Dear Seminole Elementary Families,

I hope you all enjoyed your spring break. It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the 3rd grading period. As we enter the final quarter of the school year, our teachers and students continue to work hard each day. Each grade level is preparing to show off their remarkable growth on a variety of assessments that will showcase their academic achievement. We are proud of our intermediate students for working hard to prepare for the upcoming FSA testing which will begin in April and continue into May. A more detailed schedule will be sent out soon informing families of the days of FSA testing.

I would also like to remind everyone that we are still teaching, and students are still learning in preparation for the next grade level. Our focus is on the importance of arriving to school on time and reading every evening at home so that every child has the best opportunity to make academic growth and gains.

The remainder of the 2021-2022 school year is going to be amazing as we continue to provide academic experiences for our students that are rigorous, relevant, and enriching. As your principal, it is important to me that everyone who steps through our doors, teachers, students, parents and the community is excited to be here! This attitude enables us to meet the challenges of academic excellence in a positive, fun, and nurturing environment. Please keep an eye on student agendas, our website, as well as School Messenger for important information.

As we are preparing for the final grading period and end of the year, we are also preparing for our Summer Bridge Program. We are pleased to be offering Summer Bridge at Seminole Elementary. Summer Bridge is offered to ALL students in grades PreK 4- grade 4. ALL of our Seminole students are encouraged to attend for continued learning and to prevent that “Summer Slide”. Summer Bridge is a 4-week program June 6- June 30, Monday- Thursday from 8:30 a.m.-2:00p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Before and after school childcare is available through our R Club for Summer Bridge students 5 days a week. Contact R Club at 727-578-5437 for registration information. Please see the Summer Bridge Registration packet available through our R Club for Summer Bridge students 5 days a week. Contact R Club at 727-578-5437 for registration information.

Congratulations to our outstanding readers: One aspect of our School Wide Reading Program is to read 45 minutes for Grades 3-5- and 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 AR points. Congratulations to the following students for earning 100 points grades 3-5 and 50 points grades K-2.

Shane Jaeger  Evan Hill  Ajna Goxhaj  Evangeline Nkomeje  Marissa Drake  Piper Plamatos

Summer Bridge
This summer Seminole Elementary will have Summer Bridge
Dates: June 6-30
Days: Monday - Thursday
Hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Free breakfast and lunch provided
Register for elementary summer bridge at
https://reservation.pcsb.org

Students should not be dropped off at school prior to 8:10 am. There is no adult supervision provided until after 8:10 am. Thank you for your support of this safety practice.
Parents,

If you are planning to move out of the county or out of the state before the start of the 2022-23 school year, please send in a signed note stating that your student will not be returning. In addition, you can request documents that you will need to enroll in your new school.

Planning to move BUT staying in Pinellas County

Please follow the steps below to ensure we have the most up-to-date information for your child.

Steps to change your child’s address:
1. Come to the front office during office hours (7:30AM-3:30PM) with a photo ID and get a Parent Portal username and password. (You may already have one, if it is expired you will need to bring your photo ID to the front office).
2. Visit the district’s website at www.pcsb.org. Under the Site Shortcuts click Student Registration. There will be yellow and green boxes at the top of the page and you will click the box that states Student Reservation.
4. Choose existing PCSB student.
5. Select address change and follow the steps.
6. You will need to provide 2 Proofs of Residency to the school. Acceptable proof of residency include: utility bill, power bill, water, cable, sewer, telephone (not cellular), rental agreement, lease, and photo ID. (If you are living with someone OR the above items are in someone else’s name you will have to do and Affidavit of Residency provided at that school).

Family/Community News

The state of Florida has launched the New Worlds Reading Initiative - a free book delivery program that partners with students and families to build personalized, at-home libraries. Kindergarten through fifth grade public and charter school students in Florida who are not reading on grade level are eligible to participate. Once enrolled, a student will receive a book by mail during each month of the school year. Learn more about the program, eligibility requirements at www.newworldsreading.com/enroll!

