



Seminole Elementary Times

A Note from Your Principal Mrs. Grasso



News from the Principal:

Dear Seminole Elementary families,

February is the designated month for many causes and celebrations; it is American Heart Association Awareness Month, Black History Month, Valentine's Day, President's Day, and I'm sure I have missed a few more. We are also looking forward to the up-coming Reading Counts celebrations on the 16th and the Multicultural (PMAC Festival) on Thursday, the 22nd at Seminole Elementary. Assessments continue to take place for all levels as a way of measuring growth and learning – the FSA Writing will be the first week in March and each day of school is an important one as we work towards covering all curriculum areas and assuring that students have a full understanding of the grade level standards.

The Commitment to Character (C2C) monthly drawing continues to take place during the Character assemblies. The drawing will be open to every student whose parent registers them on-line; please go to the Seminole Elementary School web page and follow the link. Business partner, Authentic Martial Arts provides a free (\$300 value) party at their facility and several other school partners have purchased \$25.00 gift cards to go with the prize. We are always looking for additional community sponsors that would like to make a similar contribution and be a presenter. Another ongoing initiative is the school yearbook for all grades Pre-K -5th; corporate and community sponsors are needed to help defray the cost, so it will be a nominal fee for each student to purchase or free. Please contact our Family Community Liaison, Mrs. Heather Plankey for additional information.

Congratulations again to our Teacher of the Year representative; 3rd grade teacher Mrs. Denise Barto who was recognized at the Evening of Excellence on January 31st at Mahaffey Theatre in St. Petersburg.

And last but not least, please take as much preventive care as possible with the cold and flu season upon us; frequent hand washing, drink plenty of fluids, assure proper rest and eat nutritious snacks and meals.

Thank you for your support at Seminole Elementary; it is a true pleasure to work with you and your child(ren).

Mrs. Grasso

Girlfriends Go Red..... for Women



The Seminole Elementary Girlfriend's organization will participate in a community service project at our school to promote awareness and prevention of heart disease and stroke. The campaign will begin **Friday, February 2nd National Wear Red Day**. Our students and staff will wear red in support of the kick-off and ask that you do the same. You are welcome to complete a message for our awareness wall and take pictures in front of our back drop in the front office.

Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women, causing 1 in 3 deaths each year. That's approximately one woman every minute! Heart disease in women requires more attention, more research and swifter action. That's why, from hitting the books to taking it to the Hill, Go Red for Women provides many opportunities for women everywhere to learn the facts about heart disease.

Knowledge is power, and when you have all of the facts you can become an activist, advocate and educator to spread the word and inspire others to make heart health a No. 1 priority.

Seminole Elementary this year will lend our **Girlfriend voice** in support of the cure and prevention of heart disease through several school projects.

If you would like to extend your ideas or support please contact Sharon Wilson, Assistant Principal at (727) 547-7668.

Upcoming Events FEBRUARY

- 2nd**
 - Wear Red Day
- 3rd**
 - Hispanic Achievement Award – Ruth Eckerd 9:00am
- 5th**
 - K Kids
- 8th**
 - K F/T Science Center Fellows, Horton
- 12th**
 - K F/T Science Center Conde, Davis Schuler
 - Principal's List Bowling Party
 - Treasure Island Fun Center Night 6-8p
- 13th**
 - SAC/PTA Meeting 6pm
- 15th**
 - Girlfriends Mentor Meeting 11:40am
- 16th**
 - Reading Counts Celebration
- 19th**
 - Washington's Birthday NO SCHOOL
- 21st**
 - 2nd Grade FT "Footloose" Seminole High
 - Rotary Lunch – selected 5th graders
- 22nd**
 - Picture Day Group, Class, & Staff
 - PMAC Festival 5:30pm
- 28th**
 - C2C Assembly

WEEKLY EVENTS

Extended Learning Program

Monday & Tuesday 7:30am

Monday, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 2:40-3:40pm

STEM Club

Tuesdays 2:40-4:00pm

Good News Club

Thursdays 2:40-4:00pm

Gardening Assistance

Our garden and beautification projects continue and could use your help. We are looking for garden donations (e.g. Plants, seeds, tree stumps, old tires, and help. If you can assist please contact Mrs. Mucerino @ mucerinoc@pcsb.org, or donate your items to the front office. Thanks

Welcome Mrs. Plankey



We would like to welcome Mrs. Plankey our new Family and Community Liaison to Seminole Elementary. If you would like to volunteer, adopt, or find ways that you can help our school, teachers, classes, and students, Please contact her at plankeyh@pcsb.org

