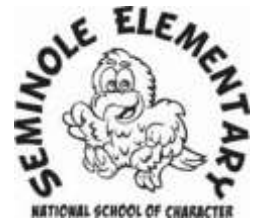




# Seminole Times 2013-14

## National School of Character



**School Hours Monday through Friday 8:35 – 2:35**

**Newsletters can be accessed online by going to our website: [www.seminole-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us](http://www.seminole-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us)**

Featured in the newsletter are pictures of school events, box top winners; PTA Bits and thank you; upcoming events; character kids; thank you notes for supporting our school; and much more. Happy Reading!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**January 2014**

6 <sup>th</sup>	School back in session	
14 <sup>th</sup>	Astro Skate Party	3:00-5:30pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Martin Luther King Day – SCHOOL CLOSED	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	McDonald Spirit Night	5:00-7:00pm
24 <sup>th</sup>	Hat Day	
28 <sup>th</sup>	Enrichment Clusters/Showcase	
	PTA General Meeting	6-7:30pm
29 <sup>th</sup>	Character Kid Assembly PE court	8:30-9am

**Book Fair dates: January 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>.**

**Just One Book January 13<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> watch for flyers!**



### **Congratulations, Jamie Kopkau & Rachel Henkel**

Seminole Elementary teachers will be well represented this year with our two nominees for Outstanding Educator of the Year, Rachel Henkel and Jamie Kopkau. Congratulations and kudos to both of you! Thank you PTA /SAC nominating committee, led by Jessica Dang and Eric Ladjimi, for their support this year in making our nominations.

### **Congratulations Ron Moses**

He was selected as Seminole's Outstanding Support Employee of the Year!

Please give a warm Seminole welcome to our new ESOL Assistant **Valerie Flock**



### **Congratulations to Kayla Gerard**

from Ms. Taylor's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class for winning tickets to a Tampa Bay Buccaneers football game. Kayla entered her essay in a contest sponsored by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers titled, "The Plan." She wrote a phenomenal essay detailing her plan to accomplish her dreams. She and a family member attended a game to watch The Bucs v. the Bills.

We are so proud of you Kayla!

### **Great resource for students who need help with homework**

Pinellas County Schools Homework Helpline, (727) 547-7223, offers free homework help for students in grades 1-12. The Homework Helpline is staffed by teachers certified in math, science, language arts and social studies. Help is available from 5 to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, on all school days, except when there is no school the following day.

## **CATO'S CORNER**

Thank you families for encouraging your children to participate in Hunter Hawk's Holiday Reading and Math Challenge over the Thanksgiving break. Over a hundred students returned a completed log and attended Hunter Hawk's Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, December 17. Hunter Hawk will also host a Holiday Reading and Math Challenge over winter break. One class at each grade level will earn a pizza party by having the most time on ST Math over the break. Hunter Hawk will also host another ice cream social in January for students who read 30 minutes a day for at least 8 days over the winter break. A flyer was sent home with additional information and reading log. Please encourage your child to participate in the Winter Holiday challenge. Children who read and practice math over vacations continue to grow in achievement. Children who do not can lose ground even over two weeks. Thank you for your participation in your child's education. From all of us here at Seminole Elementary, we would like to extend to you and your family our wishes for a very special holiday season. Take this time to make memories with your family. Happy holidays!

### **PTA Reflections Award Winners**



**Believe, Dream, Inspire** - We had 47 entries this year. Thank you to all who entered. Students could enter in categories for: visual arts, literature, film production, music composition, dance choreography and photography. Entries were judge on artistic merit, creativity and interpretation of the theme. The competition was broken down into two age division's pre-k to 2nd grade and 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. \*Award of Excellence in each category will advance to the County. The County awards on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Pinellas Park High School. To see a display of all the winners go to Seminole Elementary PTA website: [www.seminolepta.wordpress.com](http://www.seminolepta.wordpress.com)

**Yair Dezha, Kameron Durham, Nathan Britt, Kylie Owens, Brooke Vidito, Hana weeks, Ethan Nadeau, Graci Tubbs, Janae Pope, Charles Ladjimi, Randi Tubbs, Alexis Gniewosz, Sophia Bostick, Christine Proudlock, Noah Powers, Davaney Tavano, Anna Ladjimi, Arianna Ritzie, Martin Ladjimi, Emily Sherman, Soulain Ledfore, Jax Lopez, Brooke Atkinson, Haley Neff, Natalie Marek, Kaitlyn Parks, Dominick Florio, Keljon Franklin, Robert Jenkins, Erika Rapp, Tyler Sherman, Cassie Powers, Kelli Kelesyan, Miriam Rangle, Cailyn Gabbard, Carmen Morales. Kathrvn Kelesvan. McKenna Ott. Natalie Conde**

