

Upcoming Events

October

- 4th
 - Individual Pictures
- 9th
 - Walk to School Day Chickfila 8:30am
- 10th
 - PMAC 3pm
- 11th
 - End of Grading Period
 - Kindergarten Fire Station FT
- 15th
 - Sugar Wing Spirit Night 5-8pm
- 16th
 - Rotary Student Luncheon
- 21st – 25th
 - Read Ribbon Week
- 21st -30th
 - Boo Gram Sales
- 23rd
 - 5th Grade FI Orchestra FT
- 24th
 - Report Cards Go Home
 - PMAC 3pm
 - Fall Festival 5-7pm
- 28th
 - Awards Assembly (3rd – 1:15pm, 4th – 1:45pm, 5th - 2:15pm)
- 30th
 - Principal's List Breakfast Centennial 7:30am
- 31st
 - PreK-K Character Parade 9am

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

K-Kids – 1st Monday of the month (starting October)

Girl Scouts – Every Tuesday

4th & 5th Grade Chorus Wednesdays 8am

Beach Club – Every Thursday



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Message From Mr.

Seminole Elementary faculty and staff are sending positive thoughts to you today and the weeks ahead following the recent events with hurricane Helene. Please feel free to reach out to us if there is anything that you need. Seminole is blessed with such a kind caring community that is always willing to help those in need and during difficult times.

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.

- Mr. Visnage our amazing music teacher, has started his Grade 4 and 5 Chorus which is on Wednesdays before school .
- Promise Time Extra Learning Program for grade 4 students with Ms. Hughes Monday-Thursday afternoon.
- Ms. Piper’s morning tutoring every Tuesday & Thursday
- PMAC- Principal’s Multicultural Advisory Committee with Ms. Piper, Ms. Green, & Ms. Hayduke meet after school twice a month on Thursdays
- Kids Beach Club for students in grade 3-5 is every Thursday in the Centennial Building from 3:00-4:00pm
- K-Kids. (Kiwaniis Kids) is sponsored by Ms. Morgan and Ms. Moses and will meet the first Monday of each month after school. 3:15-4:15
- Before and After School Tutoring – Students have been selected for tutoring programs based on the F.A.S.T assessment data and last year’s FSA. Grades 4 & 5 with Ms. Bell Grade 3 with Ms. Rudolph
- STEM- (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)- After school enrichment club

School home communication is very important to us. Each week we send a weekend update to all families 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 assist you in updating through the Student Reservation System/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!

The end of the grading period for the first 9 weeks of school is **October 11th**. Report Cards will go home on **October 24th**

Awards Assemblies for 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade are held at the end of each nine weeks in the Centennial Building. For students in 1st, 2nd and grade we will place report card award ribbons in the report card envelopes. Awards Assemblies will take place on the dates and times are listed below.

- 3rd Grade Monday, October 28 @ 1:15
- 4th Grade Monday, October 28 @ 1:45
- 5th Grade Monday October 28 @ 2:15

Grades 3-5 Principal Honor Roll Breakfast is Wednesday, October 30 in the Centennial Building at 7:30 a.m.

Criteria for Awards:

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

Intermediate 3-5 Award Criteria

Positive Hawk	All Es & Vs in conduct	Ribbon
Honor Roll	All As and Bs academics & 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

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If You See Something Say



Something

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

2024-25 SSYRA 3rd -5th Grade

Battle of the Books List

1. The Aquanaut by Dan Santat
2. The Big Sting by Rachelle Delaney
3. Bound for Home by Meika Hashimoto
4. The Cursed Moon by Angela Cervantes
5. Finally Seen by Kelly Yang
6. The Girl Who Built a Spider by George Brewington
7. The Grip by Marcus Stroman
8. Home Away From Home by Cynthia Lord
9. Manatee Summer by Evan Griffith
10. Penny Draws a Best Friend by Sara Shephard
11. Race to Fire Mountain (Future Hero Book #1) by sRemi Blackwood
12. The Shelterlings by Sarah Beth Durst
13. Treasure in the Lake by Jason Pamment
14. The Ultimate Goal by Tommy Greenwald
15. When Sea Becomes Sky by Gillian McDunn

Character Words of the Month

August – Character Education
September – Citizenship
October – Tolerance
November – Patriotism
December – Charity
January – Caring
February – Cooperation
March – Responsibility
April – Honesty
May - Respect

Clinic Minute:



Please make sure your students are bringing a water bottle to school everyday to stay hydrated.

Outstanding Readers

One aspect of our School Wide Reading Program is for students to read 45 minutes for Grades 3-5 and 20-30 minutes for grades 1-2.

