



# Seminole Elementary Times

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## Dates to Remember

### February

2<sup>nd</sup>

- PMAC 3pme
- Beach Club

6<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>

- Valentine's Gram

6<sup>th</sup>

- K-Kids

7<sup>th</sup>

- SAC/PTA Board Meeting  
6pm Centennial

14<sup>th</sup>

- iMoms Breakfast 7:30am  
Centennial

15<sup>th</sup>

- Girlfriends Meeting – Lunch  
Centennial

16<sup>th</sup>

- PMAC 3pm
- Beach Club

17<sup>th</sup>

- Daddy Daughter Dance  
5:30pm Kid's Cafe

20<sup>th</sup>

- Presidents Day (No School  
for Students)

21<sup>st</sup>

- Group Picture Day

Remember!

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



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## A Note from Principal Cerreta



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:

Lyla Ballenger	Rafael Espinal	Elie Nkomeje	Giovanni Schement	Ella Twist
Maxwell Aspegren	Savador Espinal	Mia Huang	Bryce Hvizdzak	Carter Pearson
Caleb Wilder	Trinity Huidekoper	Shane Jaeger	Elizabeth Lovelace	

### Osceola Middle School Discovery Night

Osceola Middle School Discovery Night for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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
Helena Stojanovic	Jaxson Burton	Elle Amatuccio	Salvador Espinal	Lilly Becker
Ajna 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 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Grading Period

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

Ajna Goxhaj	Bryce Henshaw	Noah Hoang	Justin Mock
Lillian Moser	Leo Rosenberg	Kristine Tardif	Vuk Veljkovic
Mason Rosebach	Georgia Capasso	Elise Carlson	Mckenzie Tran Delacruz

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Sean Kier	Lyla Aguillard	Jacob Del Rio	Lainey Gamache
Carson Richmond	Reagan Stanton	Colton Taylor	

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Makenna Buchans	John Fitzpatrick	Katie Fitzpatrick	Liam Soles
Macy Davies	Caden Drake	Lennon Faust	Sebastian Rhage Hock
Shelby Kessler	Elijah Postma	Jace Drake	Piper Plomatos,
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.

**Rotary Club Students of the Month**



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

**January Character Kids**

**Pre-K**

Scott	Anthony Milanes Suarez
Jost	Luna Skinkle
	Chandler Le
Piper	Brycen Stancik
Green	Ayla Aldrich

**Kindergarten**

Schuler	Sunny Lin
Conde	Roman
D’Altilio	Ben Daniels
Horton	Colton Voisin

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

Luczaj	Giovanni Schement
	Elizabeth Pridanova
Brady	Harper Jeske
	Ella Twiss
	Elijah Tavernari

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

Poolson	Sofia Toland
Carlson	Elsie Taylor
Calhoun	Maxwell Aspegren
Patterson	William Perez

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

Sadock	Logan Young
Rudolph	Conner Ouellete
Kopkau	Bryce Henshaw

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Rongey	Marian Losada
Crose	Julius Morales
Harty	Jacob DelRio

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Sanders	Rayne Torres
Napoli	Shelby Kessler
Lentz	Joanna Johnson
Gorman	Ava Tucker



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.

# Music News

with Mrs. Marr



**All-County YAY!**  
The following students were selected to participate in the Pinellas All-County Honors Ensemble this year:

**Honors Chorus:**  
Addison Bragg, Isabella Reinhardt, My'Ani Durham, Sydney Harbour, Evangeline Nkomeje

**World Drumming:**  
Jorge Bueno & Farrah Rollins

**Orff Ensemble:**  
Brayden Speed & Zoey Jost

**So proud of you all!!**

**Music Grant**

I wanted to personally thank the amazing folks at the Indian Rocks VFW! They generously donated \$4,600 to our new music ensemble, *Seminole Beats!* So thankful for a community who supports the amazing things happening here at Seminole Elementary!



**Meanwhile, in music...**

**We learned about instrument families of the orchestra!**



January 2023

## TITLE I

### 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 25<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Sanders, Amya Auten, Lyla Aguillard, Owen Stancill, and Sebastian Rhage Hock, represented our school at Leadership Summit at USF.

## VOLUNTEER



We would like to thank all of our volunteers that helped make the Spring Book Fair a success. They helped to make sure everything was running smoothly and we are so appreciative of their help. If you are interested in volunteering at our school, please register at [www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration](http://www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration)



Thank you to our PTA for purchasing the snacks for our Ready, Set...Kindergarten event.

There will be a PTA Board Meeting 6pm in the Centennial Building. There will not be a PTA meeting in March due to Spring Break.



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 Wednesdays and Fridays.

### Lost and Found



Our lost and found is overflowing with jackets. If your student has lost a jacket, please have them check our 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.

### Nurse Leslie's Clinic Minute



If you think that your child has an illness that can be spread to others, please keep them home from school. Students need to remain home if they have an oral temperature greater than 100 degrees or tympanic (ear) temperature greater than 99 degrees. Students can return to school when fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication, such as Tylenol or Motrin.

### Daddy Daughter Dance



Our Daddy Daughter Dance will be Friday February 17<sup>th</sup> in the Kid's Café 5:30 p.m. More information to come.


### Art News



All grade levels are celebrating love by using a variety of art mediums to create HeART Art in the month of January!

