Upcoming Events

October
4th  Walk Your Kids to School Day
Meet at Chick-fil-a @7:30am

5th  FT – Horton Fire Station

6th  FT - Conde/Schuler Fire Station

Individual Picture Day

12th  PMAC 3pm in Portable 1

13th  End of Grading Period

18th  iMoms Breakfast 7:30 in Centennial

Rotary Lunch (for selected 5th Graders)

23rd – 27th  Red Ribbon Week

26th  Report Cards Go Home

Fall Festival 5-7pm

30th  Grade 4 Awards 1:15-1:45pm
Grade 3 Awards 1:45-2:15pm
Grade 5 Awards 2:15-2:45pm

31st  PreK & K Storybook Parade 9am

CLUBS

Girl Scout Every Tuesday
Centennial @ 3:00pm

Beach Club Every Thursday
Centennial @ 3:00pm

Message From Mr. Cerreta

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of the first grading period. I appreciate all of the continued support as we maintain the academic momentum. Our work together is very important. Research confirms that parental interest and involvement in a child’s education is the most significant reason children succeed in school.

One way to help your child to succeed in school is to read every evening. Students in grades k-2 should read 20-30 minutes each evening and 45 minutes for students in grades 3-5. Each teacher in grades 1-5 established an individual 9-week reading goal for every child. Your child’s teacher sets the reading goal using the Accelerated Reader Goal Setting Chart. Point goals vary depending on your child’s reading level. Parents can view and track their child’s reading goals through AR Accelerated Reader. AR is software...a computerized reading management program. The AR program is a simple, three-step process. Students self-select a book, read the book, and then take a quiz on the book at the computer. All students should strive for an 80% or above comprehension average on AR quizzes.

Teachers enter individualized point goals and book level goals within the software and then use various reports to document students progress using the software.

An AR goal is set for each student based on a standardized test of reading assessment, past reading performance, and teacher evaluation. Students that reach their quarterly goals will be able to participate in our quarterly reading goal celebrations.

Students are also recognized by reaching their personal cumulative goals. See below:

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2024-25 VPK/Pre-K 3 ENROLLMENT

Attention Parents!!

The application period for the 2024-25 VPK and Pre-K 3 opens November 27, 2023. The application period runs November 27th – December 13th. To apply you must have an active Parent Portal, if you do not, please scan the QR code to create one. As always if you have any questions, please call the front office at (727)547-7668.
Message From Dr. McCafferty
Assistant Principal

Dear Families,

Our students have finished taking Progress Monitoring 1 of the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) test! Student results were sent home for you to view.

Regarding the results for PM1, just administered, and PM2 which will be administered in December, it is important to understand that this information is intended to provide baseline and mid-year results for PM1 and PM2 respectively. Therefore, for PM1 and PM2, students may not yet be at grade level; however, this does not necessarily indicate that a student is not on track to succeed. These results are for informational purposes only and are used for teachers and other instructional staff members who work with your child to identify areas that may need additional instruction and support. These results should not be considered student achievement designations.

Alternatively, PM3 provides a summative score at the end of the year to measure student mastery of the grade-level content standards.

For more information and to view sample test items and test specifications, please visit https://flfast.org/families.html or scan the QR code below.

Please contact me if you have any questions at mccaffertyj@pcsb.org or 547-7668.

Thank you for your continued support!

Dr. McCafferty
Title One News
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.

Art News
Artists have been busy getting to know the Art Room procedures and expectations and gearing up to be their creative selves this year! Students have been creating “Here We Grow” themed artwork including motifs like flowers, bees and critters found in nature’s habitats! 5th graders are gearing up to become graphic designers when they create a license tag design for Kids Tag Art in September. For the past few years, Seminole Hawks have taken home top awards given by sponsors businesses, let’s do it again this year!
Thank you to the following organizations for their support of our school:

- Remax Hustle & Heart Group
- PDQ
- Horace Mann Insurance
- Seminole First Baptist Church
- Kiwanis Club of Seminole
- 5/3 Bank
- VFW Post 9272
- Seiminoe Women’s Club
- Seminole Elementary PTA
- Osteria Bricco
- El Jalisco
- The Backpack Lady Project
- Treasure Island Fun Center
- Anona United Methodist Church

Business Partners & Community Partners:

New Platinum Business Partners

We would like to welcome our new Platinum business partner, SunPubs restaurant group, parent company of Sculley’s at John’s Pass, Mad Beach Cantina, MacDinton’s, Caddy’s, and Grove Soho.

Thank you to PDQ for hosting our September Spirit Night. It was a fun night for families to eat and socialize! A portion of every sale will be donated back to Seminole Elementary.

Business Partnerships

Seminole Elementary has many opportunities to partner with the businesses and organizations in our community. To find out how your organization can partner with our school please contact Heather Plankey in the school office at (727)547-7668 or plankeyh@pcsb.org

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Congratulations to Kailani Rivera, who won the MyOn Summer Reading Challenge. Thanks to her hard work she earned a tablet.

Rotary Club Students of the Month

Congratulations to Nathaniel Merdell, Harper Palmese, and Braydon Jeske Rotary Club Student of the Month for the month of September.

Grandparent’s Breakfast

We would like to thank all of the Grandparents who came to our Grandparent’s Breakfast. Grandparents and students enjoyed breakfast, and students were able to show grandparents their class and enjoy watching our morning show.