

Seminole Times

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Upcoming Events

April

2nd

- All Pro Dads Centennial 7:30am
- Ft K Old McMickey's farm

3rd

- Report Cards Distributed
- Fundraiser Kick-Off

7th

- Awards Assembly Centennial
 - 3rd Grade 1:15
 - 4th Grade 1:45
 - 5th Grade 2:15
- Pride Award Ruth Eckerd Hall 5pm

9^h

- Principal's Breakfast Centennial 7:30am

10th

- PMAC 3pm

16th

- 3-5 Mad Science Centennial
- Rotary Student of the Month Bayou Club

17th

- Day of Awesomeness Field Day

18th

- No School for students

21st

- Teacher Planning Day

25th

- Hawk Huddle PE Court 8:45am
- Mid-Period Reports go Home

April 28th – May 2nd

- Youth Violence Prevention Week

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

K-Kids - 1st Monday of the Month

Band - Mondays Music 8am

Girl Scouts-Tuesdays Centennial 3pm

4th & 5th Grade Chorus - Wednesdays 8am

Beach Club - Thursdays 3pm

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Message From Mr. Cerreta

Dear Seminole Elementary Families,

I hope you all enjoyed your spring break. It is hard to believe that we are in our final grading period. As we enter the final quarter of the school year, our teachers and students continue to work hard each day.

Each grade level is preparing to show off their remarkable growth on a variety of assessments that will showcase their academic achievement. We are proud of our students for working hard to prepare for the upcoming FAST Assessments which will begin in April and continue into May.

I would also like to remind everyone that we are still teaching, and students are still learning in preparation for the next grade level. Our focus is on the importance of arriving to school on time and reading every evening at home so that every child has the best opportunity to make academic growth and gains.

The remainder of the 2024-2025 school year is going to be amazing as we continue to provide academic experiences for our students that are rigorous, relevant, and enriching. As your principal, it is important to me that everyone who steps through our doors, teachers, students, parents and the community is excited to be here! This attitude enables us to meet the challenges of academic excellence in a positive, fun, and nurturing environment. Please keep an eye on student agendas, our website, Facebook, Instagram, as well as School Messenger for important information.

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 Rising Kindergarten students and invitation only** for students in grades K-4. The K-4 Summer Bridge will be focused on reading interventions. Summer Bridge is a 4-week program June 2-26, Monday-Thursday from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 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. 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. My door is always open and I welcome your input. Please feel free to call or email me to discuss any concerns you might have throughout the remainder of the school year.

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.

1st - 2nd 50 Points

Ashton Bengtson	Oliver Brunk	Bella Chau	Annalese Crisp	Emmaline Robles
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3rd - 5th Grade 100 Point

Maya Castallanos	Jaidon Cunningham	Bryce Hvizdzak	Rowan Plomatos	Bradley Bond
Noah Hoang	Riley Smith	Ryleigh McKnight		

Rotary Students of the Month



Congratulations Michael O'Neil, Natalya Blau, & Ajna Goxhaj for being chosen as our March Rotary Students of the Month.

Battle of the Books



Congratulations to Ms. Georgiadias Hawkeyes for winning our Battle of the Books Competition. Vuk Veljkovic, Colton Steinbach, Michael O'Neil, and Jared Francisco-Martinez, will represent our school at the district semi-finals in late April.

If You See Something Say Something



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

Report by going to www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern



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Character Kids for March

PREK

Scott/Bolden – Braelynn Busch
Rivera/Mucerino – Christopher
Sutton

KG:

Horton – Catalina Mercado
Horton – Zoe Watson
Schuler – Greyson Davis
Schuler – Novaleigh Brunk
Conde –

1st:

Luczaj –
Benjamin – Grayson speak
Mucerino – Kona Soules
Mucerino – Luna Skinkle

2nd:

Vidak – Grantely Pedigo
Brady – Emmaline Robles
Sadock –

3rd:

Kopkau- Eleanor Glassmeyer
Kopkau – Coleston Green
Rudolph – Allora Keohavong
Morgan – Taylor Palmese

4th:

Cröse – Hercules Villar
Rongey – Michelle Duncan
Campbell – Diana Rizo Padilla

5th:

Gorman – McKenzie Tran
Georgiadis – Maria Rivera
Moses -Pietra Gomes Figueiredo

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,

We will soon be beginning the end of the year testing season in which we find out how much your child has grown this year! The first test is for 4th and 5th grade students and is a writing test slated for the week of April 7th.