**Mrs. Diane Cato, Principal / Miss Reva Faust, Assistant Principal**

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# December 2013 Character Kids



Kids have a group picture taken and put in the newsletter each month. Erica Martin of Authentic Martial Arts hands out bracelets

## Kindergarten

Jacob Maye  
Peyton Graham  
Shane Todd  
Abigail Jenkins  
Davaney Tavano  
Jackson Niendorf  
Arayah Restivo  
Keegan Mclean  
Charlie Nguyen  
Jaymen Cardenas  
Caira Willingham  
Kendrick Gabbard

## 1st Grade

Katelyn Tallbacka  
Jordan Pope-Oriole  
Cailyn Gabbard  
Ethan Nadeau  
Paris Gutillo  
Brandon Lucas  
Landon Whitenton  
Savannah Robinson  
Austin Duffy  
Bailey Bacon  
Brooklyn Hatton  
Tara Verschatse  
Aiden Belcher

## 2nd Grade

Jaleah Batten  
Wiktorja Kepka  
Kya Atchley  
Connor Wood  
Owen Carnahan  
Natalie Pozo  
Brook Goforth  
Kerina Jaurequi  
Olivia Amerine  
Steven Rege  
Eric Coffman

## 3rd Grade

Garren Vanderpool  
Riley Howard  
Tristen Whitt  
Gavin Dunnaway  
Logan Mercado  
Zion Ingram  
Bryce Haines  
Nevea Peruzzi  
Keiran Davis  
Aliyssa Curby

## 4th Grade

Aleczaider Powers  
Eduardo Padilla-Vasquez  
Trinity Cogan  
Tierra Gavin  
Kayla Gerard  
Ognjen Savic  
Maya Hager  
Christine Proudlock  
Aaron Mascarenas  
Gabriel Tomlin  
Paulo Santiago-Catala

## 5th Grade

Arianna Burch  
Kylie Milligan  
Christopher Taylor  
Mackenzie Jackson  
Jade King  
Liam McCarthy  
Noah Connell  
Ynna Suarez  
Camren Joseph  
Gavin Goforth



## PRINCIPALS



## HONOR ROLL



## 3rd Grade

Raian Baydoun  
Cayden Bulino  
Farrah Ciafone  
Keiran Davis  
Kai de Vega  
Skylar Henderson  
Riley Howard  
Rebecca Humbert  
Lauren Johnson  
Samuel Kaufmann  
Lindsey Keim  
Kylie Olson  
McKenna Ott  
Hailee Papen  
Dylan Payne  
Abbigail Phelps  
Olivia Rudd  
Dominic Walker  
Tristen Whitt  
Bernard Yost

## 4th Grade

Matthew Campbell  
Mitchell Clark  
Trinity Cogan  
Jessica Daly  
Abigail Dupre  
Tristen Faulk  
Alexis Gniewosz  
Maya Hager  
Anthony Kimbrell  
Amber Kopkau  
Ayden Libby

## 4th Grade cont.

Aaron Mascarenas  
Christine Proudlock  
Anna Sewell  
Randi Tubbs  
Terence Uy

## 5th Grade

Ashley  
Cunningham  
Isaac Dang  
Janna DeMotts  
Gavin Goforth  
Brooke Hamlett  
Adria Hasty  
Michael Kaufmann  
Emily Kizzee  
Devon Ladd  
Martin Ladjimi  
Martin Martinez  
Austin Metz  
Chloe Moore  
Natalie Paquette  
Carley Pritchard  
Angelina Rosello  
Rya Uttasing  
Kaiden Walpole

## 3rd Grade

Caden Berry  
Hayden Brooks  
Ethan Butts  
Madison Chadwell  
Clayton Creedon  
Kylie Davis  
Braeden Fernette  
Kayla Franklin  
Jacob Gezal  
Aryanna Grassl  
Daria Green  
Jacob Hall  
Chase Hoyt  
Kathryn Kelesyan  
Hailey Kennicutt  
Anna Ladjimi  
Charles Ladjimi  
Kamryn Lewis  
Benjamin Luz  
Logan Mercado  
Jesse Morales  
Fernando Munoz  
Zaora Robinson  
Madison Rodriguez  
Cameron Rollins  
Janaja Ross  
Angel Seenaught  
Orest Shpata  
Silas Shubin  
Michael Tunnell  
Luna Whitcher  
Austin Ziniel