Character Kids – January



PreK			3rd		
Green/Piper	Kylee Davis	Mathias Smith	Barto	Dayanira Pastrana Barron	Christian Ramirez
KG			Carlson	Karmelo Bates	Amanda Camuccio
Horton	Owen Stancill	Sophia Raba	Poolson	Chloe Buschlen	Cameron Wareham
Conde	Zoey Jost	Allison Lawson	Rudolph	Madalyn Siniff	Amanda Fuentes
Schuler	Angeline Lawrence	Makenna Buchans	Kopkau	Landon Blackwell	Austin Longboat
Davis	Monroe Siniff	Kaycee Henshaw	Hill	Gavin Fleming	Daniel Williams
Fellows	Barrett Whittaker	Addison Novak	Gamble	Boston Sawyer	
1st			4th		
Flock	Ava Johnson	Kaleb Ammeraal	Taylor	Tobin Kropp	Skylar Connors-Lewis
Dupre	Elenna Morris	Brndon Swartout	Swartz	Venziano Morris	Jacob Stanley
Ellis	Dino Burns	Elle Vaughan	Cruse	Julia Rice	Hadi Baydoun
Gorman	Ariah Yaslik	Alexis Fontaine	Arnold	Zamaria Holmes	Joseph Hoffman
Smith	Kavaeh Holland	Kyla Rae Forrest	Leonard	Evelyn Pineda-Sandoval	Peter Vaughn
2nd			5th		
Luczaj	Dominique Jones	Anthony Stanzione	Henkel	Morgan Mascarenas	Adel Barkat
Patterson	Ella Mlynarski	Izzabella Jost	Grimm	Maya Harrington	McKenna Cochran
Mucirino	Rodney Sunter	Javon King	Lentz	Devin Walls	Markus McDonald
Blanchet	Addison Cochran	Rylan Potts	Sadock	Ana Recendiz	Kia'Jah Williams
			Tripp	Devin Punch	Jhon Mejia
			Halpern	Brandon Hanson	

Dinner Dilemmas

February's Word of the Month is Tolerance. Tolerance - Respecting the individual differences, views, and beliefs of other people.
Purpose: To create family discussions that promotes Character Education in Pinellas County.

Dinner Dilemmas are designed to go home once a month with the students for family discussion.

Situation 1

Situation: Sue was in her guided reading group. Everyone was taking turns reading aloud. Some in the group were slow and cautious readers.
Dilemma: On one hand Sue became impatient for her turn. On the other hand, Sue knew she should be tolerant toward all readers.

Discussion: What is your advice for Sue?

Situation 2

Situation: The kids in Sam's class overhear Tony ask to make two Mother's Day cards. The kids start making fun of Tony because he has two moms.
Dilemma: On one hand Sam knows he should be tolerant of other people's families. On the other hand, Sam feels peer pressure to go along with the crowd.

Discussion: What is your advice to Sam?

Situation 3

Situation: All the neighbor kids wait at the same school bus stop. One girl has cerebral palsy. She goes to a special school and rides a different bus. The kids are consistently making fun of her.

Dilemma: On one hand Sue and Sam have joined in the taunting in the past. On the other hand, this is Tolerance month at school and they have pledged to practice tolerance.

Discussion: What is your advice for Sue and Sam?

Situation 4

Situation: A student comes to school with a hat on after chemotherapy. Her hair has fallen out. Kids grab the hat and toss it around. She begins to cry.

Dilemma: On one hand Sue choose not to join in. On the other hand, Sue feels she should speak up about tolerance towards those who look different.

Discussion: What advice do you have for Sue?

Principal's List Students for 2nd Grading Period



Congratulations to the following students for earning Principal's List for the 2nd quarter. These students have earned A's in all academic subjects.

