



# Seminole Elementary Times

January/February 2022

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## Dates to Remember

January 30<sup>th</sup> – February 11<sup>th</sup>

- Book Fair

February

7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>

- Gifted Universal Screening

7<sup>th</sup>

- K-Kids

8<sup>th</sup>

- Reading Under the Stars  
5:30pm

10<sup>th</sup>

- PMAC 3pm

11<sup>th</sup>

- Grade Level Buddies
- Daddy Daughter Dance 6pm  
Café

22<sup>nd</sup>

- Class Pictures

24<sup>th</sup>

- PMAC 3pm

STEM

- Every Tuesday 2:55-3:55pm

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus

- Every Tuesday 8:00-8:40am  
Centennial

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus

- Every Thursday 8:00-8:40am  
Centennial

K-Kids

- First Monday of the Month  
3:15pm Centennial

Beach Club

- Every Thursday 3:15pm in  
Centennial

## A Note from Principal Cerreta



Dear Seminole Elementary families,

It is difficult to believe that it is February, and we are more than halfway through the year. Our students and teachers recently celebrated Literacy Week and the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. Our students and teachers continue to work hard each day and we have several events planned for the month of February. To celebrate literacy, we have our Reading Under the Stars Night on February 8<sup>th</sup>. In celebration of Valentine's Day, we are planning our first annual Daddy/Daughter dance on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

What an incredibly challenging couple of weeks it has been for 2022! In the last several weeks we have had students and staff members out due to illness. We continue to encourage students to wash their hands frequently and wear masks. Nurse Leslie has done an excellent job of taking care of our students and helping get control the spread of further illness. If your child is sent home with a fever, they must remain fever free for 24 hours prior to return to school. Thank you for your support and I am immensely thankful to lead such an incredible school.

### Stay Informed

Please take note of messages on our school marquee as well as our weekly newsletter 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.

### Parent Surveys

We have 2 important surveys that were recently sent to Seminole Elementary families.

#### Title 1 Parent Survey

Seminole Elementary is a Title 1 school. As a Title 1 school Seminole Elementary receives additional resources that help children gain a high -quality education and the skills to master the Florida Standards. Each year Pinellas County Schools conducts a Title 1 parent survey. Your input is needed. The results from the survey are used for future plans. Thank you to all the parents that already completed the Title 1 parent survey that was sent home last week.

#### School Climate Survey

This parent survey was sent out from the district via e-mail to all of our parents. Families with email addresses in FOCUS should have received an email from K12 Insight with a link directly to the family survey. In addition, families can access the survey by going to [www.pcsb.org/survey](http://www.pcsb.org/survey). The survey link is also located on our school website.

Please take a few moments to complete this online school survey.

#### 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 sure during class time but may be distributed to their classmates in the cafeteria during lunch time. Any items brought in to school must be store bought. A special Seminole Elementary Birthday song and students name on the marquee can be purchased for \$10.00. See attached.

#### Congratulations To Our Outstanding Readers: Accelerated Reader

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 an Accelerated Reader test to earn Accelerated Reader points.

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

Treyden Montgomery

Josiah Tatham



Scholastic Book Fair is back! A fun way to purchase books for your child.

- Book Fair eWallet is a digital payment account, that allows students to shop cash-free. Relatives & friends can contribute to eWallet to purchase books
- Checks can be made payable to Seminole Elementary
- PLEASE include tax with all sales

**Fair Dates:** January 31<sup>st</sup> – February 11<sup>th</sup>

Book Fair Homepage: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/seminole>

## Reading Under the Stars



February 8<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm

- Learn about Accelerated Reader
- Visit Our Book Fair
- Read with your family and friends under the stars
- Make bookmarks
- Enjoy a \$2 hotdog or pizza meal

# MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

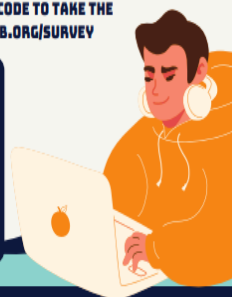
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ANNUAL STAKEHOLDER SURVEY

Parents, students and staff are invited to share their thoughts with Pinellas County Schools in the annual Stakeholder Survey. Your responses are anonymous, and data will be used to help PCS identify trends and plan for the future.

