



Seminole Elementary Times

December 2022/January 2023

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Dates to Remember

January

9th

- School Reopens

16th

- Martin Luther King Day – No School

17th - 24th

- Scholastic Book Fair

17th

- All Pro Dads 7:30 am Centennial
- PTA Meeting and Literacy Night

19th

- Report Cards Distributed
- Ready Set Kindergarten 5:30pm Media Center
- Session 1- 5:30pm
- Session 2 – 6:30pm

20th

- 3rd – 5th Grade Awards Assembly
 - 5th Grade 1:15pm
 - 4th Grade 1:45pm
 - 3rd Grade 2:15pm

25th

- 3rd – 5th Grade Principal's List Breakfast 7:30am Centennial

Remember!

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



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



<https://www.facebook.com/SeminoleElementaryHawks>

A Note from Principal Cerreta



Dear Seminole Elementary Families,

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the first semester and are anxiously anticipating the upcoming winter holidays. It has been a pleasure watching the students grow, learn and mature. As I review each of the students F.A.S.T results from the F.A.S.T test that was recently given to the students, I am pleased to say that our students are making great academic progress and Seminole Elementary has a large population of very smart and capable students. Your interest in education and encouragement is very important regarding your child's attitude towards school. The more interested and enthused you are about what they are learning in school, the more eager your child will be to study, read and do their best. While we want our students to enjoy the time with their family and friends during the winter break, we would also like for learning to continue. We strongly encourage our students to continue reading, complete their weekly Dream Box Lessons and participate in the MyOn Winter Reading Challenge and the Pinellas Winter Challenge. The Pinellas My On Winter Reading Challenge is attached to the newsletter. Students that complete at least half of the activities on the Pinellas Winter Challenge and read for at least 60 minutes on MyOn will earn a Certificate of Achievement and a coupon for a free Kids Meal from Cracker Barrel Restaurant. Please be sure to write your child's name on the Pinellas Winter Challenge sheet and return it to school with your child on January 9th.

Please take the time this holiday season to rest and enjoy family moments and friendships. Peace. Love and a Happy New Year to all.

ELP/Promise Time Tutoring & STEM

Promise Time/ELP Tutoring will resume the week of January 9th.

Our STEM program for students in grades K/1 & 4/5 will resume Tuesday, January 10th. Our STEM program for students in grades 2/3 will resume on Wednesday, January 11.

Important Dates:

December 23-January 8 Winter Holidays

January 9- Students Return To School

January 16- Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday-No School For Students

January 17- All Pro Dads Breakfast in Centennial Building 7:30

January 17- PTA Meeting & Literacy Night

January 19- Report Cards Distributed

January 19- Ready Set Kindergarten Registration 5:30 pm in Media center

January 20- Grades 3-5 Awards Assembly

-1:15 Grade 5

- 1:45 Grade 4

- 2:15 Grade 3

January 25- Grades 3-5 Principal List Honor Breakfast in Centennial Building

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 K-2.

After students read a book or have a book read to them, they take a Reading Counts test to earn Accelerated Reader points.

Congratulations to the following students for earning 100 points grades 3-5 and 50 points grades K-2:

Jace Drake

Ajna Goxhaj

Joanna Johnson

Shelby Kessler

Liam Soles

Marquise Speed

Winter Concert

Thank you to Ms. Marr, our specials teachers and all of our students that performed in our Winter Concert Tuesday evening. What an amazing show!!! You all did a super job and are all very talented. Thanks to Seminole High School for allowing us to utilize the auditorium and Mr. Marr for being our sound technician.

A Message from Assistant Principal

Dr. Jennifer McCafferty



Dear Families,

Our FAST PM2 window ended last week and our students worked to show all they have learned so far this school year.

You will be receiving your child's scores reports this week along with information on how to interpret the results. Please ensure you sign and return the top paper indicating you have seen the report. If you have any questions for your child's teacher or for me, please write them on that paper as well.

Our staff and students are working hard every day and being present, engaged, reading nightly, and practicing math facts are extremely important to continuing growing as learners. We look forward to seeing even more growth in our final progress monitoring cycle coming up toward the end of the year!

