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Upcoming Events

MARCH

4th – 8th

Start With Hello Week

- 4th – Wear favorite hat/shirt of college team.
- 5th – Dress like a staff member
- 6th – Crazy hair
- 7th – Movie theme
 - PreK Snow White & 7 Dwarfs
 - 1st Minion/Despicable Me
 - 2nd Incredibles
 - 3rd Willie Wonka
 - 4th Inside Out
 - 5th The Grinch
 - Others Barbie/Ken
- 8th – Wear pajama/ cozy clothes

4th

K Kids 3pm Centennial

6th

FT – K Old McMickey's Farm

7th

PMAC Multicultural Festival
5:30-7:30pm

11th – 15th

Spring Break – No School

22nd

Hawk Huddle

28th

Report Cards Distributed

29th

No School

CLUBS

Girl Scouts Every Tuesday
Centennial @ 3:00pm

Beach Club Every Thursday
Centennial @ 3:00pm



Message From Mr. Cerreta

Dear Seminole Elementary Families,

There is only one week of school remaining before Spring Break and the end of the third grading period. I hope everyone is anticipating a restful and fun spring break. Spring Break is March 11- March 15. 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 K-4. (Including our "Rising Kindergarten" students). 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 3-28, Monday- Thursday from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.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. Contact R Club at 727-578-5437 for registration information.

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:

Congratulations To Our Outstanding Readers:

1st Grade 35 Points

Colton Turner

2nd Grade 50 Points

Daniella Mock Adeline Moser

3rd – 5th Grade 100 Points

Logan Frazee	Ivan Lysikov	Lucas Scholz	Lizbeth Machado Valasquez
Helena Stojanovic	Mason Rosenbach	Abigail Turner	Alessandro Loaiza-Garcia
Lyla Aguillard	Kayla King	Colton Taylor	

Generation Lead Leadership Summit Participants



Congratulations to the following students for participating in Generation LEAD Leadership Summit: Vuk Veljkovic, Amya Auten, Lyla Aguillard, and Elise Carlson.

Rotary Students for the Month of January



Congratulations to Miriam Losada, Kain Dantzer, and Jacob Del Rio for being February Rotary Kids of the Month.



<https://www.facebook.com/SeminoleElementaryHawks>

**If You See Something
Say Something**



www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern

Look for Warning Signs. If you see something suspicious Say Something.

Charcter Kids for February

PREK:

Scott – Emerson Gorman
Piper – Izabella Blair
Hayduke – Erik Burnside
Hayduke – Samira Sanchez-
Castellanos

KG:

Conde – Luna Skinkle
Horton – Sophia Holland
Horton – Owen Frankiewicz
Schuler – Alana Aldrich

1st:

Benjamin – Charlee McPherson
Mucerino – Sunny Lin
Mucerino – Sophia Reilly
Calhoun – Gabriel Young

2nd:

Sadock – Daniella
Poolson – Fisher Wilson
Poolson – Lily Meade
Patterson – Elie Nkomeje

3rd:

Kopkau – Salvador Espinal
Rudolph – Kalena Griffin
Morgan – Ivan Lysikov

4th:

Rongey – Easton Myers
Crose – Justin Mock
Brady – Katy Aragon
Brady – Rory Lindberg

5th:

Lentz – Elle Manning
Gorman – Marian Losada
Georgiadis – Cecily Yaslik

Multi Grade

Steiner – Michael Olivares

Seminole Elementary's Multicultural Festival March 7th 5:30-7:30pm



Join us for an evening of celebrating diversity. Families can learn about different countries, experience cultures from different parts of the world, view performances, and engage in fun activities.

The Clinic Minute from Nurse Leslie



We are heading into warmer weather. Please make sure your student has a water bottle. They can be refilled throughout the day at one of our bottle refilling stations. We do not keep extra water bottles in the office or clinic.



Message From Dr. McCafferty Assistant Principal

Dear Families,

The student experience is strong at Seminole Elementary and in Pinellas County Schools! Many of our students have or will be attending performances by Class Acts presented at the Mahaffey Theater between now and the end of the school year. From the Mahaffey Theater website, "each trip to the Duke Energy Center for the Arts - Mahaffey Theater is designed to foster a passion for the arts, while being simultaneously linked to current Florida B.E.S.T. Standards. The Class Acts program provides FREE engaging and entertaining field trip opportunities for students to engage in topics about Science, Math, Literature, History, Art, and Friendship." We are excited about these experiences for our students and are thankful to the grants that provide these completely free opportunities. For more information about Class Acts, please visit <https://www.mahaffeyclassacts.org/>