After students read a book or have a book read to them, they take an Accelerated Reader test to earn points.

Congratulations to the following students for earning 100 points grades 3-5 and 50 points grades 1-2.

3rd – 5th Grade

3rd – 5th

Lillian Soles



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 or 547-7668.

Thank you for your continued support!

Dr. McCafferty

Assistant Principal

A New Way of Accessing ESOL Newsletter

<https://secure.smcore.com/n/u035g>

We are excited to share this new easy to access format of the newsletter.

It includes lots of useful information, such as Hurricane Helena Community Resources (food, clothes, emergency links, vehicle assistance, etc.), district application programs, financial aid, etc.

It also includes ESOL coming up events, such as, Teams help session for new ESOL families on Oct. 7, ESOL Community Resource Fair on Oct. 10th, virtual tutoring, etc.

RISE

Respect/Responsibility
Integrity
Self-Control
Empathy

Guidance Corner
From Ms. Moore



Another way Seminole Elementary would like to assist families who may need a little extra this Holiday season is through Toys for Tots. Our school is able to assist parents in signing up to receive Toys for Tots.

Toys for Tots can provide gifts for your children ages infant through 12 years old (must be 12 or younger on 12/25/20).

If you are interested in receiving assistance from the Toys for Tots program this holiday season, here is the registration information:

Eligibility Criteria

Family must be a resident of and living in Pinellas County.

Toys are available for children ages 12 and under as of 12/25/23

How to Request Toys

1. Go to <https://st-petersburg-fl.toysfortots.org/> or scan the QR code below.



2. Click "Request A Toy," follow the link to the pre-registration page.

3. On the pre-registration page, enter your email and click "submit registration".

4. Check your email for a link to complete your registration.

5. Enter your parent information and information for each child. Do not forget to click "submit registration."

6. Once your application is complete, you can go back to the registration page and enter your email address to get your status (pending, approved, need to provide more info, etc.).

7. If you have followed all these instructions and are still having difficulty, you can email pinellast4tregs@gmail.com.

Registration is open as of October 1st.

REGISTRATION ENDS ON NOVEMBER 10TH.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 547-7668.

PE Golden Shoe News



The PE department would like to recognize Mrs. Georgiadis' class for being the "Golden Shoe" winner for the month of August. The "Golden Shoe" award is given to one class each month that displays qualities listed in our "Good Sport Code." Congratulations Mrs. Georgiadis' class!

Patrols of the Month



Patrols for the month of August are Clara Tagler and Justin Mock. Patrols for the month of September are Elise Carlson and Johnny Lyon. Congratulations on showing outstanding responsibility.

Art News

Artwork by Braylon K 4th grade Rongey



K through 5 artists have been blasting off this new school year by creating colorful artworks that touch on the Art Elements of Color, Line, Shape, Unity and Pattern! Kinders have been learning scissor skills when cutting lines of paper and creating Mondrian collages, and 5th graders have just completed their license plate designs for their Tag Art project!

Importance of Reading at Home

Dr. Kristi Smith from Children's Lighthouse Early Learning School

As young children continue to develop and get older, one of the most important aspects of their development is language development. Every parent is eager for their kindergartner to come home reading fluently, but that skill starts many years before. Reading at home with your children helps them to strengthen their language, vocabulary, and comprehension skills.

With the understanding that more time reading equals better understanding and fluency, there is no better time to start reading with your child at home regularly than now! One of the best ways to do this is by carving out a little time each night to have your little one curl up with a good book or two!

Here are some suggestions to help make reading routine at your home and build successful readers:

Read Every Night

Whether you read one book or five that night, carving out time to dedicate to reading helps to teach young children that reading is important and a priority in their lives.

Find a Quiet Spot

Reading with young children can be a challenge for those who do not concentrate well. Try to find a quiet spot that allows them to not be distracted. Curling up in your lap in a favorite chair or in their room is a great way to help focus children on the book as well as show them you care.

Make Reading Exciting

Try going to your local library to check out a book or a bookstore to buy some new children's books. By bringing your child along to select new books, they will be more interested in engaging with them when you get home.

Ask Questions

No matter the age, interact with the book by asking questions. If you have a book that happens to have more words on the page then they will concentrate on, engage the child by asking questions about the pictures and what they think may happen next. Try asking open-ended questions to hear your child's thoughts on what the book is talking about versus questions that can be answered with a simple one-word answer.

Read About Things They Love

More than anything, reading should be fun! Choose books on topics that your child is passionate about. If they are into robots, dinosaurs, princesses, trains, or animals, find books that fit those topics. By picking a book topic that interests your child, you will have very little issue in engaging them for short periods of time to look at the pictures and follow along as you read! Remember that the goal for family reading time is to enjoy spending time together while your child accesses a wide variety of books and new words. Even from a young age, children continue to hear and pick up new vocabulary words daily! Reading with you nightly is a key component in making sure your child has the literary foundation needed to be successful in school.