## 4th Grade

Sophia Bostick  
Jacob Canaynay  
Kylee Chadwell  
Nguyen Dang  
Trinity Decius  
Nathanial Dye  
Hector Gallardo  
Gavan Hartog  
Riley Hillriegel  
Maili Love  
Alex Marquez  
Madison Mcginley  
Jayden Melchi  
Lauren Montag  
Aaleah Noppert  
Alexander Rice  
Arianna Ritzie  
Thomas Rooney  
Dominic Rozance  
Taylor Ruehling  
Zachary Sakacs  
Paulo Santiago  
Gary Shikoski  
Gabriel Tomlin  
Atanasije Vukovic  
Gavin Williams  
Cole Wright  
Baylee Wythe  
Allison Yost  
Christine Yu

## 5th Grade

Sierra Anderson  
Jared Blankenship  
Grace Brown  
David Butler  
Zaede Christie  
Noah Connell  
Trevor Dalpe  
Elizabeth Davis  
Chris Dennis  
Tori Fancher  
Malave Gaudin  
Ethen Greenberg  
Julia Groff  
Jackson Harris  
Carly Hogan  
Dillon Kalck  
Anthony Kelzer  
Jade King  
Mia Lane  
Kraileh Lewis  
Liam McCarthy  
Maxwell Miller  
Alexis Nadeau  
Laura Napier  
Mark Rizzotto  
James Sachs  
Tyler Strickland  
Ynna Suarez  
Isabella Taylor  
Cameron Travis  
Kira Vetter  
Zackery Williams

### **FLU SEASON IS HERE- COMMON SENSE CAN HELP YOU – YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY– AVOID THE FLU**

None of us want to be ill for the holidays- Group gatherings like parties, football games, school dances, and even classrooms are ideal places for the flu bug to spread. Protect yourself and others by following these simple steps:

**Practice Healthy Habits.** Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds to help prevent germs from spreading. This is the best way to protect yourself and your family! Also, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, because the virus can spread when your hands touch surfaces that are infested with germs. Finally, if you think you have the flu, talk to your parents about staying home from school to help you get better and prevent your friends from getting sick, too.

**Mind Your Manners** – Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing and sneezing, and throw away your used tissues or cough or sneeze into your elbow

**What's Mine is Mine, What's Yours is Yours** – Don't share drinks, water bottles, eating utensils or cell phones with friends.

#### **SHOULD YOU GET A FLU SHOT?**

Many children are at higher risk for complications from the flu. Talk to your physician/healthcare provider about whether a flu shot is best for you. There is also an alternative now available- a nasal flu vaccine spray.

#### **HOW TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE- COLD OR FLU?**

If you have a stuffy nose, sneezing, sore throat and a hacking cough, you probably have a **COLD**.

If you have a high fever, severe headache, muscle and body aches, extreme tiredness and a dry cough, you probably have the **FLU**. **DO NOT** return to school or work until fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications.

#### **WHAT TO DO IF THE FLU CATCHES UP WITH YOU-**

If you do get the flu, you don't have to suffer:

##### **Talk to Your Parents about Seeing a Doctor**

If you have flu symptoms, talk to your parents about staying home from school. Your doctor may decide to prescribe a medication, which can shorten the number of days that you're sick and lessen the symptoms.

##### **Talk to Your School Nurse** – If you think you might have the flu while at school, visit your school nurse.

Together, you can discuss your symptoms. If the nurse thinks you could possibly have the flu, she can notify your parents and request that you see a doctor.

Anna Disclafani – School Nurse

## **NEWS FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT**

Thank you to the art students for making props for the Music Concert. They were terrific!

**Sabrina Beach**  
**Ashley Cunningham**  
**Jessica Daly**  
**Maya Hager**  
**Joey Oakley**  
**Austin Metz**  
**Colette Grabe**  
**Cayment Sills**  
**Grace Kurus**  
**Reese Napier**  
**Addison Harper**

What a great job kids.  
Mrs. Woods  
Mrs. Gravelle  
(alias Cordisco)

## **PTA Happenings**

Visit the PTA website,

<http://www.seminolepta.wordpress.com/>

To see the latest SES PTA news, link your email to get automatic updates of upcoming events. The link to order Seminole Hawk Spirit Wear can be found under our "spirit wear" tab. Our first Hat Day is scheduled for Friday, January 24th. Consider purchasing a Hawk Hat under spirit wear for Hat Day!