Another student experience is specifically for our 5th graders who will have a unique opportunity of attending Enterprise Village at the Stavros Institute. This year they will attend this unforgettable trip on April 2nd. From the Pinellas County School's website, Enterprise Village, described as a "self-contained economic education program that provides a hands-on learning experience for students. Students spend time in their classroom studying economic education objectives that teach them about writing checks, using a debit card, keeping a checkbook register, applying for a job and working in a group. These educational objectives are put into action as the students spend one day at the village. The layout of Enterprise Village is similar to a shopping mall. During their business day, students work in one of the 20+ businesses, take 3 breaks, receive paychecks and have the opportunity to be consumers by making purchases in one of the business-sponsored storefronts." I attended this field trip when I was in 5th grade and I remember it distinctly and with admiration, all these years later. For more information about Enterprise Village, please visit <https://www.pcsb.org/domain/12708>.

Additional field trips that are coming up are Tampa Bay Watch for students in our gifted studies program, a farm trip for our kindergarteners, a trip to the Safety Harbor Art Museum for students in our Art Enrichment club, and an end of year field trip for our students in PMAC and who are Patrols. This is not an inclusive list, but only a sample of some of the experiences planned for our students. Please continue to check your child's planner for permission forms and information about these off-campus (and some on-campus) experiences we have planned during the second half of the year! If you would like to volunteer to be a chaperone for these trips or any other trips in the future, be sure to check the information that comes home with your child's permission form. Chaperones must be registered volunteers with Pinellas County Schools. Please visit <https://www.pcsb.org/VolunteerRegistration> for more information on how to become a registered volunteer. Once registered and you have expressed interest in an upcoming trip, please look for confirmation of your attendance from the classroom teacher or me, as some of these trip's seats/tickets are limited and we are sometimes unfortunately, not able to accommodate all families who are interested in attending. We are so grateful to have supportive families that make these experiences possible for our students. As always, please reach out if you have any questions by emailing me at mccaffertyj@pcsb.org or calling me at 547-7668.

Sincerely,
Dr. McCafferty

Guidance Corner from Mrs. Moore



March 6th will be our last Girlfriends meeting for the year. Our theme for this meeting is "Girl Boss." The girls will have the opportunity to listen to guest speakers talk about how they started their own businesses. They will also fill out their own leadership surveys to begin to identify the leadership traits they already possess. We will celebrate a great year of Girlfriends Club meetings with pizza, cake, and prizes.

We have so appreciated our partnership with the Hustle and Heart Realty Group again this year. Members of their team attend each of our meetings and provide the snack/lunch/treat as well as prizes. Each meeting, girls earn tickets throughout the meeting: one ticket for attending, other tickets for participating by answering questions or completing team and individual activities. At the conclusion of the meeting, we put all the tickets in a box and draw the winners. Some of our prizes have included Bath & Body Works products, exercise balls, journals, and candy.

I am thankful for all the girls who participated in our club this year. We wish our 5th graders the best in middle school and look forward to having a planning meeting with our 4th graders to talk about plans for next year's Club. Keep being lovely and fierce girls!

Maria Edmunds and Carwise Award Winners



Congratulations to our 2023-24 Maria Edmund Award recipients Alessandro Loaiza-Garcia and Jacob Del Rio.



Congratulations to the 2023-24 Joseph Carswise Award recipients Mya Johnson and Kayla King.

Building Reading Stamina

By: Reading Rockets

Reading stamina is your child's ability to focus and read independently for a long period of time without being distracted or without distracting others. Having stamina or endurance, builds strength and can apply to many different areas, such as, exercise, painting, and reading. Here are some ways to help your child build their reading stamina.

1. Vary the way the reading is done

You can have your child read to themselves, read to someone (even a stuffed animal), or listen to a book. Some combination of the three should make up the reading time, especially for new or struggling readers.

2. Choose "just right" books

If your child is able to read alone, help them choose a book that they are able to read independently. Have them read the first page aloud to you and if they are able to read it making only 5 errors then it is a just right book. Avoid using books that are too difficult to read alone.

3. Set reasonable goals

Most toddlers and preschoolers find it difficult to sit for long periods of time even with the most engaging book. When beginning, limit book time to just a few minutes a day a session and work up from there. For kindergarteners, consider starting with 10-15 minutes each session and work up from there. First through second grade students should be reading for 30 minutes. Third grade through fifth grade students should be reading for 30 - 45 minutes a session.

4. Celebrate progress

Without getting too caught up on the number of minutes spent reading, celebrate the time your child spends reading. Have them share their favorite part of the story, schedule a visit to the library or share your child's progress with other family members.

