



Seminole Elementary Times

December 2021/January 2022

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Dates to Remember

December 18th – January 3rd

- Winter Break

January

4th

- Students Return
- Start of 3rd Quarter/2nd Semester

12th

- iMoms 7:30am Centennial

11th

- Report Cards Distributed

13th

- Character Awards
 - 4th Grade 1:20
 - 5th Grade 1:50
 - 3rd Grade 2:00
- Bringing Up Grades Assembly 7:45am Centennial
- Ready Set Kindergarten 5:30pm & 6:30pm

14th

- Principal's List Breakfast 7:30am Centennial
- Grade Level Buddies

17th

- MLK Day – No School

30th

- Book Fair Begins

STEM

- Every Tuesday 2:55-3:55pm

5th Grade Chorus

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

4th 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

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A Note from Principal Cerreta



Dear Seminole Elementary families,

With the holiday season upon us, I wanted to express my warmest wishes to each and every one of you to have a safe and restful winter break. Thank you for all of you have done to support our school, our teachers and our students this year. I hope that your winter break is filled warmth, love and quality time with the family. I look forward to seeing all of our students when they return to school on **Tuesday, January 4, 2022.**

Thank you to all of the Seminole teachers, staff and PMAC for hosting our Winter Fest on Thursday evening. It was great to see so many families on campus enjoying the event and the smiling faces of so many students. I'm so proud of the grade 4/5 chorus and the K&1 students for their performance. You are all amazing!

Congratulations to our outstanding readers: 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 1 & 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 100 points grades 3-5 and 50 points grades K-2:

Joseph Warner Jayden Sanchez Amari Longworth

Holiday Challenge

All of our Seminole students are encouraged to participate in the 2021-2022 PCS Winter Challenge to maintain learning gains over the winter break.

Complete 30-60 minutes of iStation each week during the holiday break & complete 5-10 lessons each week of the holiday break. Students should also read at least 1 book and pass the Accelerated Reader quiz on that book.

All students that complete the challenge will receive a certificate and be invited to the Principals hot dog & hamburger cookout when they return in January.

Accelerated Reader Recognitions

Recognition	1 st – 2 nd Grade	3 rd – 5 th Grade
Bubbled on Morning Show	25 Points	50 Points
Name in the Newsletter	50 Points	100 Points
Accelerated Reader 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

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

The PCS Elementary Holiday Challenge

December 18th - January 4th

All students are encouraged to participate in the 2021-2022 Winter Challenge opportunities to maintain learning gains over the winter break.

iStation/iReady - Complete 30-60 minutes each week of the holiday break on iStation or i-Ready.

School Challenge - Your school may have planned special activities. Check your school's website or Peach Jar

Dream Box Challenge - Complete 5-10 lessons each week of the holiday break in Dreambox.

MyON Challenge - Enjoy your favorite books with the myON Winter myON Reading Challenge! readonmyon.com

Accelerated Reader Challenge Read 1 book and pass AR test on that book



Thank you to all of my wonderful families for continued support! I wish each and every one of you a very happy holiday season!

Ms. Conde



Congratulations to the following artists that have art exhibited at the Administration Building with an art opening in January. The Admin Building Art Exhibit is our evening to show our community how the visual arts “never stop” shining brightly – even through these challenging times. This event also demonstrates how valued art is by our students and their families.

The building employees and visitors absolutely love Pinellas students’ artwork! Each student will be able to view their work on display and receive a personalized certificate celebrating their visual arts achievement. Last time, around 1,200 students, families, and guests attend the reception!

Elizabeth Lovelace	Joanna Johnson
Jessica Gassem	Owen Stancill
Jaylen William	Izabella Tatham
Layla Eversole	Zoe Grove
Lailah Johnson	

School Counselor News



Mrs. Holly Schultz, School Counselor

December has been a month where we have focused on the character trait of kindness. Thinking of those who may not be able to go places during the holidays, remembering others in our gift giving, and showing kindness all can have a lasting impact on others. Keeping a positive outlook about our own circumstances is also important. Children learn to be kind when they see how we act. Don’t forget those random acts of kindness that you can show to others. What a great way to brighten up their day! Those who are helping our families in need this holiday season are also great examples of kindness.

As this second grading period ends, we will be acknowledging our students in 3rd through 5th grade with Honor Roll and Principal’s List awards. This will happen in January after report cards are distributed. We will be adding our BUGS awards for those students who have brought up at least one grade and have not let any other grades fall since the first grading period.

Please don’t forget that the period for applying to be considered in the 2021 - 2022 school year **District Application Programs** is coming up in January. The application period Information fairs have been happening as well as discovery nights. Go to www.pcsb.org/discoverynights to find information and see specific dates for each school’s virtual presentation to learn more about them.

- Jan. 4th, at 6:30 pm there is a District Application Period virtual Q & A.
- Jan. 5th -14th, 2022 (ends at 5 pm) The actual application period
- Feb. 3rd - is a virtual Acceptance Period Q & A at 6:30 pm
- Feb. 7th – 18th, 2022 (ends at 5 pm) is the acceptance period

All our parents should have received the information from the district regarding the process through connect ed phone call messages, and/or in flyers/information packets sent home. It is also on our PCSB.org website homepage (then click on district application programs), You can find information If you have further questions, please visit www.pcsb.org/choice or call (727)588-6210. Have a safe and happy winter break.