Car Magnets are back! You may purchase (1 for \$3 or 2 for \$5). You can purchase these in the front office, or at the Friday School Store.

#### **Upcoming PTA events:**

**Astro Skate** - January 14th;

**McDonald's Spirit Night** - January 23<sup>rd</sup> 5-7pm

**Hat Day** - January 24th.

PTA general membership meeting,  
January 28th 6:00 p.m.  
Enrichment Clusters Program follows.

If you want to volunteer for January's Astro Skate,  
Please contact Amanda deVega  
our Community Liaison

## **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**



Good Job Seminole Elementary!  
We collected over 3500 box tops  
for November & December

The top 2 classes are:

**Mrs. Fugate's Class 1072**  
**Mrs. Barto's Class 498**

Remember to keep clipping to  
earn a popcorn party for your  
class.

For more information visit  
[www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)

**Eileen Hartog**  
Box Top Coordinator



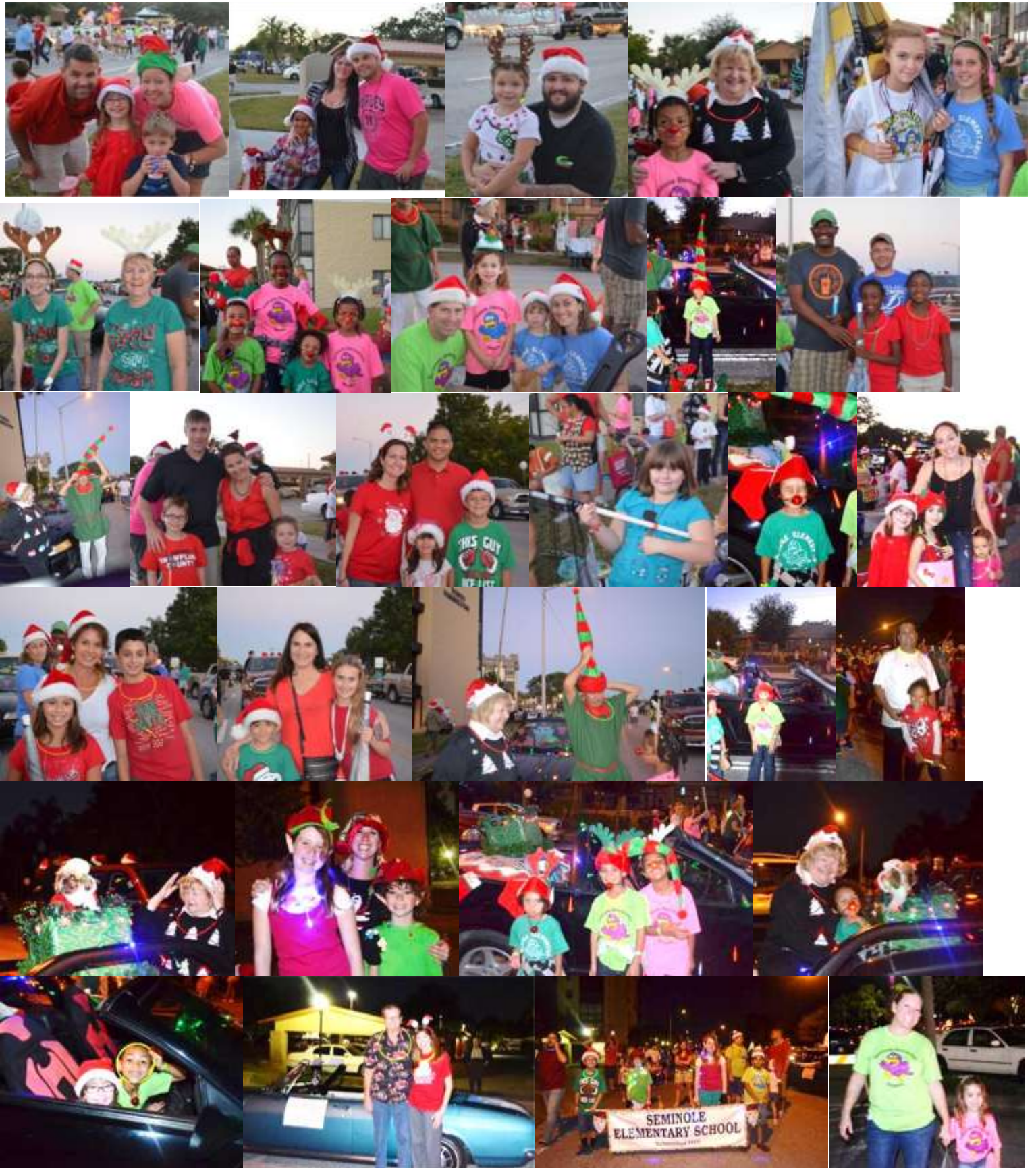
The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade students Field trip to St. Augustine  
The visited many historical landmarks, the light house, the fort, and much more. They were able to share all that they learned with their school.





