

# Seminole Times

Monthly School Newsletter for Seminole Elementary

## Upcoming Events

October

4<sup>th</sup>  
Walk Your Kids to School Day  
Meet at Chick-fil-a @7:30am

5<sup>th</sup>  
FT – Horton Fire Station

6<sup>th</sup>  
FT - Conde/Schuler Fire  
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Individual Picture Day

12<sup>th</sup>  
PMAC 3pm in Portable 1

13<sup>th</sup>  
End of Grading Period 1

18<sup>th</sup>  
iMoms Breakfast 7:30 in  
Centennial

Rotary Lunch (for selected 5<sup>th</sup>  
Graders

23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>  
Red Ribbon Week

26<sup>th</sup>  
Report Cards Go Home

Fall Festival 5-7pm

30<sup>th</sup>  
Grade 4 Awards 1:15-1:45pm  
Grade 3 Awards 1:45-2:15pm  
Grade 5 Awards 2:15-2:45pm

31<sup>st</sup>  
PreK &K Storybook Parade  
9am

## CLUBS

Girl Scout Every Tuesday  
Centennial @ 3:00pm

Beach Club Every Thursday  
Centennial @ 3:00pm



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## Message From Mr. Cerreta

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of the first grading period. I appreciate all of the continued support as we maintain the academic momentum. Our work together is very important. Research confirms that parental interest and involvement in a child’s education is the most significant reason children succeed in school.

One way to help your child to succeed in school is to read every evening. Students in grades k-2 should read 20-30 minutes each evening and 45 minutes for students in grades 3-5. Each teacher in grades 1-5 established an individual 9-week reading goal for every child. Your child’s teacher sets the reading goal using the Accelerated Reader Goal Setting Chart. Point goals vary depending on your child’s reading level. Parents can view and track their child’s reading goals through AR Accelerated Reader. AR is software...a computerized reading management program. The AR program is a simple, three-step process. Students self-select a book, read the book, and then take a quiz on the book at the computer. All students should strive for an 80% or above comprehension average on AR quizzes.

Teachers enter individualized point goals and book level goals within the software and then use various reports to document students progress using the software.

An AR goal is set for each student based on a standardized test of reading assessment, past reading performance, and teacher evaluation. Students that reach their quarterly goals will be able to participate in our quarterly reading goal celebrations.

Students are also recognized by reaching their personal cumulative goals. See below:

### 2023-24 Accelerated Reader Individual Recognitions

Recognitions	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Grades 3-5
Bubbled on morning show	15 points	25 points	50 points
Name in the newsletter	35 points	50 points	100 points
Accelerated Reader certificate	60 points	75 points	150 points
Reading medallion	85 points	100 points	200 points
Handprint on wall	110 points	125 points	250 points
Gold star on sidewalk	225points	250 points	500 points
Name/design ceiling tile	350 points	375 points	750 points
Name on plaque in office	450 points	500 points	1,000 points

### 2024-25 VPK/Pre-K 3 ENROLLMENT

Attention Parents!!

The application period for the 2024-25 VPK and Pre-K 3 opens November 27, 2023. The application period runs November 27<sup>th</sup> - December 13<sup>th</sup>. To apply you must have an active Parent Portal, if you do not, please scan the QR code to create one. As always if you have any questions, please call the front office at (727)547-7668.



## Character Kids for September:

### PREK

Scott – Declan Kriviski  
Piper – Arianna Brenza  
Green – Elijah Lachner

### KG

Schuler – Kevin Yang  
Conde – King Mercer  
Horton – Briella Calhoun  
Horton – Laken Wentz

### 1st

Mucerino – Sunny Lin  
Mucerino – Salma Halaweh  
Benjamin – Colton Turner  
Calhoun – Raymond Bare

### 2nd

Poolson – Caydan Stancik  
Sadock – Eleanor Glassmeyer  
Patterson – Christian Losada -  
Isaac

### 3rd

Kopkau – Helena Stojanovic  
Rudolph – Maya Castellanos  
Morgan – Jaiden Cunningham

### 4th

Rongey – Olivia Glassmeyer  
Crose – Colton Steinbach  
Brady – Rory Lindberg  
Brady – Elise Carlson

### 5th

Gorman – Prestin Schroeder  
Georgiadis – Cameron  
Westbrook

### EBD

Fieman – Jaylen King

### Clinic Minute:



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Please make sure your student is bringing a water bottle to school so they can stay hydrated throughout the day.

Vision, Hearing, and BMI screenings for Kindergarten, 1st, and 3rd grade students on October 20th. The consent form must be completed in FOCUS if you would like your student to participate.



## Message From Dr. McCafferty Assistant Principal

Dear Families,

Our students have finished taking Progress Monitoring 1 of the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) test! Student results were sent home for you to view.

Regarding the results for PM1, just administered, and PM2 which will be administered in December, it is important to understand that this information is intended to provide baseline and mid-year results for PM1 and PM2 respectively. Therefore, for PM1 and PM2, students may not yet be at grade level; however, this does not necessarily indicate that a student is not on track to succeed. These results are for informational purposes only and are used for teachers and other instructional staff members who work with your child to identify areas that may need additional instruction and support. These results should not be considered student achievement designations. Alternatively, PM3 provides a summative score at the end of the year to measure student mastery of the grade-level content standards.

For more information and to view sample test items and test specifications, please visit <https://flfast.org/families.html> or scan the QR code below.



Please contact me if you have any questions at [mccaffertyj@pcsb.org](mailto:mccaffertyj@pcsb.org) or 547-7668.

Thank you for your continued support!