The survey is open January 22 - February 6, 2022

**PARENTS, SCAN THIS CODE TO TAKE THE SURVEY OR VISIT [PCSB.ORG/SURVEY](http://PCSB.ORG/SURVEY)**



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## Principal's List Students



## Bringing Up Grades BUG Students



## December Character Kids - Kindness

### PreK

Calhoun Maxwell Pickenpaugh Isabella Harper

### KG

Conde Zion Bastian  
D'Altio Jessalynn Alincy Caydan Stancik  
Horton Ethen Perez Malakai Reynolds  
Schuler Elizabeth Pridanova Bennett Humphreys

### 1st

Brady Maya Castellanos Michelle Duncan Diana Rizo Padilla  
Harty Carter Pearson Hercules De Mello Martins  
Luczaj William Perez  
Mucirino Lizbeth Machado Bryce Hvizdzak

### 2nd

Misener Antwine Bailey Lilly Becker  
Patterson Isaiah Dillashaw Katelyn Aragon  
Sadock Mckinlye Pratt Austin Pickenpaugh

### 3rd

Carlson High Donati Layla Eversole  
Kopkau Carson Richmond Julius Morales  
Poolson Marian Losada Lyla Aguillard  
Rudolph Timur Syakov Joseph Warner

### 4th

Croce Makenna Buchans Liam Soles  
Napoli Caden Drake Piper Plomatos  
Rongey Lilee Carithers Knox Mills  
Sanders Thalia Thomas Elijah Postma

### 5th

Gorman Catherine Krajcik  
Grimm Bailey Ashbrook Josiah Tatham  
Lentz Avriawna Auten

Capitosti Nicholas Ritchie

## Principal's List Students for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Lyla Aguillard Amya Auten Jacob Del Rio Layla Eversole  
Lainey Gamache Sean Kier Jaylen King Samantha Johnson  
Kaiden Mckinley Isabella Tatham Colton Taylor Alessandro Loaiza-Garcia  
Cameron Westbrook

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Jorge Bueno Macy Davies Caden Drake Jace Drake  
John Fitzpatrick Katie Fitzpatrick Sebastian Hock Shelby Kessler  
Elizabeth Lovelace Havoc Morrison Piper Plomatos Elijah Postma  
Rayne Torres Isabella Reinhardt Treyden Montgomery

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Josiah Tatham Avriawna Auten

## BUGS Bring Up Grades Students



### Third Grade

Austin Arden Amelia Clark Ariana Danford Owen Gates  
Zoey Groves Nataly Morales Allen Murray Xena Raymond  
Zachary Smith Timur Syakov Raeleigh Vogel  
Medeleine Recendiz-Mejia

### Fourth Grade

Cecilia Gasper Joshua Belmont Desirae Jones Raina Adams Pastrana  
Knox Mills Lylah Sanchez Jayleene Dominique Ruby Earich  
Trinity Montgomery Layla Steinbach Sydney Harbour Zander Vazquez  
Gavin Steinberg Rayne Torres Gia Trzeciak Malcom Witherspoon  
Addison Bragg Chloe Proudlock-King

### Fifth Grade

Leo Chen Bailey Risso Weston Piver Dino Burns  
Joao Martins Rodney Sunter Sophia Valente Luca Woolard  
David Banyeretse Rex Ridge



## Art News



This year, 1472 K-12 student artworks are on display throughout the PCS Administration Building through April of 2022. This special exhibition includes work from every school and changes annually in May. This show is considered one of the largest annual art exhibits of actual student work in the world! Please join me in congratulating the 9 Seminole Elementary artists with artwork on display in this exhibit:

Isabella Tatham	Layla Eversole	Lailah Johnson	Elizabeth Lovelace
Jessica Gassem	Joanna Johnson	Owen Stancill	Zoey Grove
Jaylen Williams			



1st graders made prints from stamps they created by drawing on Styrofoam plates. Check out Rowan in Mrs. Harty's 1st grade class here. They all had a great time learning how to draw a deep impression on the Styrofoam plate for a successful at making stamp.