PTA Spirit Nights:
April's Spirit Night will be on April 13th at McDonald’s (7003 Seminole Blvd.) from 3pm-6pm. Swing by after dismissal or come back for a fun early dinner.
May’s Spirit Night will be on May 11th at Chipotle (11241 Park Blvd.) from 4pm-8pm

Clothing Donations

Our clothes closet is in need of girls and boys shorts sizes 6-10. If you are cleaning out your closets and have these sizes, please consider donating to our clothes closet. We do not need donations of any other sizes at this time.

Yearbook Sponsorship

If your business would like to purchase advertising space in our yearbook please contact Heather Plankey in the front office at (727)547-7668 or plankeyh@pcsb.org. When a business purchases advertising space in our yearbook it will greatly reduce the cost to our students and your advertisement will be going home to over 500 families.

March Character Kids – Honesty

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Conde  Elle Amatuccioe  Crozyb Jost  Isiah Herz
D’Altilio  Caydan Stancik  Robert Yocklin
Horton  Coleston Green  Malakai Reynolds
Schuler  Ryan Eisenhower  Allora Keohavong

1st
Brady  Caden Diamond  Salvador Espinal
Harty  Rowan Plomatos  Elias Gabbard
Luczaj  Jackson Marasco  Savannah Cleary
Mucerino  Link Brunk  Brayden Stanmore

2nd
Misener  Logan McKinley  Sydney Vieno
Patterson  Tiffany Chen  Gavin Pipe
Sadowski  Georgia Capasso  Madeleine Recendiz

3rd
Carlson  Alessandro Loaiza-Garcia  Sofi Pridanova
Kopkau  Lainey Gamache  Harper Palmese
Poolson  Destiny Davis  Leah Romero
Rudolph  Braydon Jeske  Maurice Drake

4th
Crose  Lilyanna Corry  Mason Eicher
Napoli  Barrett Whittaker  My’ani Durham
Rongey  Jessica Gassem 帆 Maurice Drake
Sanders  Zane Rivera-Scott  Gia Trzeciak

5th
Gorman  Izabelle Adair  Sofi Pridanova
Grimm  Emmaline Gambino  Aubree Lerner
Lentz  Elle Vaughan  Malakai Reynolds

Capitosti  Jaylen King

School Counselor News

Mrs. Holly Schultz, School Counselor

We have been focusing on Honesty this month as our character word. There are many ways we can teach our children to be honest. The best is by example. It’s important for them to see you being honest. Also, we can use situations that come up as times for discussions about trustworthiness (e.g. “I know I can trust you when you are honest with me”). You may want to ask your child “Why do you think it’s important to be honest?”, “How do you feel when you know someone is being honest with you?”, “How do you feel when they are not being honest?”, or “Why is it hard to be honest sometimes?” We do need to remember when we are honest, though, to be careful of what we say. Children, and adults too, often say what’s on their mind without thinking about or realizing how it might affect others. It can be difficult to “filter” sometimes, but it is important to help our children learn how to stop and think before they say something.

This month I am retiring. I would like to express my thanks and gratitude for the opportunity to have served as the School Counselor here at Seminole Elementary for the last 16 years. It has been a pleasure and a joy to work with the staff, students, and families. All will hold special memories and certainly be missed as I look forward to new adventures.

Holly Schultz
The Fine Motor Corner-
by Kimberly Meyer, MS OTR/L our school based Occupational Therapist

What kind of learning style does your student have? If you don’t know, there are many quizzes online that can help you (and them) determine their preferred learning style.

The three most common types of learning styles include visual learners, auditory learners, and kinesthetic learners. Sometimes we learn using a variety of these styles and sometimes just one style works best. When we can figure out what learning style our students have, we can more effectively help them learn by providing unique opportunities in the way they learn best.

**Visual learners** will learn by looking at charts, graphs, picture aids, videos, and other things that they see. Graphic organizers, lesson outlines and picture aids are helpful for visual learners to stay organized. Tips include using a highlighter to highlight key words and phrases. Flashcards are useful. Previewing the chapter looking at the title and subtopics/headings of paragraphs. Sitting with a good view of the person speaking is helpful. Color coding, visualization, to do lists, written directions, creating posters are just a few ways to help these types of students learn.

