A Note from Principal Cerreta

Seminole Elementary parents,

November is a wonderful and appropriate month to express thankfulness and gratitude for all that we have and for the beauty that surrounds us. Thank you, Seminole Elementary families, for the many blessings we share each day and for allowing me the pleasure working with your children each day. While the past year and a half have been challenging for many of us, it has given us the gift of a new perspective on the many things that we may have taken for granted in the past. While many of you may be struggling this Thanksgiving, we hope you are able to take a moment to enjoy the moments with your family. Wishing you all a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Reading Challenge

All students are encouraged to read as many books as they can on myON during the challenge period. Please be sure to check the Accelerated Reader Book Locator to make sure there is an AR test for books read. Reading activity will be recorded automatically within each student’s myON account. Reminder: If students are reading offline, they should be sure to log back into myON with WiFi before November 28 so their reading activity is synched with their account. The Top 10 winners will be selected from each grade level band based upon the highest percentage of books completed*. • Pre-K–2 • Grades 3–5 Student activity will be reviewed to ensure that books are completed. Winning students will receive fun prizes! Top 5 Elementary Schools will be selected based upon the highest percentage of books completed*. Winning schools will be recognized with a school banner! Ramp Up Your Reading Energy with myON Pinellas Fall Reading Challenge October 25 – November 28, 2021

For books to be counted as completed, students must read them all the way to the end and click on the “I have finished reading this book” button. Learn more at: https://pinellas.renaissance.com/2021-fall-reading-challenge/

Veteran’s Day Program—Join us on Thursday, November 11 at 9:00 on the P.E. Court for our annual Veteran’s Day Program. All parents and Veterans are encouraged to join us for a brief concert featuring the Seminole Hawk Chorus as well as a patriotic presentation from our neighbors at the VFW. We have parking available on the PE field.

Great American Teach In—The Teach In is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17th. We are looking for guest speakers and presenters. Please contact Holly Schultz, our school counselor, if you are interested in being one of our guest speakers.

Bus Information If your child rides a bus to school each day, you can keep updated on any issues by signing up for Bus Bulletin. Bus Bulletin will notify you by text, phone call or email if: • A bus is late. • A route has changed. • There has been an accident. If your child rides a bus, please take advantage of this free service. Sign-up by going to http://busbulletin.com/parents/ The bus bulletin link can also be found on the district website. Just click on the Transportation button.
1st Quarter Principal’s List Students

**3rd Grade**
- Alessandro Loaiza-Garcia
- Cameron Leo Westbrook
- Colton Taylor
- Harper Mary-Ana Palmese
- Hugh Donati
- Isabella Mia Tatham
- Jaylen Jermaine King
- Julius Justin Morales
- Lainey Gamache
- Layla Eversole
- Lyla Grace Aguillard
- Matthew Logan Crosby Logan
- Reagan Stanton
- Samantha Grace Johnson
- Sean David Kier
- Sofia Pridanova

**4th Grade**
- Adam Mirbaha
- Anthony Patrick Vildostegui
- Caden James Drake
- Elijah Postma
- Elizabeth Katherine
- Lovelace
- Gage Greer
- Havoc Wayne Morrison
- Jace Michael Drake
- Macy Ann Davies
- Piper Plomatos
- Sebastian Rhage Hock
- Shane Jaeger
- Shelby Christine Kessler

**5th Grade**
- Alexis Fontaine
- Tyler Ouellette
- Yanshan Yang

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**1st Quarter Honor Roll**

**3rd Grade**
- Amarii Harr
- Andres Antonio Pineros
- Braydon Gunner Jeske
- Briella Kristelle Custalow
- Bryce Nix
- Bryson Goetsch
- Byrnes Kadince
- Carson Michael Richmond
- Destiny Keyanna Davis
- Jacob Daniel Del Rio
- Kaiden Mckinley
- Marian Losada
- Maya Rae Walsh
- Nicole Robin Yocklin
- Rylan Cade Strauser
- Tristan Matthew Hollingsworth

**4th Grade**
- Abigail James Fogal
- Amy Lee Tyler
- Aniya Christina Bri Starks
- Connor Mason Miller
- Corbin Davis Wood
- Evangeline Mugisha Nkomeje
- Felix Milo Clubb
- Gage Steiner
- Isabella Louise Reinhardt
- Jessica Haya Gassem
- Joanna Johnson
- John Robert Fitzpatrick
- Jorge Bueno
- Katie Scarlett Fitzpatrick
- Kaycee Elizabeth Henshaw
- Lennon Rogue Faust
- Liam Soles
- Lylanna Julia Corry
- Lowell Bocephus Dornig
- Makenna Buchans

