

## Upcoming Events

September

1<sup>st</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>

- PTA Fundraiser begins

1<sup>st</sup>

- Labor Day - No School

3<sup>rd</sup>

- Volunteer Orientation

9<sup>th</sup>

- Grandparents Breakfast (A-H) 8am
- Boy Scouts Kids Meeting 9am Café'

10<sup>th</sup>

- Grandparents Breakfast (I-O) 8am
- Boy Scouts Parent Meeting 5pm

11<sup>th</sup>

- Grandparents Breakfast (P-Z) 8am
- PMAC 3pm

15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>

- Start with Hello Week
- M-Comfy Clothes, T- Year 3000, W-Dress to Impress, Th-Western

17<sup>th</sup>

- All Pro Dads 7:30am Centennial

18<sup>th</sup>

- Skate Night 3pm Astro Skate

19<sup>th</sup>

- Teacher Planning Day (no school)

26<sup>th</sup>

- Hawk Huddle 8:45 PE Court

### AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS (3pm)

K-Kids – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month (starting October)

Girl Scouts – Every Tuesday 3:15pm-4:15

Beach Club – Every Thursday  
Flag Football – Every Tuesday &

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## Message From Mr. Cerreta

Our first weeks of school have been wonderful! We heard many positive comments from the children and the parents. It is amazing at how quickly the students have become acclimated to their classes and the high level of academics. Our teachers did not waste any time delving into instruction and will continue to provide your child with the opportunity to reach their highest potential. We are thrilled to be celebrating Seminole Elementary's highest proficiency levels in ELA and Math and our overall "A" grade. Our students showed tremendous gains last year! We look forward to continuing our work ahead. We are raising the bar by increasing the academic rigor in the upcoming school year with before and after school ELP (Extended Learning Program), school-wide reading incentives to promote independent reading and class schedules that help us to maximize time on task and student engagement. Thanks to the support from our families, community, our teachers, and the students. The month of September is a busy month with many activities planned. To recognize our grandparents, we have our grandparent's breakfasts taking place the week of September 8th. To better accommodate the many grandparents that join us, we spread the event over three days.

Tuesday, September 9- grandparents of students' last name starting with the letters A-H  
Wednesday, September 10- grandparents of students' last name starting with the letters I-O  
Thursday, September 11- grandparents of students' last name starting with the letters P-Z  
All grandparents must sign in with their Driver's License in the front office prior to entering campus.

Please have your Driver's available for scanning when you enter the office.

### Cafeteria News

No charge breakfast is served every day from 8:10-8:30. Please be sure to have your child arrive at school between 8:10 and 8:30 so that they can participate in the breakfast program. All students must be in their class by 8:45. Instruction starts promptly at 8:45 each day.

### School Home Communication

Stay Connected with Seminole Elementary! We are now using FOCUS to send you important texts, emails, and phone calls.

Have you been receiving our messages?

Are you getting them in your preferred language?

If not, please fill out and return the info below and return it to the school office so we can:

- ☒ Update your contact information if you have not been receiving communications from us. Sunday messages, as well as information regarding our emergency drills and events are sent.
- Our Email – can be in your junk / spam / clutter. The sender is sis=pcsb.focus-sis.com@ Free us from your folder by clicking that we are NOT junk / spam / clutter.

Staying connected is important, and we want to make sure you're always informed and supported. Thank you for being a valued part of our school community! Please complete this form below and send to school in your child's agenda planner.

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number for call / text: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2025-26 SSYRA 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Battle of the Books List

1. The Adventures of Invisible Boy by Doogie Horner
2. Always, Clementine by Carlie Sorosiak
3. The Amazon by Roland Smith
4. Battle for the Park by H.D. Hunter
5. Benny Ramirez and the Nearly Departed by Jose Pablo Iriarte
6. The Callers by Kiah Thomas
7. Clementine Fox and the Great Island Adventure by Leigh Luna
8. Dogtown by Katherine Applegate and Gennifer Choldenko
9. The Guardian Test by Christina Soontornvat
10. Lightningborn by Julie Kagawa
11. The Lost Library by Rebecca Stead and Wendy Mass
12. The Mystery of Locked Rooms by Lindsay Currie
13. Peril at Price Manor by Laura Parum
14. Trex by Christyne Morrell
15. The Wild Journey of Juniper Berry by Chad Morris and Shelly Brown

### 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 complete the clinic card for your student if you have not already done so. The clinic card is a digital version that can be found when you log in to your FOCUS account. Please make sure your student is bringing a water bottle to school so they can stay hydrated throughout the day.

