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Upcoming Events

March

3rd – 7th

- Say Something Week

3rd

- K-Kids 3pm Centennial

11th

- DQ Spirit Night 4-7pm

12th

- Spring Pictures
- Girlfriends during lunch
- 5th Grade Rotary Lunch

13th

- Multicultural Festival 5:30-7:30pm

14th

- End of Grading Period

17th – 21st

- Spring Break – NO SCHOOL

28th

- Hawk Huddle PE Court 8:45am

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

K-Kids - 1st Monday of the Month

Band - Mondays Music 8am

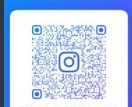
Girl Scouts–Tuesdays Centennial 3pm

4th & 5th Grade Chorus - Wednesdays 8am

Ball Hockey - PE Court Wednesdays 3pm

Beach Club – Thursdays 3pm

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Message From Mr. Cerreta

Dear Seminole Elementary Families,

Thank you for another great month of school. With only two weeks of school remaining before Spring Break, I hope everyone is anticipating a restful and fun spring break. When our students return from spring break, our classroom teachers and part time hourly teachers will continue their work with students daily on specific skills. The during the day interventions and our before and after school tutor programs will help our students gain the additional minutes of learning and engagement in their daily lessons. I am confident that our students will continue to show tremendous academic gains. As I visit classrooms, I know how hard the teachers and students have been working this year. Thank you for supporting your child's education and our school. Seminole Elementary is a wonderful school because of the dedicated staff and all of you.

Summer Bridge & Rising Kindergarten – Please note that Summer Bridge and Rising K Programs are ½ day programs. (8:00-12:00)

Summer bridge & Rising K programs will be held at Seminole Elementary School June 2-26 Monday – Thursday (8:00-12:00)

Please note that there will be changes to Summer Bridge eligibility. Elementary Summer Bridge is only for students who have demonstrated a need for extra support in reading based on state reading criteria. We will be contacting families to let them know if their children are eligible for this year's Summer Bridge program. Summer Bridge registration opens after Spring Break. Rising Kindergarten criteria remains the same. All incoming kindergarten students are eligible to attend this program.

Summer Camps

Applications for Pinellas County Schools Summer Camps will be open February 19 – March 9. Families can choose from more than 50 summer camp offerings, ranging from STEM to the arts to fitness activities. Choose from more than 50 summer camps offered during June and July. Camps will have a cost of \$75 per session or a rate of \$25 per session for students eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Space is limited, so please apply before applications close on March 9. Apply for summer camps using the Student Reservation System in FOCUS. (see flyer attached) 2025 Summer Camp Flyer (2).pdf Summer camp 2025 (1).pdf

From April 1 – April 15, you can go back into FOCUS, check your application status, and pay the registration fee, which will secure your child's seat in the camp. Please note charter and private school students are not eligible to participate.

Stay Informed

Please take note of what is on our school marquee as well as our weekly newsletter, Facebook, Instagram, and weekend updates as well as the teacher notes in the student agendas. If your phone number changed, please be sure to update it in FOCUS. I regularly send out important updates via the School Messenger phone system.

Birthdays and Snacks

Children's birthdays will be recognized weekly on the morning show. In order to protect the instructional day, cupcakes and cookies etc. will not be distributed during class time, but may be distributed to their classmates in the cafeteria during lunch time. Any items brought in must be store bought. A special Seminole Elementary Birthday song and students name on the marquee can be purchased for \$10.00. See attached for the form.

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 20-30 minutes grades K-2. After students read a book or have a book read to them, they take a Reading Counts test to earn Reading Counts points.

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

K-2

Nora Bramlett	Aubiella Gioeli	Katherine Johnson	Jacinta Alincy	Brayden McCafferty	Matthew Wilder
3-5					
Elenor Glassmeyer	Savannah Holland	Bennett Humphreys	Rafael Espinal	Giovanni Schmement	
Cayden Stancik	Ella Twiss	Myla Webber Lopez	Fisher Wilson	Beryl Yi	
Liam Hootman	Lucas Scholz	Katelyn Aragon	Layla Gauthier	Ajna Goxhaj	

PREK:

Scott/Bolden – Kai Aldrich
Rivera/Mucerino – Isaiah Allen
Piper/Green – Anthony Robles

KG:

Horton – Izabella Blair
Horton – Vanessa Lemus-Martinez
Conde – Aubrey Wright
Schuler – Anthony Milanes-Suarez
Schuler – Hendrix Zuckerman

1st:

