Dear Seminole Elementary Families,

Prior to the Winter Holidays, our students completed their F.A.S.T Assessments. These assessments are given three times each year and is helpful for monitoring student academic progress and learning gains. Your child’s classroom teacher sent home the parent reports prior to the Winter Holidays. For students in grades 3-5 these reports can also be accessed through FOCUS under Assessments. We hope that you found these reports to be helpful to you.

In addition to providing parents with information about their child’s academic progress, the information from the FAST Assessments helps us identify students that would benefit from our before and after school tutor programs. Currently, over 35% of our students are taking advantage of the before and after school learning opportunities. We can't thank you enough for also emphasizing the importance of education and encouraging your children to do their best! What an impact it is making as we all work together and develop such successful students and great citizens. As always, I thank you for the opportunity to work with you and your children and am most appreciative of the support and interest in the Seminole Elementary School Community.

Stay Informed

Please take note of what is on our school marquee, our weekly newsletter and weekend updates, as well as the teacher notes in the student agendas. If your phone number changed, please be sure to update it in FOCUS. I regularly send out important updates via the School Messenger phone system. If you are not receiving our weekly e-mail weekend updates each weekend, please go into your parent portal to update your e-mail address.

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Birthdays and Snacks

Children’s birthdays will be recognized weekly on the morning show. In order to protect the instructional day, cupcakes and cookies etc. will not be served during class time, but may be distributed to their classmates during recess. Any items brought in must be store bought. A special Seminole Elementary Birthday song and students name on the marquee can be purchased for $10.00. See attached.

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. Please be sure to sign your child’s reading log each night. 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.

Congratulations to Our Outstanding Readers:

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Osceola Middle School Discovery Night

Osceola Middle School Discovery Night for incoming 6th graders will be on March 9th, 5:30p.m. - 7 p.m. If you are interested in a tour of the school please contact Dr. Adams at adamsdu@pcsb.org . After school tours are on Thursdays at 4:30p.m.

Winter Challenge:

Prior to the Winter break, we encouraged students to complete the Winter Challenge. Congratulations to the following students:

| Caleb Wilder | Roosevelt Robinson | James Jones | Giovanni Schement | Kailani Rivera |
| Vuk Veljkovic | Malakai Reynolds | Rafael Espinal | Allora Keohavong | Amayah Smith |
| Helen Stanojvic | Jaxon Burton | Elle Amatuccio | Salvador Espinal | Lilly Becker |
| Ayna Goxhaj | Xena Raymond | Beryl Yi | Luke Yi | Jackson Marasco |
| Fisher Wilson | Karma Nash | Calvin Le | Elie Nkomeje | Alyssa Guptill |
| Stormy Day | Karthy Partheepan | Madison Seibert | Joseph Warner | Myla Webber Lopez |
| Brycen Stancik | Arlie Sherman | | | |

A Note from Principal Cerreta

School Hours 8:45. a.m. -2:55 p.m.
- Students cannot be dropped off before 8:10 in the morning.
- Students need to be seated in their classroom by 8:45 a.m.

If You See Something
Say Something

www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern

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 Message from Assistant Principal
Dr. Jennifer McCafferty

Dear Families,

I hope you and your family had a restful and joyful winter holiday. We are back in high gear supporting your child’s learning and we look forward to continuing to work with you to help your child reach his/her social, emotional, and academic goals.

If your child needs a Cycle 2 PMP, it will be sent home for a signature in the coming days. A PMP is a specific, detailed plan tailored to identify individual assistance that will be given to remedy a student’s individually diagnosed deficiencies. The PMP is an active working document that reflects what is being done to help remediate a student’s deficiencies.

Please let me know if you have any questions!
Dr. McCafferty

Quarter 2 Principal’s List Students

Congratulations to the following students for earning Principal’s List for the 2nd Grading Period

3rd Grade
- Ajna Goxhaj
- Lillian Moser
- Mason Rosebach

4th Grade
- Sean Kier
- Carson Richmond

5th Grade
- Makenna Buchans
- Macy Davies
- Shelby Kessler
- Kailynn Roche

Boy’s Battle of the Books Winners

Congratulations to Mrs. Rongey’s Rockstars who won the regional semi-finals for the Boy’s Battle of the Books. Alessandro Loiza-Garcia, Braydon Jeske, and Nathaniel Mardell and Cameron Westbrook will represent Seminole ES in the district Boy’s Battle Finals.