Office and PTA News

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.

Walk to School Day

National Walk to School Day will be on Wednesday, October 9th. We will be meeting at Chick-fil-a on Park Blvd. from 7-8:30 a.m. and walking over as a group to the school. Chick-fil-a will be donating 15% back to the school from all breakfasts purchased by families. Please park behind Chick-fil-a or in the adjacent lots.

Annual Fall Festival:

Please mark your calendars for our Annual Fall Festival that will be taking place on Thursday, October 24th from 5-7p.m.. A flyer with information will be sent home soon!

PTA

There will not be a General PTA meeting in October.

PTA President Message

Thank You for Joining Us!



A big thank you to everyone who came out to our first PTA meeting and enjoyed the Mad Science show! We're so excited to have such a wonderful group of parents and staff supporting Seminole Elementary.

Mark your calendars for our next fun event—Spirit Night at SugarWings in Seminole on October 15 from 5-8pm! It's a great opportunity to support the school while enjoying a delicious meal. We look forward to seeing you there! Join us on Facebook for updates and information on future events.

Music Happenings at Seminole



Bandtober is here...the official month of band around the world. Be on the lookout for a band interest form to be coming home soon to all 4th and 5th graders.

Band will meet before school at 8am with a date TBA. The purpose of the band form is to find out how many students are actually interested in participating, what instruments they are interested in, and coming up with a plan based on the students' interest. It is the first year of the Seminole Band, so it will take a bit of time to roll it out. Save the date....band concert May 13

I am excited to get this started for our students and getting them prepared for middle school band.

Save the date for chorus performances.
Veterans Day....Nov. 11
Winter/Holiday Concert.....Dec. 17
Spring Concert.....May 13



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 grand parents for attending our Grand Parents Breakfast in September



Please consider doing business with the business and community organizations that partner with our school. We would like to thank the following organizations for their support of our school:

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| Astro Skate | Frankiewicz Financial | Seminole First Baptist Church | Corebridge/Valic Financial |
| VFW Post 9272 | Seminole Women's Club | Seminole Elementary PTA | Beach Pizza |
| El Jalisco | The Backpack Lady Project | Sugar Wing | Plumbing by Paul |
| Treviso Grill | Frios Gourmet Ice Pops | Beauty Social Salon | Smuggler's Cove Mini Golf |
| Oh's Taekwondo | Seminole Garden Florist | Sun Pubs Restaurant Group | Kiwanis Club of Seminole |
| Seminole's Best Before & After School Care | | | |

Character Kids for August and Spetember

Teacher	August	September
PREK		
Scott/Bolden	Erik Burnside	Mareechka Yemchenko
Hayduke/Mucerino	N/A	Edwin Cherry
Piper/Green	Norelle East Millie Wyatt	Norelle East Raelynn Parker
KG		
Horton	Andi Vance Audrey Espailat	Xavier Lumpkin Catalina Mercado
Conde	Briella Smith	Matthew Richardson
Schuler	Elly Yang	Emerson Gorman Grant Bauer
1st		
Luczaj	Carson Speak	Arabella Fleming
Benjamin	Sophia Holland	Briella Calhoun
Mucerino	Filiberto Valle Najar Kevin Yang	Katherine Johnson Nora Bramlett
2nd		
Brady	Bianca Blau	Moayad Abdul Rahmad
Calhoun	Zoey Khvorostov	Dustin Porter
Vidak	Charlee' Lynn McPherson	Grantley Pedigo
Sadock	Celeste Diaz Arroyave	Luna Diaz
3rd		
Kopkau	Lillian Soles	Rafael Espinal
Rudolph	Beryl Yi	Bryce Manning
Morgan	Elie Nkomeje	Lyla Ballenger
4th		
Cröse	Maya Castellanos	Joseph Gioeli
Rongey	Anastasia Lewarne	Ivan Lysikov
Campbell	Re'Shiya Long	Shayne Jackman
5th		
Gorman	Tiffany Chen	
Georgiadis	Clara Tagler	Johnny Lyon
Moses	Sierra Matczak	Easton Myers
Multi-Grade		
Steiner	Jeremiah Conway	Braxton Six
Fieman	Zoey Heyder	Shar Joyce

Rotary Students of the Month



Congratulations to our 5th grade Rotary Students of the Month for September Noah Hoang, Justin Mock, and Jared Francisco Martinez

Astro Skate Skating Party



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