Luczaj – Anesia Yemchenko
Benjamin – Cason Thomas
Mucerino – Alana Aldrich
Mucerino – Madison Underhill

2nd:

Brady – Bella Chau
Calhoun – Samara Oliver
Vidak – Raelynn Hedges
Sadock – Josiah Hernandez

3rd:

Kopkau – Bennett Humphreys
Kopkau – Fisher Wilson
Rudolph – Ella Twiss
Rudolph – Ireland Null
Morgan – Amelia Glassmeyer

4th:

Cröse – Saidy Lopez
Rongey – Tanner Highnote
Campbell – Felicity Horne
Campbell – Harvic Hewett

5th:

Gorman – Natalia Gomez
Georgiadis – Karthy Partheepan
Moses – Riley Smith

Clinic Minute:



Please be aware that there are several viruses going around. Some simple things to keep germs away are frequent hand washing, staying home if you are ill, rest, use a tissue if you cough or sneeze, and use hand sanitizer. We all thank you for staying healthy!



Message From Dr. McCafferty

Assistant Principal



Dear Families,

Did you know Seminole Elementary is a Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) Silver School award winner? The award recognizes schools that implement PBIS practices to promote positive behavior, student success, and safe environments and we are proud to be one of them!

You have probably heard about our monthly PBIS incentives that students can earn each month based on their positive behavior. Last month Kona Ice was on campus for students who earned no referrals and had five or less think sheets! February 28th is our next PBIS incentive which will be eating our lunch outside picnic style, extra recess, and making friendship grams to give to friends. Students can earn this reward by earning zero referrals and having 4 or less classroom think sheets. It's our goal to have 100% of our students earn this extra reward during lunch every month. Please talk with your child to see if he/she will be attending these fun incentives.

March	3 or less think sheets and 0 referrals	Picnic outside with spring themed stickers
April	2 or less think sheets and 0 referrals	Picnic in centennial with music and Rita's ice
May	2 or less think sheets and 0 referrals	Pizza with the principal



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@SeminoleElementaryHawks to stay up to date on all things Seminole Elementary and to see the wonderful achievements our students are earning.

We are now on Instagram. Follow us on Instagram
<https://www.instagram.com/seminoleelementaryhawks/>

Thank you for your continued support!
Dr. McCafferty

RISE

Respect/Responsibility
Integrity
Self-Control

Guidance Corner

From Ms. Moore



What do you do when you are experiencing a big emotions like anger, sadness, frustration, or excitement? How do you get through a difficult situation? Coping skills are important life skills, and as with most skills, children learn how to do them by watching our example and practicing.

This month, during our classroom guidance lessons, we have been learning the definition of coping skills, examples of coping skills, and then choosing which ones work best for us. Students in 3rd grade each listed coping skills that work for them. Here are their top ten:

1. Dance
2. Spend time with friends
3. Spend time with a pet
4. Draw
5. Exercise
6. Spend time in nature
7. Listen to music
8. Play a game
9. Read a book
10. Find something beautiful

A fun family activity this month would be for each family member (parents/guardians included) to make their own calm down menu – a list of coping skills to choose from when they are experiencing a big feeling or facing a challenging situation. Keep the menus in a known spot so that they are easily accessed by each family member. Keep a feelings chart in that spot as well. The adults can be great role models in naming their feeling and then going to their menu and choosing what might help them work through it in that moment.

I know I am looking forward to using some of my favorite coping skills this weekend – wandering around TJ Maxx or Target with a coffee, and taking a walk on the beach. Maybe I will see you there 😊.

Unified Champs

March: The Power of Words

Sometimes a single phrase can make all the difference in whether someone feels like they're part of the group or an outsider. As a Special Olympics Unified Champion School, we work to use the power of words to create a positive, socially inclusive school climate. Check out our Monday Facebook posts for more information.

Talk about the power of words with your child. Here are some ways to get started:

- Ask your child about a time when someone's words made him or her smile.
- Share these wise words: "It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice." Challenge your child to point out examples he or she sees and hears.
- Challenge your child to use only positive words today. Take the challenge yourself, too.

Parent strategies for improving their child's math

By [Kara Bobowski, NWEA](#)

Supporting your child in developing their math skills at home can feel overwhelming, especially if it's been a while since you relied on your own math skills. The following are suggestions for ways to practice math at home with your child(ren). Choose a small handful to help keep it manageable and turn to them often. The suggestions are intended to help increase your child's understanding of math skills and to develop confidence in math.