### School Agenda Planners

School Agenda Planners are a vital part of home and school communication and are required for all students. Please be sure to check your child's agenda planner and sign it daily.

### Fact Frenzy Friday

Each Friday, students in grades 2-5 will take a brief Math Facts assessment. In order for students to engage in more complex math, it is important that they master their math facts with a high level of automaticity. Parents will be kept informed of their child's progress as they master these important foundational skills.

### Reading and Accelerated Reader

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

### 2025-26 Accelerated Reader Individual Recognitions

Recognitions	Grade 1-2	Grades 3-5
Bubbled on morning show	25 points	50 points
Name in the newsletter	50 points	100 points
Accelerated Reader certificate	75 points	150 points
Reading medallion	100 points	200 points
Handprint on wall	125 points	250 points
Gold star on sidewalk	250 points	500 points
Name/design ceiling tile	375 points	750 points
Name on plaque in office	500 points	1,000 points



### Message From Dr. McCafferty Assistant Principal

Dear Families,

Our FAST PM1 District Testing Windows have arrived and are below. Letters went home sharing more information about this test. Classroom teachers will share the exact dates in which your child will test as the dates near.

- PK/VPK: August 25 - September 12
- Grades K-2: August 25 - September 26
- Grades 3-5: September 3 - September 26

Your student's results from PM1 are for informational purposes only, and you will be provided with information about how to access the results after testing is completed.

FAST assessments are computer-adaptive tests taken on a computer or tablet. The questions get easier or more difficult depending on how the student responds, and each student will see different questions from a common item bank. For more information on the test design, please visit

<https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/best/>. If you or your student would like to interact with the online testing platform or review FAST ELA Reading and Mathematics sample items at home, sample test materials are available at <https://flfast.org/families.html>.

Families will receive a letter stating how to access results once your child has completed testing. Please sign and return the bottom portion of the letter stating you have received the directions.

Please reach out to your child's classroom teacher or myself at 727-547-7668 or [mccaffertyj@pcsb.org](mailto:mccaffertyj@pcsb.org) if you have any questions.

Looking forward to watching our students grow!

Dr. McCafferty

### RISE

Respect/Responsibility  
 Integrity  
 Self-Control  
 Empathy

### Guidance Corner From Ms. Moore



### Character Kids for August 2025

#### PREK

Scott – Elliott Yasova-Zaffos  
 Piper – Nova Skinkle  
 Green – Bodhi Butler  
 Williams/Bolden – Edwinn Cherry  
 Williams/Bolden – Amelia Hughes

#### KG

Conde – Millie Wyant  
 Schuler – Anthony Robles  
 Schuler – Caroline Rongey  
 Horton – Bailey Anderson  
 Horton – Reid Bramlett

#### 1st

Vidak – Izabella Blair  
 Benjamin – Randy Ungureit  
 Luczaj – Ava Martinez

#### 2nd

Calhoun – Kyree Anderson  
 Sadock – Brady Slaughter  
 Brady – Filiberto Valle-Najar

#### 3rd

Rudolph – Luna Miranda-Diaz  
 Morgan – Aiden Cochran  
 Bramlett – Celeste Diaz-Arroyave

#### 4th

Crose – Beryl Yi  
 Rivera – Lillian Soles

#### 5th

Gorman – Kalena Griffin  
 Moses – Maya Castellanos  
 Newton – Caden Diamond

#### Multi-Grade

Mucerino – David Heckert  
 Campbell – Braxton Six



## Fall in Love with Reading: Ten Simple Things you Can Do at Home – Part 1

<https://www.naeyc.org> - Yi-Chin Lan

There are many ways to enjoy reading with your child. Here are a few ways to make reading a fun part of your everyday life.