Letters will go home with more detailed information about your child's tests. Specific dates your child will test will be communicated with you by classroom teachers.

For the other year-end assessments, please find the dates for the Progress Monitoring 3 F.A.S.T state tests below. As with Progress monitoring cycles 1 and 2, all students, VPK – 5 grades will participate in this test. This 3rd cycle will determine student proficiency of grade level standards and will count in grades 3-5 toward our school grade.

Testing weeks consist of:

April 7 – April 11

4th and 5th grade students will take a computer-based writing test.

April 15 - May 29

VPK students will have one-session for a computer-based reading test

April 14 - May 29

Kindergarten - 2nd grade students will have computer-based assessments; one-day for reading and a one-day for math.

May 5 – May 9

3rd – 5th grade students will take a computer-based reading test.

May 12 – May 16

5th grade students will take a computer-based science test.

May 19 – May 23

3rd – 5th grade students will take a computer-based math test.

We are looking forward to our students showing all they have learned this year! Please note, as mentioned above, when we get closer to these dates, teachers will let you know the specific dates your child will test.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. McCafferty



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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

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RISE

Respect/Responsibility
Integrity
Self-Control

Guidance Corner

From Ms. Moore



We had our last Girlfriends Meeting of the year before break, and the theme of our last meeting is always "Girl Boss." A few meetings earlier I ask the girls to name careers they would like to learn more about and then try to find female role models in those careers to be guest speakers at our "Girl Boss" meeting. This year some of the careers they mentioned were kindergarten teacher, police officer, nurse, and journalist. We are blessed to have amazing females currently working at or connected to Seminole Elementary who know all about those careers. Our beloved Nurse Leslie, Officer Libby, and Ms. Horton visited with the girls and shared their career paths while answering a lot of questions. Ms. Plankey's daughter Mary, who is currently working as a journalist in Washington D.C., joined us via TEAMS to share about her work journey and motivated the girls by sharing that she first realized she was interested in journalism in middle school. She talked about being bold and persistent in pursuing career opportunities even at a young age.

One thing I hope the girls in our Girlfriends Club always take away from our time together is all that is possible for them in their future. We talk about taking advantage of opportunities to study abroad, learn about different careers, play sports, learn a different language, serve the community, and get to know people who are different from them. We talk about the value of really listening to others in hopes that they will listen to understand rather than listen to reply. By the end of our time together, I hope they have become a little more aware of how lovely and fierce they were made to be and that they will always have a group of people who believe in them from Seminole Elementary. I know I look forward to cheering them on as they spread their wings and become all they are capable of becoming. After cleaning up the decorations and eating my last bite of our celebratory cake from our last Girlfriend Club Meeting, I couldn't help but feel a little choked up thinking about the privilege it is to be an educator and work with such wonderful young ladies on a regular basis. What a privilege to be at Seminole Elementary School and be part of a team of people who are pouring into the lives of our future leaders with joy, hard work, and enthusiasm.

Sincerely,

Robin Moore- School Counselor

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4 Great Ways to Encourage Your Child's Writing

From: Reading Rockets

1. Write a "Convince Me" Letter – Writing is more than telling stories or reporting on books they have read. There are many ways your child can use words, including trying to convince someone to agree with them. As a parent you can practice this type of writing by letting your child argue with you in writing. Choose a topic you do not agree on, such as allowance or bedtime. Your child will then write a letter trying to convince you to change your mind. Your child has to use facts, quotes, and logic to back up their argument.

2. Play a game with pictures – Do a search to find a few interesting images or cut out pictures from magazines. The pictures can be realistic or fantastical images. Glue some of the images into a notebook leaving room for your child to write about one of the images. You can prompt them by asking what they see, what the people are thinking, what will happen next or just let them use their imagination.

3. Make an "I Can" book – As your child learns to read and write, they will also be learning other new skills. Making an "I Can" book will let them practice their new skills. Staple together a bunch of blank sheets of paper to make a book. As your child reaches a new milestone, such as learning to tie their shoes or ride a bike, they can draw a picture on a new page in the book. After the picture, they can write sentences to tell about their accomplishment.