- Kindergarteners- Watercolor painting with bent wire and yarn heart
- 1st- Painted and mosaiced hearts
- 2nd- Foam Heart Stamp Printmaking
- 3rd- Mixing tint and Shades of Red - painted hearts
- 4th- Street artist Chris Uphues Hearts with faces
- 5th- Clay or Embroidered Textural Hearts

# February 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>30</b> <b>Choose One:</b> Chicken Sandwich <b>Beef and Cheese Nachos</b> Fruit & Yogurt Plate Turkey Club Wrap <b>Choose:</b> Santa Fe Black Beans Fresh Veggie Dippers	<b>31 Choose One:</b> <b>Breakfast for Lunch Mini Cheese Calzones</b> Chicken Caesar Salad PBJ Kit Uncrustable or Sandwich <b>Choose:</b> Deli Roasted Potatoes Marinara Sauce Cup Romaine Side Salad	<b>1 Choose One:</b> <b>Chicken Nuggets</b> <b>Pasta w/ Meat Sauce or Cheese Lasagna Roll-up</b> Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <b>Choose:</b> Corn Niblets Sliced Cucumbers	<b>2 Choose One:</b> <b>Teriyaki Chicken w/ Rice &amp; Roll Grilled Cheese Sandwich</b> Chicken BLT Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <b>Choose:</b> Broccoli Florets Mixed Side Salad	<b>3 Choose One: Pizza Variety Corn Dog or Hot Dog on a Bun</b> Apple a Day Salad Ham, Turkey & Cheese Sub <b>Choose:</b> Sweet Potato Fries Fresh Veggie Dippers
<b>6 Choose One:</b> <b>Hamburger on a Bun or Cheeseburger on a Bun</b> <b>Chicken &amp; Waffles</b> Fruit & Yogurt Plate Turkey Club Wrap <b>Choose:</b> Country Baked Beans Fresh Veggie Dippers	<b>7 Choose One: Beef or Pork Tacos w/ Tortillas or Chips</b> <b>Cheesy Bread</b> Chicken Caesar Salad PBJ Kit Uncrustable or Sandwich <b>Choose:</b> Broccoli Florets Marinara Sauce Cup Romaine Side Salad	<b>8 Choose One:</b> <b>Macaroni &amp; Cheese</b> <b>Boneless Dill Chicken Wings</b> Chicken BLT Salad Ham & Cheese Croissant <b>Choose:</b> Crinkle Crispy Fries Sliced Cucumbers	<b>9 Choose One:</b> <b>Popcorn Chicken Bowl &amp; Roll BBQ</b> <b>Pork Sandwich</b> Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Chicken Caesar Wrap <b>Choose:</b> Corn Niblets Mixed Side Salad	<b>10 Super Bowl Fan Favorites</b> <b>Choose One:</b> <b>Hot Dog or Burger on a Bun</b> <b>Deluxe Nachos: Beef, Bean, Cheese, or Chicken</b> Apple a Day Salad Ham, Turkey & Cheese Sub <b>Choose:</b> Green Beans Fresh Veggie Dippers
<b>13 Choose One:</b> <b>Chicken Sandwich</b> <b>Beef and Cheese Nachos</b> Fruit & Yogurt Plate Turkey Club Wrap <b>Choose:</b> Santa Fe Black Beans Fresh Veggie Dippers	<b>14 Choose One:</b> <b>Breakfast for Lunch Mini Cheese Calzones</b> Chicken Caesar Salad PBJ Kit Uncrustable or Sandwich <b>Choose:</b> Deli Roasted Potatoes Marinara Sauce Cup Romaine Side Salad	<b>15 Choose One:</b> <b>Chicken Nuggets</b> <b>Pasta w/ Meat Sauce or Cheese Lasagna Roll-up</b> Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <b>Choose:</b> Corn Niblets Sliced Cucumbers	<b>16 Choose One:</b> <b>Teriyaki Chicken w/ Rice &amp; Roll Grilled Cheese Sandwich</b> Chicken BLT Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <b>Choose:</b> Broccoli Florets Mixed Side Salad	<b>17 Choose One: Pizza Variety Corn Dog or Hot Dog on a Bun</b> Apple a Day Salad Ham, Turkey & Cheese Sub <b>Choose:</b> Sweet Potato Fries Fresh Veggie Dippers
<b>20</b> No School for Students! 	<b>21 Choose One: Beef or Pork Tacos w/ Tortillas or Chips</b> <b>Cheesy Bread</b> Chicken Caesar Salad PBJ Kit Uncrustable or Sandwich <b>Choose:</b> Broccoli Florets Marinara Sauce Cup Romaine Side Salad	<b>22 Choose One:</b> <b>Macaroni &amp; Cheese</b> <b>Boneless Dill Chicken Wings</b> Chicken BLT Salad Ham & Cheese Croissant <b>Choose:</b> Crinkle Crispy Fries Sliced Cucumbers	<b>23 Choose One:</b> <b>Popcorn Chicken Bowl &amp; Roll BBQ</b> <b>Pork Sandwich</b> Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Chicken Caesar Wrap <b>Choose:</b> Corn Niblets Mixed Side Salad	<b>24 Choose One: Pizza Variety Chicken Tinga Rice Bowl &amp; Roll or Chicken Tinga Tacos</b> Apple a Day Salad Ham, Turkey & Cheese Sub <b>Choose:</b> Green Beans Fresh Veggie Dippers
<b>27 Chicken Sandwich</b> <b>Beef and Cheese Nachos</b> Fruit & Yogurt Plate Turkey Club Wrap <b>Choose:</b> Santa Fe Black Beans Fresh Veggie Dippers	<b>28 Breakfast for Lunch Mini Cheese Calzones</b> Chicken Caesar Salad PBJ Kit Uncrustable or Sandwich <b>Choose:</b> Deli Roasted Potatoes Marinara Sauce Cup Romaine Side Salad			

## 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](mailto: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 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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