Sub Sandwich Choose: Tomato Soup Romaine Side Salad	21 Choose One: Pizza Variety Fish Tacos w Tortillas Beef <u>or</u> Pork Taco Salad Crispy Chicken Wrap Choose: Broccoli Florets Carrot Dippers Side Salad
24 Choose One: Cheese Pizza Crunchers Rib B Que Sandwich Chicken Caesar Salad Ham & Cheese Hoagie Choose: Mashed Potato & Gravy Farmstand Veggie Dippers	25 Choose One: Chicken Broccoli Penne Alfredo w/ Garlic Roll Pork 'n Cheese Nachos Combo Chef Salad PBJ Uncrustable <u>or</u> Sandwich Choose: Santa Fe Black Beans Lettuce & Tomato Side Salad	26 Choose One: Teriyaki Beef Dippers & Rice Dill Chicken Nuggets Yogurt, Fruit & Granola Parfait Turkey & Cheese Croissant Choose: Broccoli Florets Sliced Cucumber Side Salad	27 Choose One: Breakfast for Lunch Chicken Parm w Pasta Greek Salad Crispy Chicken Wrap Choose: Deli Roasted Potato Romaine Side Salad	28 Choose One: Cheesy Bread Fish Basket w Roll Southwest Chicken Salad Combo Ham/Turkey Hoagie Choose: Green Beans Marinara Sauce Cup Carrot Dippers Side Salad



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 the Seminole Women's Club for their generous donations to our Music and Art departments.



Thank you to Slyce Pizza of Madeira Beach for donating coupons for academic incentives.
 Thank you to Oakhurst United Methodist Church for their donation of granola bars.



Thank you to Publix on 113th for donating ice cream for academic rewards.



Thank you to Chick-fil-a for sponsoring the Valentine's Day fundraiser for our school.



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