Amerine, Jacob	03	Baydoun, Hadi	04
Badillo, Joselyn	03	Cardenas, Jaymen Rielly	04
Blackwell, Landon	03	Connors-Lewis, Skyler	04
Buschlen, Chloe Mikina	03	Ferguson, Elijah	04
Chen, Olivia	03	Gildner, Irish	04
Crosby, Dylan Wayne	03	Henkel, Sara Kylie	04
Dunn, Ian Scott	03	Lamoureux, Hannah	04
Franklin, Keljon	03	Nichols, Shae Elizabeth	04
Hoang, May Ly	03	Rice, Julia Elizabeth	04
Johnson, Lucas	03	Stanley, Jacob	04
Lloyd, Nolan Dean	03	Stevens, Abigail Katelynn	04
Loudermilk, Carl	03	Toth, Jolie Lynn	04
Lucas, Brooke Erika	03	Barkat, Adel	05
Marek, Victoria	03	Bayes, Kollin	05
Meddleton, Jackson	03	Chen, Jiahe	05
Mercado, Faith	03	Cochran, McKenna	05
Meza-Sanchez, Sophia	03	Dang, Anton	05
Morgan, Darryea	03	Finck, Leslie Noel	05
Nemethy, Gabrielle Chandra	03	Flock, Elyssa Faith	05
Nkomeje, Aimee	03	Greene, Cody	05
Oliver, Kara	03	Longboat, Amelia	05
Piamba, Alessandro	03	Lucas, Brandon	05
Ray, Matthew	03	Mascarenas, Morgan	05
Robb, Kayla marie	03	Paquette, Matthew	05
Sisk, Joyce Ysabelle	03	Parks, Kaitlyn Michele	05
Spearl, Eli	03	Patton, Melodi	05
Topel, Andrew	03	Stulce, Kenna	05
Wareham, Cameron James	03	Venech, Joseph	05
Weng, Jackie	03		
Williams, Maximillian Rae	03		



**Give Kids a Smile!
No Cost Dental Day**



Monday, February 19, 2018

Get the year started off right with a healthy mouth to support a healthy body.

Eligible children Will receive dental services at **no cost**.
Children will be registered until all appointment slots are filled.



- No sign up • Parent/Guardian must be present • Children ages 4-18
- First Come, First Served • Clinics open at 8am.

Events held at these 3 Health Locations in Pinellas:

St. Pete: 205 Dr. MLK Jr. St. N. St. Petersburg, FL 33701	Largo: 8751 Ulmerton Rd. Largo, FL 33771	Clearwater: 310 North Myrtle Ave. Clearwater FL 33755
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**¡REGALA A LOS NIÑOS UNA SONRISA!
Atención dental gratuita**



Lunes, Febrero 19, 2018

Comienza el año con salud dental, para tener un cuerpo saludable.

Los menores que califiquen recibirán servicios dentales **sin costo alguno**.
Serán registrados hasta llenar los cupos disponibles.



- No se necesita registro previo • Padres o tutores deben estar presentes
- Para niños(as) de 4 a 18 años
- Se atenderán en orden de llegada, la clínica abre a las 8 a.m.

Se realizará en 3 localidades del Departamento de Salud de Pinellas:

St. Pete: 205 Dr. MLK Jr. St. N. St. Petersburg, FL 33701	Largo: 8751 Ulmerton Rd. Largo, FL 33771	Clearwater: 310 North Myrtle Ave. Clearwater FL 33755
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In honor of Celebrate Reading Week our school-wide local celebrities read to our Seminole Students some of their favorite titles. Our celebrities included Mrs. Grasso, Ms. Wilson, Mrs. Sherman, Mrs. Hartog, Mrs. Kelzer, Mrs. Schultz, Mr. Moses, and Ms. Gamble.



**Mrs. Mucerino's Class the top running club class
with an average of 9.57 laps per student.
The top Running Club winners for each
grade level are:**

**5th – Henkel, 4th – Swartz, 3rd – Kopkau
2nd – Mucerino 1st – Gorman, K – Fellows**

What is MAP Growth Assessment?

MAP Growth is a computer-adaptive test. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. This type of assessment challenges top performers without overwhelming students whose skills are below grade level.

MAP Growth begins with a question at each student's grade level and adjusts the level of difficulty based on individual performance.

What it Measures

MAP Growth uses a RIT scale to accurately measure what students know, regardless of their grade level. It also measures growth over time, allowing you to track your child's progress throughout the school year and across multiple years. Once your child completes a MAP Growth test, they receive a RIT score.

The RIT scale precisely measures student performance, regardless of whether they're performing on, above, or below grade level.

The Results: Your Child's RIT Score

RIT scores have the same meaning across grade levels. If a fourth-grade student and an eighth-grade student have the same RIT score in reading, then they are testing at the same level in that subject.

You can use your child's RIT score to help them meet their goals. For example, students can enter their RIT scores into our college explorer tool to see which colleges and universities they're on track to enter. You can also check out online resources that use RIT scores to provide students with book recommendations and web-based exercises, such as yourreadingpath.com and khanacademy.org.