Dr. McCafferty

**RISE**  
Respect/Responsibility  
Integrity  
Self-Control  
Empathy

Guidance Corner from  
Mrs. Moore



As part of our bullying prevention program at Seminole Elementary, we speak often about being an “Upstander.” An “Upstander” is someone that makes someone feel welcome or included, helps resolve a conflict, or helps someone who is being picked on.

As part of Start with Hello Week, at Seminole Elementary, we had an Upstander Jar competition. Each homeroom teacher received a poster of an Upstander jar to hang in their classroom. Throughout the week, when they caught one of their students being an Upstander, they put a sticker or a mark in the jar. At the end of the week, I tallied the results to find the two winning homerooms—one from PreK-2nd grade and one from 3rd-5th grade.

The winners for this round are Ms. Mucerino’s first grade class with 73 Upstanders, and Ms. Kopkau’s third grade class with 53 Upstanders! These two homerooms will receive donuts this week to celebrate their kindness, empathy, and conflict resolution skills. At Seminole Elementary, we “donut” stand for bullying!

# Making Music with Mrs. Marr



Enjoying the Florida Orchestra concert with 5th Grade!



Spetember 2023

## Art News



Artists have been busy getting to know the Art Room procedures and expectations and gearing up to be their creative selves this year! Students have been creating "Here We Grow" themed artwork including motifs like flowers, bees and critters found in nature's habitats! 5th graders are gearing up to become graphic designers when they create a license tag design for Kids Tag Art in September. For the past few years, Seminole Hawks have taken home top awards given by sponsors businesses, let's do it again this year!

## Office and PTA News

### Please Bring ID

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.

### 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.

### 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.

## TITLE I

Title One News  
Have you ever wondered why it is important for your child to read at home daily? Reading is an important building block for academic success in school. Please take the time to go through the PowerPoint found at the following website to learn more about why it is important to have your child read at home.

<https://slideplayer.com/slide/13161708/>

The PowerPoint will give you information on how to help your child choose a "just right" book, how to support their reading at home and what to work with your child on when they have finished reading.

## Fine Motor Corner

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

Giving chores has been shown time and time again to build personal responsibility and independence in life skills. Here's some good places to start!

<b>Toddler 2-3 yrs old</b> - Make bed - Put dirty clothes in hamper - Put away toys - Help sort dirty clothes  (great way to teach colors)	<b>Preschooler 4-5 yrs old</b> - Set table - Help feed pets - Clean up/organize toys - Clean bedroom - Put away laundry
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## Chores By Age

<b>Elementary 6-9 yrs old</b> - Sweep/ vacuum - Put away dishes - Load dishwasher (or wash dishes) - Help with laundry (sort, load & put away) - Water grass & plants - Clean sinks & counters	<b>Twens 10-12 yrs old</b> - Meal prep & cook (easier meals) - Scrub tubs, sinks & toilets - Mop - Trash duty - Laundry - Dust - Window cleaning - Yard work
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## More Art News

Some Seminole Hawk artists have their creations included in the annual All-County K-12 Art Exhibition which opened in September! An open-house reception event for the 2023-2024 Pinellas All-County K-12 Art Exhibition at the PCS Administration Building in Largo was scheduled for Tuesday, September 26th, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. There were 1,515 2-D and 3-D works of art on display throughout the three floors of the PCS Administration Building, and they will remain on proud display until April 2024. The building employees and visitors admire your students' artwork! Each student can view their work on display and received a personalized certificate celebrating their visual arts achievement. Last year, around 1,200 students, families, and guests attended the open-house reception! Congratulations to Lainey Gamache, Mya Johnson, Kaiden Mckinley, Sophia Singkhaophet, Riley Smith, Elliot Sperling, Mckenzie Tran, Maecy Walsh!

Looking for some supplemental art activities for your student? Check out Safety Harbor Art and Music Center's workshops for kids! go to shamc.org for more info.

SHAMC ARTREACH  
**Fall in Love With Art**  
OCTOBER 16TH 9-3PM  
Ages 7-14 \$40  
SHAMC.ORG

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SHAMC ARTREACH PRESENTS:  
**Let's Get the Art Party Started!**  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH 9-3PM



## 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](mailto:plankeyh@pcsb.org)

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

Remax Hustle & Heart Group  
Seminole First Baptist Church  
VFW Post 9272  
Osteria Bricco  
Treasure Island Fun Center

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

Horace Mann Insurance  
5/3 Bank  
Seminole Elementary PTA  
The Backpack Lady Project

#### Business Partners & Community Partners:

##### New Platinum Business Partners

We would like to welcome our new Platinum business partner, SunPubs restaurant group, parent company of Sculley's at John's Pass, Mad Beach Cantina, MacDinton's, Caddy's, and Grove Soho.

Thank you to PDQ for hosting our September 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.



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#### Congratulations MyOn Summer Challenge Winner Kailani Rivera



Congratulations to Kailani Rivera, who won the MyOn Summer Reading Challenge. Thanks to her hard work she earned a tablet.

#### Seminole Elementary

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#### Rotary Club Students of the Month



Congratulations to Nathaniel Merdell, Harper Palmese, and Braydon Jeske Rotary Club Student of the Month for the month of September.

#### All Pro Dads

Thank you to all the dads and kids who came out to our first All-Pro Dad's Breakfast sponsored by Anona United Methodist Church. Dads and kids had the opportunity to bond and connect while enjoying Chick-fil-a breakfast. Our next breakfast will be iMoms on October 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30am in the Centennial building.



#### Grandparent's Breakfast



We would like to thank all of the Grandparents who came to our Grandparent's Breakfast. Grandparents and students enjoyed breakfast, and students were able to show grandparents their class and enjoy watching our morning show.