**A Note from Principal Cerreta**

Dear Seminole Families,

As we begin the month of November, we keep in mind that 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 few years 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.

**Veterans Day Program**—Join us on Friday, November 11 at 9:00am on the P.E. Court for our annual Veterans 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 P.E. field.

**Great American Teach In**—The Teach In is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16th. We are looking for guest speakers and presenters. Please contact Heather Plankey our parent community liaison, if you are interested in being one of our guest speakers.

**The Prekindergarten Application Period Opens Nov. 28**
The application period for prekindergarten programs will be earlier this school year. Parents will be able to apply for PreK for 3-year-olds and VPK for 4-year-olds for next school year from Nov. 28 through 5 p.m. on Dec. 14. A virtual info session will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 28. Links to more information are available at www.pcsb.org/early.

**Congratulations to Our Outstanding Readers:**
One aspect of our School Wide Reading Program is for the students to read a minimum of 45 minutes for Grades 3-5- and 30-minutes grades K-2 daily.

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 1-2: Katie Fitzpatrick Desirae Jones

**Congratulations to 1st Quarter Principal’s List Students**
These students have received all As in academics and S and above in conduct

Kristine Tardif Vuk Veljkovic Bryce Henshaw Noah Hoang Elise Carlson

Abigail Turner Amya Auten Layla Eversole Sean Kier Julius Morales

Lainey Gamache Carson Richmond Reagan Stanton Colton Taylor Makenna Buchans

John Fitzpatrick Katie Fitzpatrick Macy Davies Caden Drake Sebastian Hock

Shelby Kessler Havoc Morrison Elijah Postma Jace Drake Piper Plomatos

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**PMAC Salvation Army Non-Perishable Food Drive**

November 2nd – November 16th

Suggested Items

Boxed Breakfast  Boxed Dessert  Canned Fruit  Canned Juices
Canned Meats  Canned Vegetables  Dressing  Dry Box Meals
Instant Soups  Macaroni and Cheese  Jelly  Peanut Butter
Drinks  Canned Gravy  Condiments  Pastas (dry w/seasoning)

Please help us help others this holiday season by donating food for people in need. The class with the most donations wins a prize!
A Message from Assistant Principal  
Dr. Jennifer McCafferty

Dear Families,
It was great to see so many of you at our Fall Festival. Thank you to our committee for putting together such a wonderful event and our volunteers who supported with their time, talent, as well as our families who supported with the wonderful donations of candy! I love being part of the Seminole Elementary family! We have fun at Seminole Elementary, but we also work hard.

Your child is hard at work learning grade level standards in all subject areas and our teachers are working hard to ensure positive learning experiences aimed at supporting your child’s strengths and areas for growth. Please mark your calendar for the Progress Monitoring 2 testing window of December 5 - 22. Your child’s teacher will communicate the specific days in which your child is testing as we get closer to the testing window. This Progress monitoring cycle is very important as it will measure your child’s acquisition of grade level standards and we will use this information to compare their mastery of the standards from where they were at the beginning of the year during Progress Monitoring 1 (before being taught the content) to now, after being taught some of the content. The expectation is that we will see growth in students’ mastery of grade level standards. Students in grades VPK-2 will receive paper copies of the reports after testing is completed and students in grades 3-5 will have their reports sent to their Focus accounts. Please let me know if you have any questions by calling me at 547-7668 or emailing me at mccaffertyj@pcsb.org

Respectfully,
Dr. McCafferty

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October Character Kids

KG:
Conde – Raelynn Hedges
Horton – Aiden Cochran
Schuler – Olivia Finical
D’Altilio – Colton Turner

1st:
Mucerino – Daniella Mock
Brady – Myla Webber
Luczaj – Rudenis Lynx

2nd:
Carlson – Mia Huang
Poolson – Link Brunk
Calhoun – Martina Morales
Patterson – Blakely Corry

3rd:
Sadock – Adrian Bailey
Kopkau – Antwine Bailey
Rudolph – Jaxon Burton

4th:
Rongey – Amelia Clark
Crose – Adelynn Reed
Harty – Katniss Mitri & Colton Taylor

5th:
Lentz – John Fitzpatrick
Sanders – Kaiylnn Roche
Napoli – Kaycee Henshaw
Gorman – Desirae Jones

Pre-K:
Jost – Jaxx Osgood
Green – Melody Zayasbazan
Piper – Laken Wentz

EBD:
Slaughter – Aden Carpenter

Congratulations to Katie Fitzpatrick, Owen Stancill, and Zander Vasquez for being our Rotary Kids of the month for October.