## Seminole Lights Parade

Seminole's Holiday Illuminated Night Parade was Sunday, Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m. The Parade route started at Seminole Mall and ended at the Seminole Recreation complex on 113<sup>th</sup> Street North. Seminole Elementary participants wore glow sticks, lights, and passed out candy. The SEM color guards also performed on the parade route. Mrs. Mr. Cato and Mr. Schuler drove their convertibles in the parade. And we even had a surprise visit from Santa Dog.







**The students in Mrs. Fugate's and Ms. Castellano's room made gingerbread houses. This activity incorporates math, and becomes a topic for a writing activity. Besides, it's LOTS of fun.**





## Busch Gardens 5 Senses Presentation

Our PTA sponsored Busch Garden's presentation of 5 Senses on December 16, 2013. Students watched the presentation in the Centennial building. Students were able to identify animals through all 5 senses. Our students got to take a walk on the wild side of Education and see live animals right here on campus. The Busch Gardens' traveling zoo program came to the school and presented to every grade about animals and their habitats. There was an armadillo, birds, snakes, and more! The children and teachers loved it and learned many interesting facts about the animals that came to visit. A special thanks to PTA for funding this program and enriching the lives of our students!

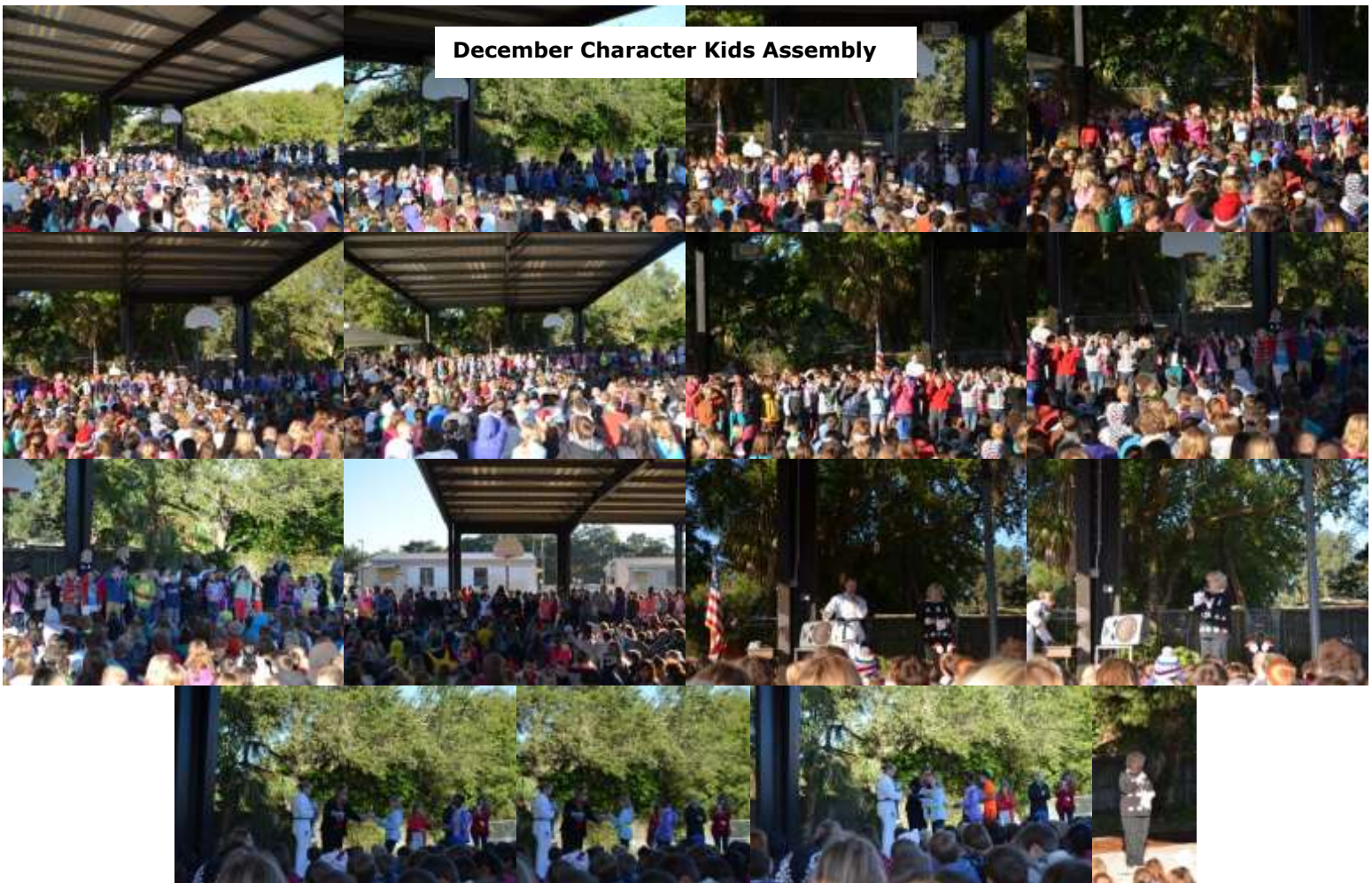




## Ice Cream Social for the Thanksgiving reading/math challenge



## December Character Kids Assembly





December 10, 2013 concerts held at Seminole High School













# THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL



The students and staff at Seminole Elementary would like to thank the VFW members of **Post 9272** for all of their contributions for all of this year and for all that you have done in the past for our school. You are amazing..thank you !



A special thanks to **Home Depot**/Park Blvd. for donating Poinsettias and pots for a holiday project and **Winn Dixie**/131<sup>st</sup> St. for supplying refreshments for our speakers at the Great American Teach-in.