### 1. Develop family reading routines and rituals.

Find a regular time of day when you can dedicate story time into your day. You can read in the morning, after school, or before bedtime! Making story time a cozy routine makes reading an essential and pleasant activity.

### 2. Read what interests your child.

The nutrition facts on the milk box, newspapers, recipes, maps, and game instructions all make great reading material if your child is interested.

### 3. Try books that reflect your daily experiences.

Making connections to topics you read about is a fun way to keep children engaged. For example, you can read *You Can't Take a Balloon into the Metropolitan Museum* with your child before or after visiting an art museum. This opens up opportunities for conversations like discussing similarities and differences between the book and the museum visit.

### 4. Let your child select books.

When you visit the library, let your child select books. Try both fiction and informational books, and ask the librarian for recommendations based on your child's interests.

### 5. Reread your child's favorites.

It's common for young children to request the same book again and again. Re-reading familiar stories offers children a chance to absorb information over time and lets them master the whole story.

## PE Shorts

Physical Education at Seminole is off to a great start with our students in Pre K through 2nd grade learning our expectations, routines, and many movement concepts. Our 3-5th have already begun to do the 1st round of fitness testing for Fitnessgram. P.E. has three rules to Respect Others, Respect Yourself, and Respect the Equipment. We would like everyone to bring a water bottle with their name on it and wear the proper shoes (no Crocs!). Please check Focus and your child's planner for any notes that go home. Please don't hesitate to contact Coach Torakis and Coach Taylor with any questions you may have about P.E. Thank you and we look forward to a fantastic year!

## Art News

I am pleased to welcome our little artists back into Seminole's Art Studio! This year we will continue to learn about the Art Elements and Principles through the creation of a multitude of projects in a mixture of media! There are two things we are working toward right off the bat...in 5th grade, our artists are exploring the art career of graphic design and designing their own vanity plate for a car called Tag Art! In 4th grade, artists are either creating monoprints from Gelli plates, or studying Cubism, to show patriotism for the Curlew Hills 9/11 Memorial exhibit to be held in early September (details will be passed out to the 4th grade families when they are determined by the venue). There will be lots of exciting things happening again this school year. Thank you for supporting their artistic journeys!

## Office and PTA News

If you need to come into the front office, please make sure you are parking in a visitor space or pull forward to the end of the car circle so you are not blocking people from pulling forward. 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.

### Volunteering:

Please reach out to Heather Plankey in the front office to inquire about how to become a volunteer and any volunteer opportunities.

### Spirit Nights:

Our first Spirit Night of the school year will be an Astro Skate party after school on 9/18. Transportation to the skating rink will be provided after dismissal. Pick up will be at the skating rink at 5:30.

We will also be having a Spirit Night on 10/9 at Dairy Queen from 4-7 pm.

### PTA

#### PTA President

As we begin the school year, I'm thrilled to welcome you to our PTA Community. Your involvement makes a significant impact on our school, and together, we can achieve great things. We look forward to collaborating with you on exciting initiatives that benefit our students and foster a sense of unity.

#### Fundraising Events

PTA Fundraiser September 1<sup>st</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>  
Participation open for VPK-5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Rules:

Each grade level will have a milk jug to drop pennies into. Each penny is worth a point, which ever grade level has the most wins. But grade levels can sabotage each other and try to deduct points by dropping paper bills into bucket. The grade level with the most points wins a pizza party!

#### Stay Connected

Join social media channels to stay updated on news, events, and school activities  
Facebook Seminole Elementary PTA

## Social Work Corner

From Ms. Sullivan

Here Today, Ready for Tomorrow!

Success in school starts with being present daily and on time. Seminole Elementary's attendance goal is 95% Daily Attendance Rate.

In this section, we will report our Daily Attendance Rate, and we will feature the winners of our monthly attendance awareness challenge. One class will be chosen monthly from VPK, K-2, and 3-5, as a winner.

