

Upcoming Events

October

26thReport Cards Go Home
Fall Festival 5-7pm30thGrade 4 Awards 1:15-1:45pm
Grade 5 Awards 1:45-2:15pm
Grade 3 Awards 2:15-2:45pm31stPreK & K Storybook Parade
9am

November

1stPrincipal's List Breakfast
7:30am @ Centennial5th

FT – Horton Fire Station

6th

K-Kids 3pm @ Centennial

8thGirlfriends during lunch @
Centennial

DQ Spirit Night 5pm-8pm

9th

PMAC – 3pm @ Portable 1

10thVeterans Day Program 9am
@ PE Court14th

Mid Term Reports Go Home

15th

Great American Teach In

16th

Fall Picture Retakes

17th

Kindergarten Pow Wow

19th – 26th

Thanksgiving Break

29th5th Grade Rotary Lunch
Girlfriends during lunch @
Centennial

CLUBS

Girl Scout Every Tuesday
Centennial @ 3:00pmBeach Club Every Thursday
Centennial @ 3:00pm

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Message From Mr. Cerreta

Dear Seminole Families,

Another month of school has gone by quickly and we are excited to let you know that we have been able to implement many wonderful tutorial and enrichment programs for our students.

- Ms. Marr, our amazing music teacher, started her Grade 4 and 5 Chorus. Ms. Marr is also meeting in the morning before school with her percussion group "Seminole Beats."
- Promise Time Extended Learning Program is for our students in R'Club and others who benefit from small group tutoring.
- Before and After School Tutoring – Students have been selected for tutoring programs based on the F.A.S.T assessment data and last years FSA.
- PMAC- Principal's Multicultural Advisory Committee with Ms. Stewart, Ms. Green, Ms. Hayduke & Ms. Piper meet after school twice a month on Thursdays
- Kid's Beach Club for students in grade 3-5 is every Thursday in the Centennial Building from 3-4 pm
- K – Kids -Kiwanis Kid, is sponsored by Ms. Grimm and Ms. Morgan. This club meets the first Monday of each month after school from 3:15-4:15.
- Camp Invention with Ms. Barto is from 3:00-4:00 on Mondays.
- STEM- (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)- After school enrichment club with Ms. Barto & Ms. Grimm (Starting the week of October 23) Grades K-1 & 4-5 Tuesday Grades 2-3 Wednesday

School and home communication is very important to us. Each week we send a weekend update to all parents via e-mail and the last Friday of each month we send home a hard copy of our monthly newsletter. If you are not receiving our weekend e-mail updates, please contact us at 547-7668 so we can update your contact information in FOCUS.

School Agenda Planners are also 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. Thank you!

Awards Assemblies

Awards Assemblies are held at the end of each grading period for students in grades 3,4 & 5 in the Centennial Building. For students in grades 1 & 2, we place the award ribbons and certificates in the report card envelope.

The grades 3-5 award assemblies will take place at the date & times listed below:

4th Grade Monday, October 30, @ 1:15pm

5th Grade Monday, October 30, @ 1:45pm

3rd Grade Monday, October 30, @ 2:15pm

**Grades 3-5 Principal's List Breakfast
Wednesday, November 1, in the
Centennial Building at 7:30 a.m.**



The Great American Teach-In will be held on Wednesday, November 15th. Please consider signing up to speak about your career or hobby with our students. Reserve your spot now by contacting Heather Plankey in the front office. Plankeyh@pcsb.org or 727-547-7668.

- Pre-K
Green – Anthony Milanes-Suarez
Scott/Hock – Ellie Donat
Piper – Delilah Yasova-Zaffos
Hayduke – Braelynn Busch
Hayduke – Reid Bramlett
- KG
Schuler – Sonny Frutos-Dodd
Conde – Lilianaa Correa-Morales
Horton – Chase Scott
Horton – Owen Frankiewicz
- 1st
Mucirino – Olivia F.
Mucirino – Grantley P.
Benjamin – Annalese Crisp
Calhoun – Jacinta Alincy
- 2nd
Patterson – Burhan Demeril
Poolson – Myla Lopez-Webber
Poolson – Elle Slovacek
Sadock – Jessalyn Alincy
- 3rd
Rudolph – Hercules Martins
Kopkau – Lucas Ruse
- 4th
Brady – Sydney Vieno
Brady – Bryce Henshaw
Crose – Tiffany Chen
Rongey – Michael Biccum
- 5th
Georgiadis – Raeleigh Vogel
Gorman – Madeline Recindez-Mejia
Lentz – Adelynn Reed
- Multi-Grade
Steiner – Michael Olivares

STAFF SHOUT OUTS!