Spending longer periods of time reading means fewer interruptions and more time reading what they love. As your child moves into higher grades, having reading stamina will help your child navigate longer texts and assignments.

Music Notes



Congratulations to the following students who participated in this year's All County Performance.

Elliot Sperling	Kaiden McKinley
Mya Johnson	Zoey Groves
Layla Eversole	Lydia Youngman
Harper Palmese	Alessandro Loaiza-Garcia

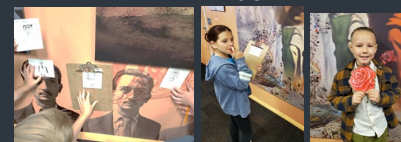
Seminole Elementary's First Ball Hockey Team



Congratulations to the Seminole Elementary Hawks Ball Hockey Team for receiving bronze (3rd place) in the 1st annual county ball hockey tournament. The ball hockey team members are:

Conner Ouellette	Nathaniel Merdell
Andres Pineros	Noah Hoang
Hailee Smith	Simon Berry
Easton Myers	Braydon Jeske
Johnny Lyon	Rory Lindberg

ARTicle



All Art students from K - 5th all visited the "Dali on the Fly" Traveling Art Mobile last week! The Art Mobile allows students to participate in a unique field trip experience without leaving school grounds. For the last few decades, the Art Mobile has visited every elementary school where around 10,000 K-5 students get teacher-led docent-style tours per school year. For this exciting student experience, The Dali Museum has carefully curated artwork inspired by dreams, math, and science, providing a rich opportunity to examine how the artist integrated these subjects into his art. Here is the link to an article written by a PCS parent last spring about her child's visit: <https://creativepinellas.org/magazine/dali-on-the-fly/>, and here is a link along with a QR code to the introductory video that is shown to students during their visit: <https://tinyurl.com/daliartmobile>.



Speed Stacks is being offered as a fundraiser here at Seminole Elementary during the month of March. Up to 20% goes back to our school's PE Program and we offer the most affordable price plus free shipping. Sport Stacking is a positive alternative to computer, television, and video game screen time. It's affordable and benefits your child's body and brain.

Sets \$25

12 Standard Cups, 1 Carrying Stem, Online Training Videos



Mat & Timer \$30

1 GX Timer, 1 Mat, & 1 Gear Bag



Pro Series Set \$30

12 Pro Series Cups, 1 Carry Stem, Online Training Videos



1. Scan the QR Code or visit speedstacks.com/go and select Florida and Seminole Elementary



2. Choose the gear you want and complete your credit card payment. There are limited quantities of each color, so please have a 2nd and 3rd color choice
3. Print and bring your receipt to Coach Taylor or Coach Torakis

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

Please check our Lost & Found for missing jackets and sweatshirts. Our Lost & Found is getting overwhelmed with jackets. Any unclaimed items will be donated or disposed of during Spring Break.

Clothes Closet:

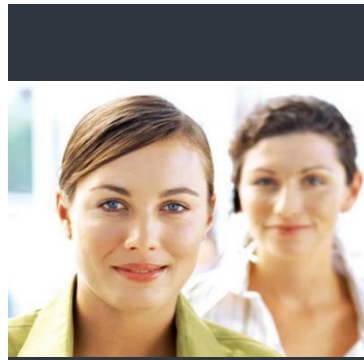
Please consider donating any gently used shorts to our clothes closet. We are still in need of shorts (sizes 6-14). You can bring donations to the front office.

Volunteering

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.

PTA

There will not be a PTA meeting in March. If you are interested in serving on the PTA Board for the 24-25 school year, please contact Heather Plankey in the school office.



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:

Remax Hustle & Heart Group
Seminole First Baptist Church
VFW Post 9272
Osteria Bricco
Treasure Island Fun Center
Dairy Queen
McDonald's
Panda Express

PDQ
Kiwanis Club of Seminole
Seminole Women's Club
El Jalisco
Anona United Methodist Church
Curlew Hills Memory Gardens
Enchanted Solutions & Engravings

Horace Mann Insurance
5/3 Bank
Seminole Elementary PTA
The Backpack Lady Project
Sub Pubs Restaurant Group
Smuggler's Cove Mini Golf
Indian Rocks Baptist Church

Business Partners & Community Partners:



We want to thank Panda Express for hosting our February Spirit Night. We appreciate all of the support they have given to our school.



Our next Spirit Night will be at Chick-fil-a on April 17th from 4pm-7pm. Our Spirit Nights are a great time to have dinner and hang out with other families and staff. Flyers will be sent home with more information.

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Daddy Daughter Dance



iMoms Breakfast