Classes who win will display a special attendance banner on their classroom door and receive an additional time for recess.

Tips to get your children to school on time:

The night before school:

- Prepare lunches.
- Choose and lay out clothing.
- Open and review contents of backpack and sign agendas.
- Organize and ready backpacks.
- Make sure your children are in bed early. Children in elementary school need approximately 10 hours of sleep a night. Going to bed early will help your child wake refreshed and ready to learn.

### Do Re Mi-utes (Music News)

My name is Ms. Robinson. As the new music teacher at Seminole, I am incredibly grateful and honored to have the opportunity of working with your musicians. They have been working diligently to learn the foundational procedures and routines as we start the year. I cannot wait to see how they will continue to grow.

### Choral Happenings

The Florida Elementary All State Chorus is made up of the top 250 highly skilled 4th and 5th grade singers in the state of Florida. This event occurs in January at the Tampa convention center. If your singer is interested in auditioning for this chorus, the practice materials are on Canvas. We are also going over these materials in class. I have had four students accepted into the Florida middle school All State Choir, and as a former All State member myself, I am looking forward to offering this opportunity for your singers. Because elementary teachers are only permitted to bring five students from each school, I will have a pre-audition assignment where singers will record themselves singing through the material. This is so that I can select the top five. The pre-audition is due on September 3rd and should be completed at home. If they need to sing through it in person, please reach out so we can schedule a time. All associated fees must be covered by the family. Please reach out with additional questions you may have regarding this opportunity. The American Choral Directors Association southern region honor choir is an amazing opportunity for your singer to perform with the top 250-300 singers across the south. This event will take place in March in Memphis, Tennessee. Registration, hotel, and all of the associated fees must be covered by the family. Please reach out if you are interested in this opportunity for your singer, so we can begin working on the audition materials. Both auditions are recorded and will need to be completed at Seminole Elementary,





## 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)

Do Re Minutes continued

**The 4th/5th grade chorus** interest form will be sent home this Friday. Please scan the QR code that will be on the flyer and complete the form by Wednesday, September 3rd. Because chorus is a commitment and requires focus and engagement from all singers, the following is considered when making decisions: last year's academics, behavior, and attendance. Acceptance notifications will be sent out by the end of the day on Friday, September 5th. The form must be completed, and your singer must be accepted in order to attend rehearsals and performances. Beginning September 11th, rehearsals will take place twice a week in the music room on Thursdays and Fridays from 8:10-8:40.

### Performance Calendar:

**Tuesday, November 11th - Veterans Day (4th/5th grade chorus perform)**

**Thursday, December 4th - winter concert at Seminole First Baptist (4th/5th grade chorus perform)**

**Friday, December 12th Winter Fest (2nd grade perform)**

**Thursday, February 19th - Valentines Day (K/1 perform)**

**Thursday, March 12th - Multicultural Night (3rd grade perform)**

**Tuesday, April 21st - Spring concert at Seminole First Baptist (4th/5th grade chorus perform)**

Reach out to [robinsonrea@pcsb.org](mailto:robinsonrea@pcsb.org) with any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Ms. Robinson and Realm

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:

Astro Skate	Seminole Lake Rotary	Seminole First Baptist Church	Kiwanis Club of Seminole
VFW Post 9272	Seminole Women's Club	Seminole Elementary PTA	Beach Pizza
El Jalisco	The Backpack Lady Project	Oakhurst United Methodist	Plumbing by Paul
Apple Butter Café	Frios Gourmet Ice Pops	Calvary Chapel Church	Smuggler's Cove Mini Golf
Oh's Taekwondo			

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## Welcome to Our New Staff Members



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Principal

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Assistant Principal

Dr. Dywayne Hinds  
Area III Superintendent  
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**Ms. Bramlett – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher**



**Ms. Williams – Pre-K Teacher**



**Ms. Maxfield – Gifted Teacher**



**Ms. Robinson & Realm – Music Teacher**



**Ms. Rivera – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Temp Teacher**



**Ms. Danielle - EBD Assistant**



**Ms. Sheehan – Title 1 Hourly**