**4th Grade Continued**
- Mason Eicher
- Mason Smith
- Owen Stancill
- Phoebe Luise Elisabe Maye
- Silas Blake Kirchmeyer
- Sophia Mlynarski
- Thalia Rachel Thomas
- Treyden Cornell Montgomery
- Zane Lucas Rivera Scott
- Zoey Louise Jost

**5th Grade**
- Addisyn Houck
- Amari Longworth
- Aubree Lerner
- Autumn Johnson
- Bailey Ashbrook
- Briella Chesley
- Brooklyn Stanton
- Courtney Chen
- Courtney Greene
- Elenna Morris
- Elle Catherine Vaughan
- Emma Maingi
- Emmaline Gambino
- Emme Marie Turner
- Evan Grinde
- Gabriel Hall
- Jayden Michael Sanchez
- Jaylynn Elizabeth Joy Huntoon
- Jolea Newton
- Joliah Anthony Tatham
- Justin David Ponds
- Lailah Ava Johnson
- Landon Race
- Madeline Marie Arruda
- Makenzi Jackson
- Marcella Andree

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**October Character Kids Cooperation**

**KG**
- Conde Christian Losada
- D’Alttilio Sophia Polski
- Horton Daniella Mock
- Schuler Fisher Wilson

**1st**
- Brady Maya Castellanos
- Harty Stormy Day
- Luczaj Helena Stojanovic
- Mucenero Richard Combs

**2nd**
- Misener Bryce Henshaw
- Patterson Kyle Eguit
- Sadock Mckinley Pratt

**3rd**
- Carlson Layla Eversole
- Kopkau Sean Kier
- Poolson Destiny Davis
- Rudolph Allen Keck

**4th**
- Crose Preston Johnson
- Napoli Evangeline Nkomeje
- Rongey Hunter Zukowski
- Sanders Zoey Jost

**5th**
- Gorman Alexis Fontaine
- Grimm Marcella Andree
- Lentz Elenna Morris
- Halpern Demarkis Hamm

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**School Counselor News**

Mrs. Holly Schultz, School Counselor

The month of October has been focused on Cooperation. There are many opportunities every day where we can be an example to our children as we work together with others. We can also teach them cooperation through tasks at home and school that require them to work with others in pairs or groups. Let them know what you think of your students, or someone in the office. Note your way to consider them for assistance with food and gifts for the holidays this year. That time is coming soon, and we have several organizations that are looking for families they can help. Toys for Tots is taking referrals as well. Parents must complete a request online and then it comes to the counselor at school to sign. You may only apply once for the whole family and submit it to one school that requires them to work with others in pairs or groups. Let them know they are working well with others and point out the benefits, such as the job is easier when you don’t have to do it alone.

Just a reminder as well for you to let me, your student’s teacher, or someone in the office know if you think they should be considered for assistance with food and gifts for the holidays this year. That time is coming soon, and we have several organizations that are looking for families they can help. Toys for Tots is taking referrals as well. Parents must complete a request online and then it comes to the counselor at school to sign. You may only apply once for the whole family and submit it to one school that requires them to work with others in pairs or groups. Let them know they are working well with others and point out the benefits, such as the job is easier when you don’t have to do it alone.

Lastly, I would just like to share a little something with you:

Remember the L’s of Parenting
- Listen to them.
- Let them make mistakes.  Laugh and play with them.
- Let them know they matter. Learn from them.
- Let them show you who they are and what they can do.

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**Accelerated Reader 50/100 Point Students**

Congratulations to the following 1st - 2nd grade students who have earned 50+ AR Points, and 3rd – 5th grade students who have earned 100+ AR Points

**5th Grade 100 Points**
- Courtney Chen
- Yanshan Yang
Art News

Dunedin Fine Art Center is reaching out to our Title 1 schools to inform you of our Circle of Caring scholarships. DFAC has funding for Title 1 School students who wish to take one of our 6-week art classes. We have classes for children, teens and families. If you know of a student who would like to take advantage of the scholarship, please email your Art teacher at barthd@pcsb.org for an emailed form to your inbox or have your child pick one up from the Art room!