Greetings Parents and students!
Congratulations to the following students
for winning an award at the Pinellas
county Tag Art Show:

**Melodi Patton
Cailyn Gabbard**

And a TOP Artist Award in the Show to:
Camelia Chen

Keep up the great work, there are many
shows left this year!
-Mrs. Gurney

Rotary Citizens of the Month

Congratulations to the following students for being
January's Rotary Citizens of the Month. These students
attended a luncheon and were presented with trophies



Arthur Manzo, Kia'jah Williams, and Melodi Patton

COUNSELORS CORNER

In the month of January our Character trait of the month has been Self-Motivation. It can be difficult when our children are not motivated to do things on their own. We tend to want to just do it and get it done. However, giving them responsibilities, allowing them to follow through, as well as expecting them to do so, is so important. It builds their confidence in their abilities, which in turn motivates them further. They also learn not to give up, particularly when something is difficult. It can be helpful to reward their accomplishments (for example, turning in homework and receiving good grades) in a tangible way. We need to remember, though, that developing the intrinsic sense of accomplishment is even longer lasting. Parents can do that by acknowledging and giving positive encouragement when their child has done something on their own without having to be reminded. It means so much when they hear it from you! And, do remember that growing is a process and be patient with yourselves and your children as they are developing their character.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		-	1 Breakfast Burrito <u>Choose One:</u> Beef or Pork Tacos Garlic Cheesy Bread Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <u>Choose:</u> Marinara Cup Fiesta Beans Leafy Green Side Salad	2 Pancake Pup <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo w/ Breadstick Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub <u>Choose:</u> Spinach or Collard Greens Fresh Veggie Dippers
5 Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast <u>Choose One:</u> Hamburger/Cheeseburger Roasted Chicken w/ Roll Fruit & Yogurt Plate Turkey & Cheese Hoagie <u>Choose:</u> Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Fresh Veggie Dippers	6 Scrambled Egg, Bacon, & Biscuit <u>Choose One:</u> Uno's Cheeseburger Pizza Grilled Cheese Sandwich Veggie Double Dipper Salad Jamwich Kit <u>Choose:</u> Tomato Soup * Romaine Side Salad	7 Glazed Dunker <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Tender Basket w/ Fries Spaghetti & Meatballs or Ravioli w/ Breadstick Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose:</u> Steamed Broccoli Sliced Cucumbers	8 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Pizza <u>Choose One:</u> Breakfast for Lunch Max Mozzarella Sticks Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <u>Choose:</u> Marinara Cup Deli Roasted Potatoes Leafy Green Side Salad	9 Morning Sausage Roll <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Ocean Treasure Fish Nuggets w/ Roll Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub <u>Choose:</u> Oven Baked Beans Fresh Veggie Dippers
12 Blueberry Bash Mini Waffles <u>Choose One:</u> Breaded Chicken Sandwich Loaded BBQ Pork & Cheese Tots w/ Roll Fruit & Yogurt Plate Turkey & Cheese Hoagie <u>Choose:</u> Cooked Carrots or Roasted Butternut Squash Fresh Veggie Dippers	13 Egg & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose One:</u> Not So Sloppy Joe Bread Bowl Corn Dog Veggie Double Dipper Salad Jamwich Kit <u>Choose:</u> Oven Baked Beans Romaine Side Salad	14 Cinnamon Roll <u>Choose One:</u> Teriyaki Beef Dippers w/ Rice Stuffed Shells Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose:</u> Steamed Broccoli Sliced Cucumbers	15 Sausage Biscuit <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken & Waffle Big Fella Bacon Cheeseburger Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <u>Choose:</u> Mixed Vegetable Blend Leafy Green Side Salad	16 Egg & Cheese Breakfast Taco <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Potato Crusted Fish Sticks w/ Corn Muffin Loaf Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub <u>Choose:</u> Corn Niblets Fresh Veggie Dippers
19	20 Egg/Ham/Cheese Breakfast Sandwich <u>Choose One</u> Meatloaf, Gravy & Roll Mini Calzones Apple Protein Plate Jamwich Kit <u>Choose</u> Mashed Taters Romaine Side Salad	21 Chicken Biscuit <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Drumstick w/ Hush Puppy Macaroni & Cheese Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose:</u> Green Beans Sliced Cucumbers	22 Breakfast Burrito <u>Choose One:</u> Beef or Pork Tacos Garlic Cheesy Bread Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <u>Choose:</u> Marinara Cup Fiesta Beans Leafy Green Side Salad	23 Pancake Pup <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo w/ Breadstick Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub <u>Choose:</u> Spinach or Collard Greens Fresh Veggie Dippers
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