January Character Kids

Pre-K
- Scott
- Jost
- Piper
- Green

Kindergarten
- Schuler
- Conde
- D’Altilio
- Horton

1st Grade
- Luczaj
- Brady
- Mucerino

2nd Grade
- Poolson
- Carlson
- Calhoun
- Patterson

3rd Grade
- Sadock
- Rudolph
- Kopkau

4th Grade
- Rongey
- Crose
- Hardy

5th Grade
- Sanders
- Napoli
- Lentz
- Gorman

Rotary Club Students of the Month

Congratulations Makenna Buchans and Shelby Kessler for being our Rotary Club Students for this month.

Last week for Girlfriends, our theme was “We are Calm.” The girls started by filling out a checklist of their favorite coping skills. We defined coping skills as “What a person thinks or does to get through a difficult situation.” Some of their favorites were “stroll through Target/TJ Maxx/Home Goods/your favorite store with a drink from Starbucks,” “walk the dog,” “sit by the water,” “pet an animal,” and “talk to a friend.”

After discussing coping skills, the girls transitioned to making their own calming bottles. Our friends from the Hustle and Heart Realty Group helped supply the materials for the bottles and helped run the calming bottle assembly line. Each girl created her own unique calming bottle using a water bottle, clear glue, food coloring, and glitter. While waiting for their turn to create their bottle, they did coloring pages with coping skills on them and listened to relaxing music.

Stress is part of life, but I hope the girls learned that they don’t have to fear stress as long as they have a toolbox full of ideas to manage it when it comes along.
How To Build Fluency with Poetry
Do you have a child(ren) with poor oral reading fluency? For example, their reading is slow, they frequently stop at unknown words. They lack expression when they read or struggle with decoding words. Fluency is the bridge from decoding words to comprehension, which is ultimately where children need to arrive at.

Research has shown that repeated reading of a text will improve oral reading fluency through the use of poetry. Poetry has melody, rhythm, pacing and pitch that supports fluency skills such as prosody, which is reading with expression.

Here are steps to follow to use poetry to build fluency at home.
1. Choose a short engaging poem.
2. You read the poem several times while your child listens and follows along.
3. Have your child read the poem with you several times. You can read it together line by line or you can read a line and your child can then repeat the same line.
4. Practice this poem with your child for several days or until you feel they are reading it fluently and then have them perform the poem to another person.
5. Put the poem in a folder for your child to go back and read at a later time.
6. Choose a new poem and follow the previous steps.

Remember, fluency will help your child with comprehension of a text.

SES Leadership Summit Representatives

On January 25th, Mrs. Sanders, Amya Auten, Lyla Aguillard, Owen Stancill, and Sebastian Rhage Hock, represented our school at Leadership Summit at USF.
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**Seminole Elementary RISE Schoolwide Expectations**

R- Respect/Responsibility  
I – Integrity  
S – Self-Control  
E – Empathy

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**Business & Community Partners:**  
Thank you to Kona Ice for donating proceeds from sales during the Winter Fest.  
We would like to thank Calvary Church for their generous Adopt-A-Class donation to our school.  
Seminole Elementary would like to thank the Hustle & Heart Group of Remax Collective for continuing to sponsor 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 plankeyh@pcsb.org

**Mrs. Marr Receives the Mick Hasson Memorial Scholarship**

Congratulations to Mrs. Marr who is the recipient of the Mick Hasson Memorial Scholarship sponsored by VFW Post 10094. The scholarship is in honor of local legend, Mick Hasson. It is intended to help all children experience the joy of music. The allocated funds via scholarship, are used to pay for instruments, sheet music, lessons or anything related to children’s success in music.

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 Auxiliary**
- **Seminole Women’s Club**
- **Jessica Saydeh-Mary Kay**
- **Yard DeSign**
- **Spenga Fitness**
- **Coastal Dreams Events**
- **Seminole Fresh Market**
- **Seth Michael Photography**
- **Bay Dermatology**