Thanks to **Starbucks** for donating coffee for our staff Holiday Cookie and Coffee bar. Happy holidays from Mrs. Mucerino and friends. Be safe and have fun!

**Mrs. Conde** would like to thank all of my wonderful Kindergarten families for being so supportive and sending me such great kiddos! I wish you all a very Happy and safe holiday season!

We would like to thank **PTA** for bringing **Busch Gardens** to our school. The children thoroughly enjoyed the show, and were full of information to share when they returned to class. We appreciate your support, and thank you for providing this opportunity for our students.

**Mrs. Schuler** would like to thank all the families who sent in items for our stockings and snacks. I want to wish each of my families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

A **"HUGE THANK YOU"** to **Amanda DeVega** who did all the ordering and prep work for the food, to **Allison Blanchet** and **Cathy Dupre** who took care of dessert, drinks and decorations, to **Ron's crew** for helping set up and break down tables, to **Charlene Carlson** for helping with clean up, and most of all to **Hospitality** who helped pay for the lunch. Thank you **PTA** who provided Olive Garden gift certificates.



## Fun Fact!

In the Middle Ages most European Countries used a different calendar and celebrated New Years Day on March 25th!



### DAILY BREAKFAST CHOICES

Choose up to 2 Grain Choices such as: cereal (=1), toast (=1), pancakes (=2), cinnamon Texas toast (=2) **OR**

Choose a 1 Grain and 1 Meat Choice such as a breakfast sandwich (=1G/1M)

Must choose at least 1: Fruit or Juice

May choose 1: Milk

### DAILY LUNCH CHOICES

Choose 1: Entrée

May Choose: 1 Milk

Must choose at least 1: Fruit or Vegetable (may choose as many different fruits & veggies as student would like)

Available Daily: Meatless Entrée, Entrée Salads, Cold Sandwiches Low Fat White Milk, Fat Free Flavored or Skim Milk, Variety of Fruit & Juice