**Auditory learners** will learn by hearing a read-aloud, listening centers, verbal instructions discussions. Auditory learners will remember more repeating or retelling information to other students, friends, or family. Using songs or music and making up songs replaced by words or details to remember information. Doing books on tape or recording lessons, creating questions or an infomercial.

**Kinesthetic learners** will learn by touch, textures and /or movement. These learners prefer hands-on! Incorporating body movements, manipulatives, motion, modeling directions or providing a richer sensory experience will facilitate learning. You can use drama, create a model or a game or a skit. Charades, gestures, “becoming it” and matching games are a few great tips to use for this type of learning style. If they’re young and learning to write the letters of the alphabet, these kids do well with sidewalk chalk outside practicing by making giant letters on the pavement.

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**Music Notes from Mrs. Marr**

Please mark your calendars for our 2022 Spring Concert, *Retro Mixtape*, featuring the 4th and 5th Grade Seminole Hawk Chorus. The concert will be on Tuesday, May 17 @ 6PM at the Seminole High School Auditorium. Please join us for an evening filled with nostalgia as we travel through time, singing some of the greatest hits through the decades. Hope to see you all there!

- Mrs. Marr 😎😎🎶🎶

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**PCS Elementary Summer Art Camps**

**Visual Art Camp Dates and Locations**
- Mon., July 18 to Thur., July 21 at Curlew Creek Elementary, 3030 Curlew Rd, Palm Harbor
- Mon., July 18 to Thur., July 21 at High Point Elementary, 5921 150th Ave N, Clearwater
- Mon., July 18 to Thur., July 21 at Sanderlin PK-8, 2390 22nd Ave S, St. Petersburg

**Animation/Movie Making Dates and Locations**
- Mon., July 25 to Thur., July 28 at Walsingham Elementary, 33301 Walsingham Rd, Palm Harbor

**Acceptance and Waitlist**
- Acceptance: 39 students per camp
- First come first serve basis
- Transportation must be provided by family.

**Questions:** Email Julie Levesque, Visual Arts Coordinator (levesquej@pcsb.org)

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**Hosted by the Visual Arts Department**
Apply online: https://www.pcsb.org/Page/26999
Application period from 3/22/22 to 4/24/22

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**PE News**
The PE Department would like to thank all the families who generously sent in water or popsicles for our field day. Thank you so much for making this fun event extra special for our students. We would also like to thank VFW Post 9272 for their generous donation which was put toward beautiful trophies for the tug-o-war competition and medals for the 40-yard dash. We appreciate your support greatly!

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If You See Something Say Something
Look for Warning Signs. If you see something suspicious, Say Something.
Report by going to www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern

Mrs. Conde’s Thank You
Thank you parents for all your support with Valentine’s day and our fun activities throughout the first few weeks of March! I appreciate you! 😊😊

Thank you Corey Thornton Productions and Treasure Island Fun Center for donating certificates for 1 hour of free video game play for students who earned their 1st semester Accelerated Reader goals.

Congratulations Rotary Students of the Month
Congratulations to our Rotary students of the month: Emme Turner, Avriawna Auten, and Alexis Fontaine. They were treated to a lunch and received a trophy and goodie bag from the Rotary Club of Seminole.

Congratulations Rotary Students of the Month
Congratulations to Yan Shan Yang for winning this year’s Tag Art Award. Yan Shan was presented her award and goodie bag by Charles W. Thomas, the Pinellas County Tax Collector. Tag can be purchased at the Charles Thomas Tax Collectors office.

Florida ESE Parent Survey Now – May 31, 2022
It is time for the Florida Department of Education’s annual Exceptional Student Education Parent Survey.
Each year, the department surveys parents of students with an individual education plan (IEP) who receive special education services to determine how well schools are supporting their involvement in their children’s education.
If your child receives special education services, make your voice heard. Take the ESE Parent Survey at www.esesurvey.com.
Feedback helps the state and the school district improve educational services for children with special needs and their families. The survey is confidential, but Pinellas County Schools receives overall results and improves ESE services based on parent feedback. Thanks to feedback from families, PCS has created the ESE Parent Connector program, which designates a point person at every school to share ESE information and resources with their school communities.
The survey closes May 31. If you have questions, contact Tracy McMannus at 727-588-6062 or MCMANNUST@pcsb.org.