## Music Notes from Mrs. Marr



Thanks so much Seminole Middle School for coming to perform for our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students! We're so excited to have such great middle school performance options available for our scholars next year



Meanwhile, in the music room we are learning about the Strings Family this week. What better way to learn than to try them out ourselves?! 🎵💕



## Ms. Ward's Words



Does the environment really affect behavior? Or is that just an old wives' tale? The short answer is yes, the atmospheric conditions related to the change in seasons, the weather, and even the level of cloud cover in the sky have all been found to affect mood, behavior, and overall physical well-being by several studies. One study by Dr. Maria Simonson of Johns Hopkins positively states that falling barometer pressure, associated with colder temperatures in the fall and winter, results in an atmosphere that pushes down on the body, constricting capillaries, causing a reduction of oxygen to the brain. This extra pressure has been observed to cause physical symptoms such as headaches and body aches, as well as changes in children's behavior especially. This time of year can also cause symptoms of seasonal depression or lower energy levels because of the decrease in sunlight and Vitamin D that our bodies are absorbing. So this time of year let's all give ourselves a little grace and patience to make it through until the sun shines bright and warm again soon!

## The Fine Motor Corner-



by Kimberly Meyer, MS OTR/L our school based Occupational Therapist

What is executive functioning and why is this important? Executive functioning skills refers to skills such as planning activities, problem-solving, accessing the parts of the brain involved in working memory as well as having self-control in a variety of settings and situations. Also involved is focusing our attention to a task and multitasking. Difficulty with executive functioning can be seen when students have difficulty getting a task started or remembering the multiple steps involved in its completion. Also, being easily distracted, being able to estimate the time needed for a task to be completed, listening / following directions, keeping track of belongings or remembering key details. Executive functioning is an important skill to grow and develop into adulthood. What can be done if your student struggles with executive functioning? Use of visual aids and checklists can be extremely helpful as well as breaking longer assignments into manageable chunks of information. Organizing a work area with only needed items and eliminating distractions. Asking questions can be helpful to get your child to begin to think about what is needed to solve a specific problem or the next logical step in completing a task instead of telling them. Playing boardgames like Clue (problem solving), Monopoly (planning, organizing), Operation (self-control), Sorry (planning, problem solving), Memory (visual memory / working memory and turn taking), Jenga (self-control and planning), Rush Hour (problem solving) and so many more. For more information on executive functioning, visit [www.TheOTToolbox.com](http://www.TheOTToolbox.com) or simply use Google or YouTube for more information and some great activities you can do at home.

## School Counselor News



Mrs. Holly Schultz, School Counselor

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! Please remember that growing is a process and be patient with yourselves and your children as they are developing their character.

## Mrs. Conde's Thank You's



Thank you to all our families who donated for a 100th day of school! It is much appreciated! 😊

## Reading Expectations



Students are expected to read Monday - Thursday and parents should sign reading logs

- 30 minutes minimally for grades K-2
- 45 minutes minimally for grades 3-5



## iMoms

On Wednesday January 19<sup>th</sup> moms and kids came together for iMoms which was sponsored by Anona United Methodist church. Moms and kids had breakfast from Chick-fil-a and bonded by having discussions on self-esteem while sharing in conversation on what both moms and kids appreciate about each other and positive things they have learned from one another.



## Principal's List Breakfast



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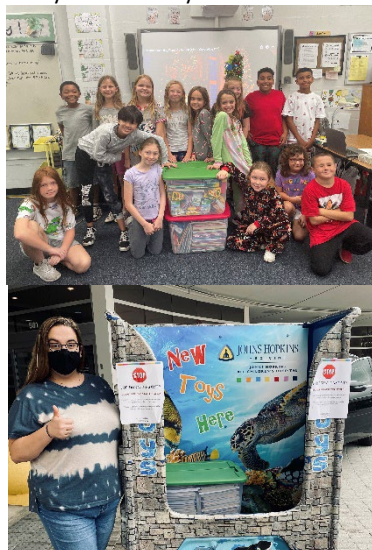
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Look for Warning Signs. If you see something suspicious, Say Something.

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[www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern](http://www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern)

**K-Kids Holiday Coloring Book Collection**  
K-Kids collected and donated 204 coloring books and 160 boxes of crayons. Thank you Seminole Elementary families for your donations.



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