



Seminole Elementary Times

September/October 2020

Issue 1

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Dates to Remember

October

12th

- Regular school day

13th

- PTA/SAC Meeting 6pm

15th

- Title One Parent Meeting 6pm

23rd

- End of Grading Period

26th – 30th

- Red Ribbon Week

26th

- NO SCHOOL for students

27th

- Individual School Picture Day
- Trick or Treat Drive Thru (car Circle) 3pm-4pm



School Hours 8:45am-2:55pm

- Students cannot be dropped off before 8:10 in the morning.
- Students need to be seated in their classroom by 8:45 am.

If You See Something Say Something



www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern

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

Report by going to

www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern

NEW NORMAL SOCIAL DISTANCING



Students are expected to wear a mask and bring personal water bottles to school daily.

A Note from Principal Cerreta



A Message from Mr. Cerreta, **Reading and More Reading !**

Having all of our students reading at or above grade level is a huge priority at Seminole Elementary. All the research supports the fact that students that are proficient readers are much more successful in school and one of the best ways to improve reading skills is by reading daily. The expectation at Seminole Elementary is for all for our students to be reading every night and completing their reading logs. After students read a book, they log into Reading Counts and take a computer-based quiz. They earn points for scoring 80% or higher on the quizzes. We are asking for our parents to help us achieve this goal by encouraging reading every night and signing their child's reading log each night. Students should be reading or read to daily as part of their evening homework. Please see our Seminole School-Wide Reading Program & Reading Goal Incentives attached to the newsletter.

MAP Assessments

All students in grade 3-5 complete an online assessment three times a year know as MAP Assessments.

MAP assessments are used to measure a student's growth in Mathematics and Reading. The Fall assessment gathers baseline. The Winter and Spring assessments measures progress. It is used to chart a student's academic growth from year to year. Most of our students have already taken their MAP assessments, and our few remaining classes will be finishing this week. The data from the MAP assessments helps the teachers carefully monitor the student's academic progress and provide remediation and enrichment when needed.

Coming Soon

Once again Seminole Elementary is offering the STEM Enrichment Program (Science Technology Engineering Math)

Does your child like a challenge? Do they like to solve problems? Then STEM is for them! We are looking for 2nd, 3rd and 5th graders for this exciting and challenging after school program! The program utilizes an extended school day to offer students opportunities to conduct hands-on engineering design challenges, explore careers in STEM, and improve teambuilding and leadership skills.

The Seminole Elementary STEM Academy Program will start in November and run through May 2021.

The program will be after school on Tuesdays until 4:00 p.m.

2020-2021 STEM Academy Student Applications will become available in early October 2020.

All state and local social distancing guidelines will be followed.

Stay Connected:

The school district needs accurate contact information to send parents phone calls and emails about COVID-19 updates, severe weather and other emergencies. Please encourage families to update their contact information. Parents can contact their schools or use the Student Reservation System. Here is the three-step process:

1. Visit <https://reservation.pcsb.org> and log in with your parent username and password. If you do not have a parent ID or forgot yours, you can get help at your child's school. Make sure to present a valid photo ID.
2. Select the option: "Change Phone and Email Address Only"
3. Enter your child's name and date of birth or student ID number. And update your phone number and email address.

Welcome New Staff Members to Seminole Elementary



Mrs. MacMurray (Cooper) – 1st Grade



Mrs. D'Altio – 2nd Grade



Ms. Whiteley – Social Worker



Mrs. Marr - Music



Mrs. Jost – VE



Mrs. Capitosti - EBD



Ms. Zanga – MBA Assistant



Mrs. Edwards – Speech

2020 Reading Counts Point Goals

GRADE	1st Grading Period	2nd Grading Period	2nd Quarter Combined Totals	3rd Grading Period	3rd Quarter Combined Totals	4th Grading Period	4th Quarter Combined Totals
Points Earned by	10/23/20	1/15/21	1/15/21	3/31/21	3/31/21	5/28/21	5/28/21
Kindergarten	2	7	9	12	21	17	38
1st Grade	10	15	25	20	45	25	70
2nd Grade	20	25	45	30	75	35	110
3rd Grade	30	35	65	40	105	45	150
4th Grade	40	45	85	50	135	55	190
5th Grade	50	55	105	60	165	65	230