You can also contact DFAC Youth Education Coordinator Shannon P. at: shannon@dfac.org

Donations Now Accepted for Kids Tag Art Pinellas Program

Anyone interested in donating to Kids Tag Art Pinellas Program can easily do so now that a donation page has been created through Pinellas County Schools. Here’s the direct link to the webpage with an overview of the program you can share out: https://pcsb.revtrak.net/visual-arts/kids-art-tag-donation/#/v/kta-donation . Donation funds are planned to be split equally among all Kids Tag Art Pinellas participating elementary art programs.

Ms. Ward’s Words

Halloween is over and you are staring at a pile of candy, thinking, “no way am I letting my child eat all this!” And let’s be honest, there’s only so many times you can sneak a Reese’s Peanut Butter Cup into the bathroom without them seeing you. So what do you do with it all?

Have you heard of Operation Gratitude? It’s an organization that donates all that extra Halloween candy to those who serve our communities as active duty military, wounded soldiers, military families, veterans, first responders, and more. Please consider donating to this worthy cause by visiting https://www.operationgratitude.com/halloween-candy-give-back-program/

Thank you! Adrianna Ward - Behavior Specialist

This year our school has purchased Accelerated Reader. Accelerated Reader (AR) is taking the place of Reading Counts. AR is a popular reading program used in schools. AR helps teachers track students' independent practice and progress with reading. Students take a short quiz to assess comprehension and vocabulary skills. Student will have individual goals based on their reading level to meet. We will have goals and recognitions for students who meet or exceed their goals.

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To find out if a book has an Accelerated Reader quiz, go to https://www.arbookfind.com/

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

2021-22 Battle of the Books List

1. *Amelia Six* by Kristin L. Gray Lexile: 570
2. *Black Brother, Black Brother* by Jewell Parker Rhodes
4. *The Disaster Days* by Rebecca Behrens Lexile: 750
6. *Following Baxter* by Barbara Kerley
7. *From the Desk of Zoe Washington* by Janae Marks Lexile: 660
8. *The Great Pet Heist* by Emily Ecton Lexile: 520
9. *How to Test a Friendship* by Theanne Griffith Lexile: 440
10. *The Incredibly Dead Pets of Rex Dexter* by Aaron Reynolds
11. *Midnight at the Barclay Hotel* by Fleur Bradley Lexile: 650
12. *The Newspaper Club* by Beth Vrabel
13. *Roll with It* by Jamie Sumner Lexile: 740
15. *Wish Upon a Sleepover* by Suzanne Selfors Lexile: 600 GRL: T

The Fine Motor Corner-

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

Handwriting doesn’t come easily to all students and practicing it too much can begin a negative feeling toward having to write! Don’t let this happen! Does your student struggle to write? Many students started writing even before kindergarten and often learned incorrect letter formations which can eventually make it hard to write legibly especially when writing has to be done in a shorter amount of time. Encouraging the correct letter formations early is key. When practicing at home, keep sessions short with the emphasis on making it fun!

Here are a few FUN ways that you can practice handwriting skills at home with your child:

1. Use dry erase markers on a sliding glass door to practice writing letters of the alphabet or sight words they’re working on in the classroom.
2. Use a cookie sheet with shaving cream or salt to use a finger to write letters or words.
3. Sidewalk chalk is a great way to practice writing skills. Try writing HUGE letters on the driveway or sidewalk and for an even better strengthening activity, use a vertical surface like the side of the house…just make sure the chalk will completely wash off the house first!
4. Use a spray bottle on “stream” setting to spray letters on to the driveway.
5. Shave cream on the wall during bath time makes a great opportunity to practice writing letters, one on each tile!
6. Designating an area of the bedroom for a chalkboard painted wall is a great way to let kids draw and be creative. Use a piece of woodwork mounted upside down on the wall as a tray for the chalk.
7. Write in the sand at the beach with sticks or shells.
8. Tic Tac Toe using other letters beside just using only X and O. You could even do sight words instead of using letters.
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Thank you, Tampa Bay Bats

Thank you, Ms. Francine from Tampa Bay Bats, for the bat presentations to our Kindergarten Classes

Mrs. Conde’s Class Thanks

We’re sending a Big Shout Out to Mr. Amatuccio for adopting our class! THANK YOU! Also, thank you to the parents who have donated items for our classroom and Fall Festival! We couldn’t do it without you!

Mrs. Misener’s STEM Class Project

Mrs. Misener’s students’ work on a STEM Challenge where they were tasked to create a Super Slide Tower for the Pinellas County Parks