Sincerely,
Dr. McCafferty



Research has shown children are more successful in school when their parents take an active interest in their homework. This shows children that Lillian McElgun

what they do is important to their parents. Helping children should not mean spending hours hunched over a desk. Helping should be supportive by demonstrating good study habits, organizational skills, explaining a tricky problem, or just encouraging children to take a break when needed. Here are some tips to guide the way:

1. **Know the teachers — and what they're looking for** - Attend school events, such as parent-teacher conferences, to meet your child's teachers. Ask about their homework policies and how you should be involved.
2. **Set up a homework-friendly area** - Make sure kids have a well-lit place to complete homework. Keep supplies — paper, pencils, glue, scissors — within reach.
3. **Schedule a regular study time** - Some kids work best in the afternoon, following a snack and play period; others may prefer to wait until after dinner.
4. **Help them make a plan** - On heavy homework nights or when there's an especially large assignment to tackle, encourage your child break up the work into manageable chunks. Take time for a 15-minute break every hour, if possible.
5. **Keep distractions to a minimum** - This means no TV, loud music, or phone calls. (Occasionally, though, a phone call to a classmate about an assignment can be helpful.)
6. **Make sure kids do their own work** - Children won't learn if they don't think for themselves and make their own mistakes. Parents can make suggestions and help with directions. But it is a kid's job to do the learning.
7. **Be a motivator and monitor** - Ask about assignments, quizzes, and tests. Give encouragement, check completed homework, and make yourself available for questions and concerns.
8. **Set a good example** - Do your kids ever see you working hard balancing your budget or reading a book? Kids are more likely to follow their parents' examples than their advice.
9. **Praise their work and efforts** - Post a good test or art project on the refrigerator. Mention academic achievements to relatives.
10. **If there are continuing problems with homework, get help** - Talk about it with your child's teacher. Some kids have trouble seeing the board and may need glasses; others might need an evaluation for a learning problem or attention

December Character Kids

Pre-K

Jost/Hock – Briella Calhoun & Sophia Holland
Green/Piper – Alana Aldrich and Blake Vieno

Kindergarten

Conde – Charlee'lynn McPherson
D'Altilio – Ethan Dziadual
Horton – Aiden Cochran
Schuler – Sophia Reilly

1st Grade

Brady – Elie Nkomeje and Sophia Polski
Mucerino – Lily Meade and Allora Keohavong
Slaughter – Michael Olivares

2nd Grade

Calhoun – Olivia Khvorastov
Patterson – Marley Payne
Poolson – Liam Hootman

3rd Grade

Kopkau – Paizley Jost
Rudolph – Lilly Becker

4th Grade

Cröse – Cecily Yaslik
Rongey – Nathaniel Merdell

5th Grade

Gorman – Alyssa Guptil
Lentz – Lillian McElgun
Sanders – Piper Plomatos
Napoli – Elizabeth Lovelace



Our Girlfriends Club has been so tremendously blessed by The Hustle & Heart Group this year. Last week they supplied individual cookie decorating kits for each member of our club. Our focus for that meeting was "We are Generous," so the girls decorated cookies for a staff member of their choice as a sort of "cookie-gram" to thank them for all they do. At our meeting next week, our theme will be "We are Respectful." This meeting will include a tea party sponsored by The Hustle & Heart Group, a table-setting competition to enhance our table etiquette, and it wouldn't be December without a gift exchange game 😊.

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.



70 artworks created by Pinellas County students in grades K-5, will be proudly hung in frames in the Kokolakis Youth Family Gallery at the Dunedin Fine Art Center, 1143 Michigan Blvd, starting next Friday, December 16, 2022, until Friday, January 20, 2023. A reception and awards recognition ceremony was held for students, family, friends, art teachers, and administrators from 1:00 to 2:30 pm on Sunday, December 18th. Congrats to Katniss who earned a Scholarship Award from the Creative Start Exhibit at Dunedin Fine Art Center! She won a free 6 week art class at DFAC's Youth Art Program! Above is the artwork that won the award, and the award.

Tag Art

Each 5th grader was a graphic designer at the beginning of the year and created their own unique "Art Car" themed license plate design! Completed works with permission slips were submitted and are now online and ready for purchase. These metal tags can be displayed on the front of any vehicle and make great holiday gifts! Tag purchases support the Art program at Seminole Elementary. Search "Seminole" at kidstagartpinellas.org

VOLUNTEER



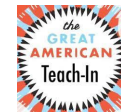
If you are interested in volunteering at our school, please register at www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration



The next PTA meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 17th at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. This is a great opportunity to get involved and meet other families.



Please bring your photo ID when you come into the school office to sign out your student, check in for conferences, or to meet your student for lunch. Families can eat lunch with their student on Wednesday's and Friday's.



Seminole Elementary participated in the November's Great American Teach In. We would like to thank all of the speakers that participated and shared their career or hobby with our students. We would also like to thank our wonderful volunteers for helping make this day a success!

YOUR CHILD'S ARTWORK...

On a REAL front-facing license plate!



Proceeds benefit your school's art program!

Now on sale online!

KIDS TAG ART

kidstagartpinellas.org

Your 5th grader designed a unique vanity tag during art class! These metal tags can be displayed on the front of any vehicle. Tag purchases support art education in Pinellas County.