2020 Reading Counts Personal Recognition

Recognition	Grades K-2	Grades 3-5
Confetti on morning show	25 points	50 points
Name in the newsletter	50 points	100 points
Reading Counts certificate	75 points	150 points
Reading Medallion	100 points	200 points
Handprint on wall	125 points	250 points
Gold star on sidewalk	250 points	500 points
Name on ceiling tile	375 points	750 points
Name on plaque in office	500 points	1,000 points

Reading Expectations



Students are expected to read daily and parents should sign reading logs
 30 minutes minimally for grades K-2
 45 minutes minimally for grades 3-5

Volunteering

All volunteering on campus has been suspended for the first half of the school year. A communication will go out to all of our school families when our volunteer programs resume.

PE Shorts

Hi Seminole Families

The PE department would like to thank you for giving us the opportunity to work with your children. It is so nice to see all the smiling faces again. The kiddos truly do make our job wonderful. We would like to ask you to please make sure the children are coming to school with sneakers on the 3 days a week that they have PE. We are not allowed to use the drinking fountains at this time, so we are asking that the students please bring a water bottle to PE – with their name on it. We have filling stations where the students can fill their bottles up when needed. We are in need of some equipment to make our fantastic PE program even better. We will be setting up an Amazon wish list with the equipment that would benefit your child's learning experience in PE. We appreciate any contribution you are able to make. Thanks again for the opportunity to enrich your students through movement in our PE program.



Pinellas County Schools is working to ensure families have what they need to support both traditional and virtual learning. Make sure to visit our Family Engagement Resource Roundup page for links to valuable resources and fun activities to support your child's learning and ease the transition from summer to back-to-school.

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT RESOURCE ROUNDUP
(Formerly Learning at Home Family Resources)

www.pcsb.org/resourceroundup

- Back to School Tips
- Welcome to Kindergarten, Middle School or High School
- Online Safety
- Health and Nutrition
- At Home Classroom
- Family Activities
- Creativity Corner
- Family Wellness
- Get Moving
- Teen Hub

Virtual Field Trips

Be sure to check back regularly as the information changes weekly!

School Counselor News



Hi Families and Students,

This year we will again be recognizing students who show good character throughout the month, though we will not have our Character Kids assemblies at this point. The month of August was focused on RESPECT, and September was RESPONSIBILITY. We hope that you will emphasize these at home as well. We want to nurture these good qualities in each of our children. Also, I will continue to provide counseling services to individual students as well as referral services for families with other needs. Groups are limited as I cannot place students from two classroom cohorts together. I also enjoy going into classrooms and providing guidance lessons on a variety of topics, but that will look differently this year, using virtual lessons that which will reach our students, both in the building and on MYPCS online. If you missed it, I have a link to a counselor video on our Seminole Elementary home page. Also, I would like to remind you of the 211 referral service. They are a general referral source for needs from medical and dental to counseling, etc. They can be reached by calling 211 or going online (211.org). You can also find more specific help with homework needs and questions at the HOMEWORK HELPLINE at 547-7223 or by going to the PCSB website and typing in homework helpline. There is also a general school board website for information on bullying or harassment (bullying.pcsb.org or harassment.pcsb.org). During the month of October, we will be concentrating on Cooperation. We will also celebrate Red Ribbon Week during the last week of the month. This will be a time when we talk about staying drug and alcohol free. Also looking ahead, I know many families may need help during the holidays (food, toys, & clothing). Many organizations that offer their assistance begin asking early. So, if you are interested in being considered for help for this year, please let me know.

Mrs. Holly Schultz, School Counselor

Box Tops

Introducing the All-New Box Tops NO MORE CLIPPING – SCAN YOUR RECEIPT

Skip your scissors and use the App:

The NEW and improved Box Top Mobile App scans your receipt finds participating products and instantly adds Box Tops to your school's earnings online. No clipping required!