2022-23 Battle of the Books List

1. Amari and the Night Brothers by B.B. Alston
2. The Beast and the Bethany by Jack Meggitt-Phillips
3. Ben Yokoyama and the Cookie of Doom by Matthew Swanson
4. J.D. and the Great Barber Battle by J. Dillard
5. Julieta and the Diamond Enigma by Luisana Duarte Armendariz
6. Katie the Catsitter by Colleen AF Venable
7. Leonard (My Life as a Cat) by Carlie Sorosiak
8. The Lion of Mars by Jennifer L. Holm
9. Measuring Up by Lily LaMotte
10. The Million Dollar Race by Matthew Ross Smith
11. Mystery on Magnolia Circle by Kate Klise
12. Shirley and Jamila Save Their Summer by Gillian Goerz
13. Stella by McCall Hoyle

Reading Expectations

Students are expected to read Monday - Thursday and parents should sign reading logs
- 30 minutes minimum for grades K-2
- 45 minutes minimum for grades 3-5
Art News

Spooky Season is upon us, and the Art Room is bubbling with exciting artwork! Kindergarteners have been learning about shapes, and have created Monster Shape collages.
- 1st graders have been studying the lines found in spiderwebs, as well as the lines and shapes in a spider for their spider web collages.
- 2nd graders are witchy outfit designers, using collaged patterned leggings and uniquely curly toed shoes.
- 3rd graders are using visual texture to add a variety of texture to their owls.
- 4th graders are beginning to watercolor paint with masking tape masks.
- 5th graders are using visual texture to create one of a kind dragon eyes with watercolor pencils.

Bullying, Teasing, Conflicts, Oh My

What is bullying? Bullying means someone is being hurt on purpose more than once over a period of time. They are being attacked physically, socially, and/or emotionally. There is an unequal balance of power between the bully and the victim.

What is teasing? Teasing means to make fun of someone in a playful way. It is meant for everyone to have fun, no one is getting physically hurt, however someone may be emotionally hurt.

What is a mean moment? A mean moment, like bullying, means that someone is being hurt on purpose and there is a reaction to a strong feeling or emotion. The difference is, it is an isolated event and does not happen all the time.

What is a conflict? A conflict means that no one is having fun, but there is an equal balance of power. This is a disagreement that has a possible solution that those involved can come up with once everyone is feeling calm. Sometimes it helps to have mediator to help reach a solution everyone is comfortable with.

Music News

with Mrs. Marr

Upcoming Events

Veterans Day Program
November 11 @ 9am
All are welcome to join us as we honor our country’s Veterans.

Pumpkin Bones
K-5 students have been singing Pumpkin Bones, one of our favorite fall songs! We performed percussion instruments to the song, as well as had a Pumpkin Bones scavenger hunt.

Seminole Beats
Be on the lookout for an exciting new group called Seminole Beats! This auditioned group will be open to 4th & 5th Graders who want to be part of a performance-based drum ensemble that meets after school. More info coming soon.

This Week in Music

K and 1st grade became composers as they created their own Halloween rhythms.

2nd & 3rd  added background music to Pass the Pumpkin.

4th and 5th Grade are learning a new chord in our ukelele unit. We even had a special performance from one of our favorite 5th graders!

Recorder News

Recorder playing in full swing! Congrats to those 3rd Graders who have earned their White Belts! In order to receive the white belt in our Recorder Karate program, students need to be able to play our first piece, Just B.

VOLUNTEER

We are looking for any of our Level 2 volunteers to come and help out with the Great American Teach In on Wednesday, November 16th. Please contact Heather Plankey in the school office if you are able to help that day.

If you are interested in volunteering at our school, please register at www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration

You can join our PTA by going to https://seminoleelementary.memberhub.com/store
The cost of joining is $8

The PTA is also selling our new school spirit shirts for $10. The sizes range from youth extra small through youth extra large. These are for sale in the front office.

Spirit Night:
Our November Spirit Night will take place on Wednesday, November 9th at Tijuana Flats (13100 Seminole Blvd) from 5-8 p.m. Please come and enjoy some dinner with other school families and staff. The class with the most participation will earn a prize.

October 2022

Lost and Found

Our lost and found is starting to grow a collection of jackets, lunch boxes, and water bottles. If your student is missing any of those items please have them check the lost and found in the front office.

Clothes Closet:

Please consider donating any gently used shorts to our clothes closet. We are still in need of shorts (sizes 6-14). You can bring donations to the front office.

Literacy Night

Thank you to all of the families that came out to our Literacy Night and 1st PTA Meeting. Our next PTA Meeting will be November 8th at 6pm in the Centennial Building.

Have you ever wondered why it is important for your child to read at home daily? Reading is an important building block for academic success in school. Please take the time to go through the PowerPoint found at the following website to learn more about why it is important to have your child read at home. https://slideplayer.com/slide/13161708/

The PowerPoint will give you information on how to help your child choose a “just right” book, how to support their reading at home and what to work with your child on when they have finished reading.
### Cafeteria Lunch Menu

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### Great American Teach-In:

The Great American Teach-In will take place on Wednesday, November 16th. If you have a career or a hobby that you would like to share with our students please contact Heather Plankey in the front office to sign up or get more information.

[Plankeyh@pcsb.org](mailto:Plankeyh@pcsb.org)

### Business & Community Partners:
Seminole Elementary would like to thank the Hustle & Heart Group of Remax Collective for sponsoring our Girlfriends group. They are generously donating for all of the needs of this group for the entire school year and attending the meetings. The Girlfriends group is a group of girls nominated by their homeroom teachers for being great examples to other students. The Girlfriends is a Pinellas County Schools program that focuses on empowering girls to be leaders at their current school and in the future. Thank you to the Hustle & Heart Group of Remax Collective for making this possible.

If you would like more information on how your business or organization can partner with Seminole Elementary, please contact Heather Plankey in the front office.