Kids Tag Art is a partnership between the Pinellas County Tax Collector's Office, Pinellas County Schools, and generous community sponsors. Proceeds from tags and donations go to your child's school to buy art supplies and fund arts education.

Cost: \$16 + \$3.50 shipping and handling
Deadline to purchase in time for the holidays:
Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Tag orders can be placed now through the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

Music News

with Mrs. Marr



Holiday Concert

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Holiday Concert this year! A special thank you to those who helped before and after the show: The Kesslers, Marianne Espallat (and fam), Heather Reinhardt, the Drakes and the Braggs.

Thank you all so much!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Chorus News

All-County try-outs have begun! Nine students will be selected from Seminole to participate in this year's All-County concert. This group contains only the best of the best in Pinellas County.



January 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>9 Choose One: Hamburger on a Bun or Cheeseburger on a Bun Boneless Dill Chicken Wings Fruit & Yogurt Plate PBJ Kit Uncrustable or Sandwich</p> <p>Choose: Country Baked Beans Fresh Veggie Dippers</p>	<p>10 Choose One: Beef or Pork Tacos w/ Tortillas or Chips Cheesy Bread Chicken Caesar Salad Turkey Club Wrap</p> <p>Choose: Broccoli Florets Marinara Sauce Cup Romaine Side Salad</p>	<p>11 Choose One: Macaroni & Cheese Chicken & Waffles Chicken BLT Salad Ham & Cheese Croissant</p> <p>Choose: Crinkle Crispy Fries Sliced Cucumbers</p>	<p>12 Choose One: Popcorn Chicken Bowl w/ Roll BBQ Pork Sandwich Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Chicken Caesar Wrap</p> <p>Choose: Corn Niblets Mixed Side Salad</p>	<p>13 Choose One: Pizza Variety Chicken Tinga Rice Bowl & Roll Chicken Tinga Tacos Apple a Day Salad Ham, Turkey & Cheese Sub</p> <p>Choose: Green Beans Fresh Veggie Dippers</p>
<p>16 No School for Students!</p> <p><i>I Have A Dream</i></p>  <p><i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i></p>	<p>17 Choose One: Breakfast for Lunch Mini Cheese Calzones Chicken Caesar Salad</p> <p>PBJ Kit Uncrustable or Sandwich</p> <p>Choose: Deli Roasted Potatoes Marinara Sauce Cup Romaine Side Salad</p>	<p>18 Choose One: Chicken Nuggets Pasta w/ Meat Sauce or Cheese Lasagna Roll-up Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant</p> <p>Choose: Corn Niblets Sliced Cucumbers</p>	<p>19 Choose One: Teriyaki Chicken Rice Bowl w/ Roll Grilled Cheese Sandwich Chicken BLT Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap</p> <p>Choose: Broccoli Florets Mixed Side Salad</p>	<p>20 Choose One: Pizza Variety Corn Dog or Hot Dog on a Bun Apple a Day Salad Ham, Turkey & Cheese Sub</p> <p>Choose: Sweet Potato Fries Fresh Veggie Dippers</p>
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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..

We would like to thank the following business and community partners for their generous donations to some of our families that could use a little extra help this holiday season:

- Rotary Club of Seminole
- VFW Post 9272
- Calvary Chapel, Pinellas Park
- Seminole High School CEL Students
- GFWC Seminole Jr. Woman's Club
- Aldersgate United Methodist Church
- Seminole First Baptist Church
- Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge in Madeira Beach

Seminole Elementary would like to thank Commander Bill Haynes and VFW Post 10094 Indian Rocks, for the generous donation of supplies for the Winter Fest hot chocolate stand.

Seminole Elementary Thanks You ❤️

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

plankeyh@pcsb.org

We would like to thank the following businesses and organizations for their generous donations and support to Seminole Elementary:

- Best Buy
- VFW Post 9272
- Rotary Club of Seminole
- Pinellas Education Foundation
- Smuggler's Cove
- The Hustle & Heart Group of Remax Collective
- Publix (113th Street)
- Beall's Outlet
- Seminole First Baptist Church
- Oakhurst United Methodist Church
- Vampire Penguin
- Pool Perfection Swimming Pool Builders
- Serafyn Salon
- Horace Mann Insurance
- Frankiewicz Financial
- Danielle Sapp- Berkshire Hathaway
- Northeast Orthodontics
- Seminole Elks Auxillary
- Seminole Women's Club
- Jessica Saydeh-Mary Kay
- Yard DeSign
- Spenga Fitness
- Coastal Dreams Events
- Seminole Fresh Market
- Seth Michael Photography
- Bay Dermatology



Seminole Elementary RISE
Schoolwide Expectations
R- Respect/Responsibility
I – Integrity
S – Self-Control
E - Empathy

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