Art News



Welcome to a new school year filled with heART! I am excited to create with your little artists this year, either online or face to face. We use a variety of materials in the art room, and if you have done some cleaning and have the following to donate to the art room, we would appreciate it!

- Hair dryers (for speed drying paintings)
 - Large plastic forms/ sculptures for sketching from life
 - Fabric
 - Tiles and ceramics/plates with patterns on them (broken or not for mosaics)
 - Exterior paint (for our eventual mural on the outside of the Art building)
- Thank you, Ms./ "Art"/ Barth

PTA:

Thank you to everyone who attended the PTA meeting via zoom. All PTA meetings will be done virtually until further notice. Our next PTA general meeting will be on November 10th at 6:00 p.m. Membership Information: Memberships will remain at \$8.00 this school year. You are able to purchase your PTA membership online by visiting <https://seminoleelementary.memberhub.store/>

2020-21 Battle of the Books List



2020-21 List for Grades 3-5

1. **Attack of the Not-So-Virtual Monsters** by Kim Harrington
2. **Beatrice Zinker, Upside Down Thinker** by Shelley Johannes
3. **Bernice Buttman, Model Citizen** by Niki Lenz
4. **Caterpillar Summer** by Gillian McDunn
5. **Dragons in a Bag** by Zetta Elliott
6. **How I Became a Spy: a Mystery of WWII London** by Deborah Hopkinson
7. **Inkling** by Kenneth Oppel
8. **Klawde: Evil Alien Warlord Cat** by Johnny Marciano & Emily Chenoweth
9. **Olga and the Smelly Thing From Nowhere** by Elise Gravel
10. **Operation Frog Effect** by Sarah Lynn Scheerger
11. **Planet Earth is Blue** by Nicole Panteleakos
12. **Power Forward** by Hena Khan
13. **Strongheart** by Candace Fleming
14. **The Unicorn in the Barn** by Jacqueline Ogburn
15. **Voyage of the Dogs** by Greg Van Eekhout