Has a staff member gone above and beyond for your child? Do you want to express your appreciation and put a smile on their face? NOW YOU CAN! Visit <https://bit.ly/SeminoleShoutOut> or scan code below:



Principals Note (continuation from page 1)

Criteria for Awards:

*Only one award should be given to each student that has earned one, with exception to Perfect Attendance *

Intermediate 3-5		
Positive Hawk	All Es & Vs in conduct	Ribbon
Honor Roll	All As and Bs academics and & All S and above in conduct	Certificate & Ribbon
Principal's List	All As in academics and S and above in conduct	Certificate & Medallion
Perfect Attendance	No Absences	Certificate

Primary Grades 1&2	Criteria	Award
Positive Hawk	All Es & Vs in conduct	Ribbon
Honor Hawk	All Es, Vs academic & All Es & Vs in conduct	Ribbon
Principal's List	All Es Academics and Es & Vs Conduct	Ribbon
Perfect Attendance	No Absences	Certificate

*Specials' Academic grades will not be included; only the conduct portion for Specials.

Congratulations To Our Outstanding Readers:

One aspect of our School-Wide Reading Program is for students to read each night 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 Accelerated Reader points.

Congratulations to the following student for earning 100 points grades 3-5, 50 points grades 2 and 35 points for grade 1

1st Grade (35 Points)

Aiden Cochran Ethan Glidden Kailani Rivera Stefan Vukovic

2nd Grade (50 Points)

Beryl Yi Malakai Reynolds Lillian Soles Giovanni Schement Eleanor Glassmeyer

3rd – 5th Grade (100 Points)

Bryce Hvizdzak

Message From Dr. McCafferty
Assistant Principal

Dear Families,
Does your child have a Progress Monitoring Plan (PMP)? A PMP is a specific, detailed plan tailored to identify individual assistance that will be given to remedy a student's individually diagnosed deficiencies. The PMP is an active working document that reflects what is being done to help remediate a student's deficiencies. The PMP intervention process is a continual process that occurs four times during a school year (August, Cycle 1, Cycle 2, and Cycle 3). Families of students with a PMP from their last year's data already had a PMP generated, shared, and signed. Students with data that generates a PMP from Cycle 1 of the current school year, will begin to have these PMPs shared with families for review and signatures. New this year - if a student had an August PMP but is making progress during the benchmarks in their current grade level, the PMP with teacher and parent input, the PMP can be faded! This means the child may not need the specific additional interventions that were in place because they are showing progress. To support your child's success in reading, math, and science proficiency, please ensure they are reading for their required minutes, practicing their math facts, and exploring the fascinating world around us! Please contact your child's teacher or me, Dr.

Music News

with Mrs. Marr

Upcoming Events

Veterans Day Program
November 10 @ 9am
All are welcome to join us as we honor our country's Veterans.

K/1 Holiday Concert
Dec 7 @ 6pm

Chorus Holiday Concert
Dec 19 @ 6pm

This Week in Music...

is all about Fall Centers!

Pumpkin Bones

K-5 students have been singing *Pumpkin Bones*, one of our favorite fall songs! This week, we will perform percussion instruments to the song, as well as have a *Pumpkin Bones* scavenger hunt!

Recorder News

Recorder playing will begin soon for 3rd Grade! We are currently learning how to read notes on the music staff. When we are fluently reading notes, we will begin recorders!