- Count orally by twos, fives, or tens
- Count and pair objects found around the house and determine whether there's an odd or even number of items
- Review math facts at home, in the car, waiting in line, or during other downtime
- Provide your child with verbal math problems. "Take the number five. Add six. Multiply by three. Subtract three. Divide by five. What's your answer?" Speak slowly at first until your child gets better at solving these mental problems
- Look around the house for different geometric shapes, such as triangles, squares, circles, and rectangles
- Use common household items, such as toothpicks, marshmallows, empty toilet paper rolls, twist ties, sticks, and paper, to construct shapes
- Watch the weather report for a week, write down the temperatures for each day, and then graph the temperatures
- Track the scores of games played by your favorite team, then graph them over a period of several weeks
- Encourage your child to figure out answers to real-life situations: "We have one can of chicken and we need five. How many more do we need to buy?"
- Ask question that involve equal sharing, for example, "Seven children share 49 baseball cards. How many cards does each child get?"

Families play an integral role in education, and these tips can help move your student along in their learning.

Art News



Congratulations to Cash Alex (1st grade Mucerino) for having his artwork accepted to be displayed in the **24-25 Clearwater Arts Alliance March is Youth Art Month K-8 Exhibition** at the Creative Pinellas, 1211 Walsingham Rd., Largo, from **March 1 to March 30, 2025**.

PE Golden Shoe News



The PE department would like to recognize Ms. Gorman's class for being the "Golden Shoe" winner for the month of February.

Patrols of the Month



Congratulations Isaiah Dillashaw and Karthy Partheepan for being our Patrols of the Month.

Improving children's attention and concentration involves engaging them in activities that require focus, like puzzles, memory games, and board games. These games encourage critical thinking and offer rewards to keep children motivated. Another approach is using short, structured work periods with breaks, such as the Pomodoro Method, where kids work for 15-20 minutes and then take a 5-minute break. A quiet, distraction-free environment and mindfulness exercises like deep breathing also help children stay focused. With practice, these strategies can strengthen their attention skills, benefiting them academically and in life.

Musical Notes from Mr. V



Seminole Chorus is rehearsing at 8am every Wednesday

Save the Date.....THIS IS CHANGED

Chorus Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 20th at Seminole First Baptist Church across street from our school.

Band Rehearsals are on Mondays at 8am as follows:

March 3rd....Flute/clarinet/saxophone

March 10th.....trumpet/trombone

March 17th....Spring Break....no rehearsal

March 24th....Percussion

March 31st....Anyone instrument can come for some extra practice

2nd Quarter BUG Students



Congratulations to the following students for bringing up their grades in one or more subject areas during the 2nd grading period:

Adeline Moser, Daniella Mock, Ivan Lysikov, Felicity Horne, Tiffany Chen, Savannah Parks, Giancarlo Durante

Rotary Students of the Month



Congratulations to Natalia Gomez, Simon Berry, and Brayden Stanmore for being chosen as our February Rotary Students of the Month.

DQ Spirit Night



Come out and join The SES family for a fun night of dinner, treat and fun at DQ on March 11th from 4pm-7pm. A portion of proceeds made from all food purchases will be donated to our school.

Multicultural Festival



March 13th 5:30-7:30pm

Come join us for a wonderful night as we travel through the world and CELEBRATE OUR DIVERSITY. Families can learn about different cultures, view special performances, and engage in fun activities for all families.



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



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Office 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.

We are starting to feel some cooler weather. PLEASE put your student's initials in their jackets/sweaters. This is the time of year that missing jackets end up in the Lost & Found.

Thank You:

Thank you to our PTA for sponsoring the annual Daddy and Daughter Dance. We enjoyed having our families on campus for this special event!

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 be no PTA General Meeting in March.

Daddy Daughter Dance

Thank you PTA for sponsoring our annual Daddy Daughter Dance.



iMoms Breakfast

Thank you Anona United Methodist for sponsoring our Valentine's Day iMom breakfast.



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
VFW Post 9272
El Jalisco
Treviso Grill
Oh's Taekwondo
Beach Pizza

Frankiewicz Financial
Seminole Women's Club
The Backpack Lady Project
Frios Gourmet Ice Pops
Seminole Garden Florist
Seminole's Best Before & After School Care

Seminole First Baptist Church
Seminole Elementary PTA
Sugar Wingz
Beauty Social Salon
Sun Pubs Restaurant Group

Corebridge/Valic Financial
Cold Stone Creamery
Plumbing by Paul
Smuggler's Cove Mini Golf
Kiwanis Club of Seminole