October 2020 Cafeteria Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Choose One: Teriyaki Beef Dippers, Rice & Roll <i>with</i> Steamed Broccoli & Fresh Fruit <i>~OR~</i> Deli Combo Sub <i>or</i> PBJ Kit <i>with</i> Fresh Broccoli Florets & Fresh Fruit <i>~OR~</i> Yogurt & Fruit Parfait <i>with</i> Fresh Broccoli Florets	2 Choose One: Italiano School Choice <i>with</i> Marinara Cup, Mixed Vegetables, & Fruit Juice <i>~OR~</i> Turkey & Cheese Sandwich <i>or</i> PBJ Kit <i>with</i> Carrot & Celery Cup & Fruit Juice <i>~OR~</i> Apple A Day Salad <i>with</i> Carrot & Celery Cup
5 Choose One: Max Cheese Sticks <i>or</i> Cheese Quesadillas <i>with</i> Country Baked Beans & Marinara Cup <i>or</i> Salsa Cup & Fruit Juice <i>~OR~</i> Cheesy Turkey Wrap <i>or</i> PBJ Kit <i>with</i> Carrots & Dip & Fruit Juice <i>~OR~</i> Chicken Caesar Salad & Fruit Juice	6 Choose One: Breakfast for Lunch <i>with</i> Roasted Potatoes & Fresh Fruit <i>~OR~</i> Chicken Caesar Wrap <i>or</i> PBJ Kit <i>with</i> Celery & Grape Tomatoes & Fresh Fruit <i>~OR~</i> Fruit & Yogurt Plate <i>with</i> Celery & Grape Tomatoes	7 Choose One: Pasta & Meatballs <i>with</i> Steamed Broccoli & Fruit Cup <i>~OR~</i> Ham & Cheese Croissant <i>or</i> PBJ Kit <i>with</i> Sliced Cucumbers & Fruit Cup <i>~OR~</i> Sunshine Dipper Salad	8 Choose One: Popcorn Chicken & Waffle & Sweet Potato Fries & Fresh Fruit <i>~OR~</i> Deli Combo Sub <i>or</i> PBJ Kit <i>with</i> Fresh Broccoli Florets & Fresh Fruit <i>~OR~</i> Yogurt & Fruit Parfait <i>with</i> Fresh Broccoli Florets	9 Choose One: Pizza Choice <i>with</i> Corn Niblets & Fruit Juice <i>~OR~</i> Turkey & Cheese Sandwich <i>or</i> PBJ Kit <i>with</i> Carrot & Celery Cup & Fruit Juice <i>~OR~</i> Apple A Day Salad <i>with</i> Carrot & Celery Cup
12 Choose One: Chicken Nuggets <i>or</i> Tenders <i>with</i> Roll <i>or</i> Chicken Sandwich & Baked Beans & Fruit Juice <i>~OR~</i> Cheesy Turkey Wrap <i>or</i> PBJ Kit <i>with</i> Carrots & Dip & Fruit Juice <i>~OR~</i> Chicken Caesar Salad & Fruit Juice	13 Choose One: Beef, Pork <i>or</i> Chicken Tacos <i>with</i> Salsa Cup & Corn Niblets & Fresh Fruit <i>~OR~</i> Chicken Caesar Wrap <i>or</i> PBJ Kit <i>with</i> Fresh Celery & Grape Tomatoes & Fresh Fruit <i>~OR~</i> Fruit & Yogurt Plate <i>with</i> Celery & Grape Tomatoes	14 Choose One: Macaroni & Cheese & Sweet Green Peas & Fruit Cup <i>~OR~</i> Ham & Cheese Croissant <i>or</i> PBJ Kit <i>with</i> Sliced Cucumbers & Fruit Cup <i>~OR~</i> Sunshine Dipper Salad & Fruit Cup	15 Choose One: Teriyaki Beef Dippers, Rice & Roll <i>with</i> Steamed Broccoli & Fresh Fruit <i>~OR~</i> Deli Combo Sub <i>or</i> PBJ Kit <i>with</i> Fresh Broccoli Florets & Fresh Fruit <i>~OR~</i> Yogurt & Fruit Parfait <i>with</i> Fresh Broccoli Florets	16 Choose One: Italiano School Choice <i>with</i> Marinara Cup, Mixed Vegetables, & Fruit Juice <i>~OR~</i> Turkey & Cheese Sandwich <i>or</i> PBJ Kit <i>with</i> Carrot & Celery Cup & Fruit Juice <i>~OR~</i> Apple A Day Salad <i>with</i> Carrot & Celery Cup
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26 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	27 Choose One: Beef, Pork <i>or</i> Chicken Tacos <i>with</i> Salsa Cup & Corn Niblets & Fresh Fruit <i>~OR~</i> Chicken Caesar Wrap <i>or</i> PBJ Kit <i>with</i> Fresh Celery & Grape Tomatoes & Fresh Fruit <i>~OR~</i> Fruit & Yogurt Plate <i>with</i> Celery & Grape Tomatoes	28 Choose One: Macaroni & Cheese & Sweet Green Peas & Fruit Cup <i>~OR~</i> Ham & Cheese Croissant <i>or</i> PBJ Kit <i>with</i> Sliced Cucumbers & Fruit Cup <i>~OR~</i> Sunshine Dipper Salad & Fruit Cup	29 Choose One: Teriyaki Beef Dippers, Rice & Roll <i>with</i> Steamed Broccoli & Fresh Fruit <i>~OR~</i> Deli Combo Sub <i>or</i> PBJ Kit <i>with</i> Fresh Broccoli Florets & Fresh Fruit <i>~OR~</i> Yogurt & Fruit Parfait <i>with</i> Fresh Broccoli Florets	30 Choose One: Italiano School Choice <i>with</i> Marinara Cup, Mixed Vegetables, & Fruit Juice <i>~OR~</i> Turkey & Cheese Sandwich <i>or</i> PBJ Kit <i>with</i> Carrot & Celery Cup & Fruit Juice <i>~OR~</i> Apple A Day Salad <i>with</i> Carrot & Celery Cup

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