Homework Tips

Research has shown that kids are more successful in school when their parents or guardians take an active interest in their homework. This shows children that what they do is important. Helping with homework shouldn't mean spending hours on one subject or project. Parents or guardians can be supportive by demonstrating study and organizational skills, explaining tricky problems, or just encouraging your child to take a break. Here are some tips to guide you on your way:

1. Know your child's teacher and what they are looking for. Attend the school's events, such as open house or parent-teacher conferences. Ask the teacher about their homework policy if you are unsure.
2. Set up a homework friendly area. Make sure the area is well lit, has supplies your child will need and is comfortable for your child to work at.
3. Schedule a regular study time every day. This could be after a short break once they are home from school or after dinner.
4. Help them make a plan. If your child has a project coming up or more homework than usual, encourage them to break up the work into manageable chunks. Help your child create a schedule where they may take a break every 30 minutes or less depending on the age of your child.
5. Keep distractions to a minimum. Make sure they have an atmosphere that is quiet and away from a lot of noise.
6. Make sure your child does their own work. Your child will not learn unless they are able to think for themselves and learn from their mistakes. You can support them by making suggestions or clarifying directions.
7. Be a motivator and monitor. Ask your child about their assignments. Give them encouragement, check completed homework, and make yourself available for questions and concerns.
8. Set a good example. Ask yourself, does your child see you reading a book, magazine, or newspaper? Your child is more likely to follow your example.
9. Praise their work and efforts. Post good test papers, artwork, and classwork on the refrigerator or somewhere in the house everyone can see their achievements.
10. If there are continuing problems with homework, get help. Talk to your child's teacher to clarify directions or misconceptions.



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Office and PTA News

Please bring your photo ID when you come into

VPK/PreK Registration



November 27th the VPK/Pre-K registration period begins.

Picking up Students Early

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 initials so we can return lost items. As the weather gets cooler, please label your child's jacket as well.

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.

PTA

The next PTA General Meeting will be held on November 14th. There will be an entertaining science demonstration during this meeting. Please plan on attending.

in the volunteer portal so you can receive communications about volunteer opportunities. If you are unsure how to check for this please contact Heather Plankey in the school office. If you are interested in volunteering at our school, please register at www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration. It can take up to 3 weeks for a volunteer registration to be approved by the district. If you are planning on volunteering for a field trip this year please register now.

Fine Motor Corner

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

12 Basic Social Skills Kids Need (and how to teach them)

Following directions

Using manners

Having a positive attitude

Working with others

Good hygiene

Using polite words

Taking turns

Greetings

Having patience

Being a good sport

Listening

Personal Space

www.thepathway2success.com

Art News

Art Opportunities for Your Students
Do your students want to do more art? Do they want to enter their art into competitions or contests? Win prizes or just get their art out there more? Check out the latest external art contests, scholarships, camp opportunities, and other arts-based programming for students by visiting the Student Art Opportunities webpage (it is regularly updated).

<https://www.pcsb.org/Page/34867>



Congratulations to Cierra Kolka (2nd grade) for having her Symmetrical Sugar Skull accepted into the Dunedin Fine Art Centers "Creative StART" exhibit! You can go view this and other artworks from October 27 to December 8, 2023. An opening reception with a student recognition and awards ceremony will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 29th.



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

Seminole First Baptist Church
VFW Post 9272
Osteria Bricco
Treasure Island Fun Center
McDonald's

Kiwanis Club of Seminole
Seminole Women's Club
El Jalisco
Anona United Methodist Church

5/3 Bank
Seminole Elementary PTA
The Backpack Lady Project
Sun Pubs Restaurant Group

Business Partners & Community Partners:

Thank you to McDonalds for hosting our October Spirit Night. It was a fun night for families to eat and socialize! A portion of every sale will be donated back to Seminole Elementary. Our November Spirit Night will be at DQ November 8th 5-8pm.



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Rotary Club Students of the Month



Congratulations to Lainey Gamache, Raeleigh Vogel, and Alessandro Loaiza-Garcia our Rotary Students of the Month for the month of October.

PCS Support Staff Finalist



Congratulations Mr. Steve Sola for being recognized as our Support Employee of the Year for Plant Operations. He is also a finalist for PCS Support Staff of the Year.

Certificate of Distinction Award



Congratulations Ms. Julia McLaughlin for earning her Certificate of Distinction!

Thank you Seminole Fire Department for allowing Kindergarten classes to view the fire station



Walk to School Day

Thank you Chick-fil-a and the City of Seminole for sponsoring Walk to School Day



iMoms

Thank you to all the moms and kids who came out to our first iMom Breakfast sponsored by Anona United Methodist Church. Dads and kids had the opportunity to bond and connect while enjoying Chick-fil-a breakfast.



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