November Character Kids - Citizenship

PreK		
Green/Piper	Natalie Lyon Sunter	Moayad Abdul Rahman
Scott	Briella Calhoun	
KG		
Conde	Ella Twiss	
D'Altilio	Sawyer Peterson	Carter Roof
Horton	Sophia Singkhaophet	Grayson Schulz
Schuler	Myla Webber Lopez	Niklaus Vierling
1st		
Brady	Joby Brown	Stormy Day
Harty	Raelynn Osborne	Liam Hootman
Luczaj		
Mucerino	Zaiona Rosado	Nicholas Yaslik
2nd		
Misener	Clara Tagler	Vuk Veljkovic
Patterson	Nooah Ross	Trinity Huidekoper
Sadock	Elise Carlson	Maecy Walsh
3rd		
Carlson	Austin Arden	Zachary Smith
Kopkau	Maya Walsh	Dylan Seymour
Poolson	Carson Stidham	Katniss Mitri
Rudolph	Brooklyn Meyerowich	Kadince Byrnes
4th		
Croese	Jayleene Dominique	Silas Kirchmeyer
Napoli	Isabella Reinhardt	Sebastian Rhage Hock
Rongey	Raina Adams Pastrana	Treyden Montgomery
Sanders	Felix Clubb	Elizabeth Lovelace
5th		
Gorman	Gabrielle Oliver	
Grimm	Rowan Huffines	Rodney Sunter
Lentz	David Banyeretse	Yanshan Yang
Halpern	Eli Hubbard	

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
3. **Charlie & Frog** by Karen Kan Lexile: 590 GRL: V
4. **The Disaster Days** by Rebecca Behrens Lexile: 750
5. **A Field Guide to Getting Lost** by Joy McCullough Lexile: 760
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
14. **The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez** by Adrianna Cuevas Lexile: 740
15. **Wish Upon a Sleepover** by Suzanne Selfors Lexile: 600 GRL: T

Art News



The little Art Elves have been working hard in the art studio creating pieces to display at the Winter Festival next Thursday! We are hanging painted ornaments over the chorus risers, and a 3D gingerbread house made up of collaborative design elements. In addition to original holiday art, we can't wait to show you a digital art slideshow of artwork created from September-November!

Here are photos of Ms. Hortons class working on their winter shape landscapes complete with white paint dot show!



Ms. Ward's Words



Winter break is a great time to reset behavior expectations, both at home and upon our return to school in January. If there is something you have been struggling with behaviorally at home, take this time to sit down and have a family conference with everyone around the table. Put away the phones and tablets and discuss your family's rules and expectations. A family behavior agreement each member signs is a great way to hold everyone accountable for what you agreed on together as the year goes on. I have many resources for family conferences, family behavior agreements, and other tools you can use if you're interested. Please email me at wardad@pcsb.org if you'd like some help coming up with something that will work for your family. Enjoy the holiday season and I can't wait to see everyone in January! Thank you

The Fine Motor Corner-



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

If you have a student who struggles with fine motor skills, here are some excellent activities and gift ideas during the holiday season which are fun and beneficial for fine motor skill development!

Operation: This classic game uses tweezers to pick up items on the game board. Beware ... kids DO LOVE to hear the buzzing sounds it makes but if they're using the tweezers, it's all good fun! Any games requiring tweezers are great for fine motor skill development.

Lite Brite: This game encourages nice grasp and pinch strength to get the small pegs into the board. There is a travel size available too!

Wind up toys: very cute wind-up toys can be found at Party City and also sometimes at the box stores in the party favor aisle. These promote a nice grasp as well as developing the skill side of the hand which is seen with using scissors accurately. I have found that Party City has the cutest variety.

Play Doh is bright and colorful and there are so many activity kits for playdoh fun. Try making a small bowl shape and have your student roll tiny balls to place in the bowl.

Perfection: Great for visual perceptual skills as well as fine motor skills as the pieces need picked up using a fingertip grasp.

Pirate Pop Up: a great game that my students love to play. Put the sword into the barrel in a randomized place and the pirate pops up and a lucky winner is made when they catch him!

Sidewalk chalk: Don't fret when it breaks in half or into smaller pieces, the smaller the pieces get, the greater fine motor skills are needed to use it! Make up all kinds of games on the driveway or sidewalk... the side of the house is a great surface to draw on and builds the shoulder and hand strength. Just make sure it will rinse off completely without staining.

The list could go on! For other ideas on great fine motor toys, type "fine motor games" into the search bar on Amazon.com and you can choose from a wide variety of activities. Make it fun!

Music Notes from Mrs. Marr



Thanks to all who came to our Winter Fest and Concert! It was such a joy to see everyone's amazing performance. I'm so proud of you!!! Until next "year", here's wishing you and yours a happy holiday season!



Love, Mrs. .Marr

All Pro Dad's

This past month Anona United Methodist Church partnered up with Seminole Elementary to bring back All Pro Dads. All Pro dads is when dads come and enjoy breakfast and conversation with their kids. Pastor Richard facilitated the group to help guide conversations with families. Chick-fil-a was provided. iMoms will be January 12, 2022.



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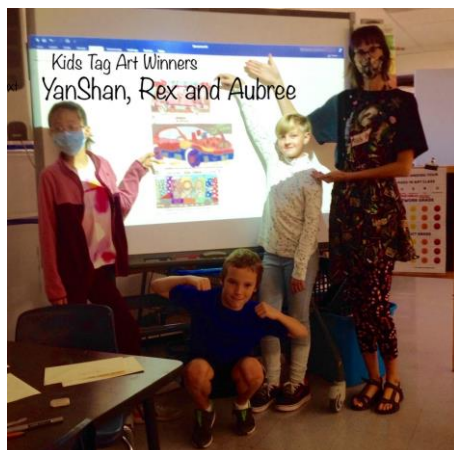
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Kids Tag Art Winners



Congratulations Yanshan Yang, Rex Ridgr, and Aubree Lerner who are our 2021-22 Kids Tag Art winners.

Thank you **Wilson Sounds** for providing quality sound production for our Veteran's Day Celebration.