4. Make a Journal Jar – A journal can be a book where your child writes about ideas or answers questions, such as, "If you could do anything this summer, what would you choose?" This is a place to keep all their ideas and questions. To make, wash and decorate a wide-mouth jar. Then write or print out journal prompts on slips of paper. Your child can then pull out one prompt each day and write about it in their journal.

Art News



Artists have been learning about different types of clay, and how can turn into artwork. 1st + 2nd graders are working with air dry salt dough clay (see picture of 2nd graders Annaleese, Aubrey, Charlee and Amaya's clay initials). Third graders created play creatures from kiln, fired pinch pots. Fourth graders stamped and draped a heart that was then glazed and refired in the kiln. Fifth graders made low relief plaques inspired by Florida which were cold finished in metallic paint!

PE Golden Shoe News



The PE department would like to recognize Ms. Rivera and Ms. Kadi Mucerino's class for being the "Golden Shoe" winner for the month of March.

Patrols of the Month



Congratulations Justin Mock and Easton Myers for being our Patrols of the Month.

OT Corner – From Ms. Meyer

Here are 10 simple, no-mess activities that kids can do at home in 15 minutes, without involving a computer:

Simon Says – A quick and fun game to get kids moving and following directions.

I Spy – A classic observation game where you take turns saying, "I spy with my little eye..." and give clues for objects around the room.

Charades – Act out simple actions or animals for others to guess.

Pictionary (No Drawing) – Instead of drawing, act out the words or phrases for others to guess

Storytelling Round – Start a story with one sentence, and each person adds a sentence to continue the story.

Paper Airplane Contest – Have a fun competition to see whose paper airplane flies the farthest.

Balance Challenge – Stand on one foot, hold different poses, or try balancing objects without letting them fall.

Silent Game – Have a competition to see who can be the quietest for a set amount of time.

20 Questions – One person thinks of an object, and the others have 20 questions to ask (yes or no) to guess what it is.

Rhyme Time – Say a word, and everyone else has to come up with a rhyme for it within 15 seconds.

These activities are simple, quick, and don't require any mess, making them perfect for short breaks or fun moments at home!

Unified Champions

April: Encouragement

We all benefit from encouragement. Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools teach students to

appreciate and support one another from an early age.

Let your child know that our school is focusing on encouragement this month. Launch a discussion with

questions like these:

- Who encourages you?
- How do you encourage others?
- Can you think of five more ways to encourage others?
- Have you ever cheered up someone who seemed discouraged?
- How do small gestures of encouragement add up?

Musical Notes from Mr. V

The Seminole Chorus has been busy preparing for the upcoming spring concert. Save the date...May 20th at 7pm at the Seminole First Baptist Church. The students are working hard to keep up the tradition of excellence that Seminole is known for. Admission is free.

Music selections from the musicals Wicked, Greatest Showman...songs by Imagine Dragons, A Thousand Years by Christina Perri, a special performance from the All County Choir, and more!

The Seminole Band is doing final preparations for the first ever concert featuring 4th and 5th graders playing flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, and percussion. We have been invited to play alongside the Osceola Middle School band at their spring concert. Save the date....April 29th at Osceola Middle School...6:30pm

Chorus rehearsals every Wednesday at 8am in the music room
Chorus Concert...May 20th at 7pm...Seminole First Baptist Church

Band Rehearsals 8am

March 31st....flute, clarinet, saxophone

April 7....all band students

April 14....all band students

April 21.....no rehearsal

April 28...all band students....last rehearsal

April 29....Band concert at Osceola MS 6:30pm

Come and celebrate all the great things these Seminole students can do!



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.

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.

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

DQ Spirit Night

We would like to thank Dairy Queen of Seminole for hosting our March Spirit Night. They will be donating a percentage of the sales back to Seminole Elementary. Thank you to all of our families and staff that participated. Stay tuned for the information that will be going home for our April Spirit Night.



Multicultural Festival



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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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| VFW Post 9272 | Seminole Women's Club | Seminole Elementary PTA | Cold Stone Creamery |
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| 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 |
| Beach Pizza | Seminole's Best Before & After School Care | | |