8 oz water is also available at no extra charge with a full lunch

# January

## Pinellas Elementary School Menu



# 2014

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>6</b> Chicken Biscuit (1M/1B) <u>Choose One:</u> Hot Dog Cheese Quesadilla w/ Salsa Chef Salad <u>Choose:</u> Mixed Greens Tossed or Romaine Salad	<b>7</b> Breakfast Sausage Bagel (1M/1B) <u>Choose One:</u> Tacos Pizza Crunchers Chicken Caesar Salad <u>Choose:</u> Fiesta Beans Veggie Dippers	<b>8</b> Scrambled Egg, Bacon & Biscuit <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Nuggets Beef Dipper Lo Mein Fruit N Yogurt Plate <u>Choose:</u> Sunshine Carrots Romaine Salad	<b>9</b> Banana Bread (2B) <u>Choose One:</u> Popcorn Shrimp w/ Hush Puppy Cheeseburger Sliders Chicken Dipper Salad <u>Choose:</u> Oven Fries Veggie Dippers	<b>10</b> Yogurt (1M), Blueberry Muffin <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza BBQ Pork Sandwich Farmer's Salad <u>Choose:</u> Broccoli Mixed or Romaine Salad
<b>13</b> Eggo Maple Waffles (2B) <u>Choose One:</u> Orange Chipotle Chicken Bites w/Rice Lasagna Roll Up w/Garlic Breadstick Chicken Caesar Salad <u>Choose:</u> Green Beans Tossed or Romaine Salad	<b>14</b> Bacon, Egg & Cheese Pizza (1M/1B) <u>Choose One:</u> Corn Dog Nuggets Max Sticks w/Marinara Cup Chef Salad <u>Choose:</u> Spinach Veggie Dippers	<b>15</b> Steak Biscuit(1M/1B) <u>Choose One:</u> Fish Taco Spaghetti w/ Meatballs Yogurt Parfait <u>Choose:</u> Seasoned Black Beans Romaine Salad	<b>16</b> Cheese Grits w/Sausage Link <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Sandwich Breakfast for Lunch Farmers Salad <u>Choose:</u> Deli Roasted Potatoes Veggie Dippers	<b>17</b> Professional Development Day No School for Students! 
<b>20</b> No School 	<b>21</b> Breakfast Burrito (1M/1B) <u>Choose One:</u> Grilled Cheese <b>**New Entrée**</b> Mini Chicken Tacos w/Sour Cream & Taco Sauce Chicken Caesar Salad <u>Choose:</u> Tomato Soup / Veggie Dippers	<b>22</b> Chicken Biscuit (1M/1B) <u>Choose One:</u> <b>**New Entrée**</b> Beefy Mac & Roni or Ravioli Chicken Nuggets w/Dip Cup Fruit and Yogurt Plate <u>Choose:</u> Corn Romaine Salad	<b>23</b> Dunkin' Stick (2B) <u>Choose One:</u> Cheeseburger Sliders <b>**New Entrée**</b> Pepperoni Stromboli w/Marinara Farmers Salad <u>Choose:</u> Baked Beans Veggie Dippers	<b>24</b> Breakfast Flatbread (1M/1B) <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Fish Hoagie Sub Chicken Dipper Salad <u>Choose:</u> Mixed Vegetables Mixed or Romaine Salad
<b>27</b> Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast <u>Choose One:</u> <b>**New Entrée**</b> Popcorn Chicken Bowl Max Sticks w/Marinara Chef Salad <u>Choose:</u> Sweet Potato Fries Tossed or Romaine Salad	<b>28</b> Sausage Biscuit (1M/1B) <u>Choose One:</u> Rib-B-Que Sandwich <b>**New Entrée**</b> Cherry Blossom Chicken w/Rice Farmers Salad <u>Choose:</u> Steamed Peas Veggie Dippers	<b>29</b> Eggo Pancake Minis (2B) <u>Choose One:</u> <b>**New Entrée**</b> Dog in Dough Macaroni & Cheese Yogurt Parfait <u>Choose:</u> Baked Beans Romaine Salad	<b>30</b> Egg, Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose One:</u> <b>**New Entrée**</b> Chili, Cheese & Chips Corn Dog Nuggets Veggie Double Dipper Salad <u>Choose:</u> Broccoli Veggie Dippers	<b>31</b> Cinnamon Roll (1B) <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Cheesy Fish Filet Sandwich Chicken Caesar Salad <u>Choose:</u> Green Beans Mixed or Romaine Salad
<div> <div> <b>January 21st is a New Semester and a <u>NEW MENU!</u></b>  Watch for new lunch options in your cafeteria and give them a try! </div> <div>  A variety of fruits and juice are available daily! Students may choose as many different fruits &amp; vegetables as they'd like with their meal!  </div> </div>				