



# Seminole Elementary Times

## Welcome Our New Staff Members



Ms. Wilson  
Assistant Principal



Ms. Bennett  
School Psychologist



Ms. Hill  
3rd Grade Teacher



Mrs. Volland  
Speech Pathologist



Mrs. DeMauro  
Assistant



Mrs. Lamereaux  
EBD Assistant

## Welcome to the 2017-18 School Year A Note from Your Principal Mrs. Grasso



Dear Seminole students and families;

Thank you for a fabulous and smooth opening for our 2017-18 school year! I also want to thank all who have, signed and then returned the numerous important papers that are sent home at this time annually! I really appreciate your willingness to volunteer and the number of classroom and school donations that have come in! It is such a pleasure meeting and conversing with such great students and families!

The first round of student assessments will be coming up, this will be the starting benchmark for each student so that we may be able to measure individual growth this school year. Our School Improvement Plan has been submitted and will soon be posted publicly for all to read; our biggest goal this year is Reading (English Language Arts). It is so important that the students continue to read at school and at home. Vocabulary development and comprehension are skills that the students will use forever; the more practice the better our scholars perform. Please make the reading log a priority; every student should read or be read to after school hours every day for a minimum of 20 minutes. The older students are required to do more and this is also part of the homework assignments. Many thanks for supporting our Book Fair; watch for more information soon on an upcoming PTA event, "Author's Night" where approximately 15 real authors will be here to talk, sell and sign books; it will be on Thursday, September 28 in the Centennial building beginning at 6:00 pm in celebration of Literacy Week. There will also be another reading event in November at Barnes & Noble Book store; this was very fun and a popular event last Spring.

Again I say, welcome to Seminole Elementary! Please join in all the excitement and experience the joy of students learning! Thank you for your support and commitment.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Grasso

### SHOES....SHOES....SHOES

By: Valerie Harrah, RPT



Our students love to wear all kinds of shoes to school. Pinellas County Schools Dress Code states footwear must be safe and appropriate. Shoes are intended to protect our feet and provide support.

When choosing school shoes, my recommendation, as your school Physical Therapist, is light weight tennis shoes with laces. The shoe tongue should be centered and pulled up. The laces should be snug along the entire foot and short enough they don't touch the floor when tied.

If your child is able to slip their laced shoes on their feet without untying/retying the laces, the shoes are not providing the intended support and safety.

### DISCOUNTED INTERNET SERVICE FOR FAMILIES

Spectrum Internet Assist Program  
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- Free or reduced lunch
- SSI
- No internet services within 30 days
- No outstanding debt within 12 months with BrightHouse / Spectrum

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### Upcoming Events SEPTEMBER

- 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Labor Day, no school
- 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Back to School Night 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> 6pm-7:15pm
- 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Individual School Picture Day
- 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Mid-period Progress Reports
  - SAC Meeting 6pm (Centennial)
- 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Girlfriend Induction Meeting
- 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Rotary Luncheon (5<sup>th</sup> grade reps)
- 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Good News Club begins
- 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - All Pro Dad's 7:30am (Centennial)
- 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Character Kids Assembly
  - Report Cards go home
- 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Author Night 6pm (Centennial)

### UPCOMING SPIRIT NIGHTS

**Jersey Mike's Fundraiser**  
9/13-9/17

....Seminole Elementary will get \$2 for every coupon turned in.

**Treasure Island Fun Center Spirit Nights**  
11/10, 2/9, 5/4

**Astro Skate Parties 6-8pm**  
10/20, 1/19, 4/13

### 2016-17 School T-Shirts \$8



Seminole Elementary Hawks T-shirts. Youth sizes available and adult sizes available to order. Shirts are in light blue. **\$8 t-shirts will be on sale at Open House and in the school office. Please make checks payable to SES PTA**

## Thank you Kiwanis



We would like to thank the Kiwanis Breakfast Club for their donation of \$600. We are so grateful for the support and activities they provide for our scholars.

### CONGRATUALIONS TO TH FOLLOWING STUDENTS FOR COMPLETING SUMMER READING



Erik Abbott-Carlson  
Maya Asato-Leonard  
Amanda Camuccio-Carlson  
Stone Gildner-Mucerino  
Chelsey Keim-Patterson  
Karen Mullins-Croise  
Dava Tavano-Croise  
James Steffanci-Patterson  
Kelsi Uy-Luczaj

Ryan Abbott-Barto  
Jerry Brummette-Patterson  
Irish Gildner-Taylor  
Colt Haines-Ellis  
Jacob Maye-Croise  
Sydney Nguyen-Ellis  
Devin Punch-Tripp  
Abby Stevens-Croise  
Landen Whiteley-Patterson

### SAC – School Advisory Council



The School Advisory Council (SAC) meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month on 6:00pm in the Centennial Building and are open to anyone who would like to attend. The topic for September's meeting will be our school grade and goals for 2017-18.

### School Counselor News

Hi Families and Students,  
This year we will again be recognizing students who show good character throughout the month at our Character Kids assemblies. The month of August has been focused on RESPECT, and September will be RESPONSIBILITY. We hope that you will emphasize these at home as well. We want to nurture these good qualities in each of our children. Also, I will continue to provide counseling services to individual students and groups as well as referral services for families with other needs. As much as I can, I also enjoy going into classrooms and providing guidance lessons on a variety of topics. I will also try to provide you with information on community resources that are available. This month, I will begin with the HELPLINE. They are a general referral source for needs from medical and dental to counseling, etc. They can be reached by calling 211 or going online (211.org). You can also find more specific help with homework needs and questions at the HOMEWORK HELPLINE at 547-7668 or by going to the PCSB website and typing in homework helpline. There is also a general school board website for information on bullying or harassment (bullying.pcsb.org or harassment.pcsb.org).  
Mrs. Holly Schultz, School Counselor

### The Great American Teach-In...

The Great American Teach-In this year will be on Wednesday, November 15th. This is a great and fun opportunity for all family members to come in and share information about your career, hobbies or life experiences. If you are interested, please e-mail Jennifer Mercado @[mercadoje@pcsb.org](mailto:mercadoje@pcsb.org).



Do you know a child in grade PreK4-12 in need of school clothes?

The easiest and best way to refer a child for shopping is to verify that the family has the free/reduced lunch letter and have them call Clothes to Kids to make an appointment. That's all they need! It's really that simple!

Eligible children receive a week's wardrobe which includes:

- ☐ 5 new pairs of underwear
- ☐ 5 new pairs of socks
- ☐ 5 tops (including uniforms)
- ☐ 4 bottoms (including uniforms)
- ☐ 1 dress (optional)
- ☐ 1 pair of shoes
- ☐ 1 jacket (in season)

Would you like to make an appointment to shop?

Just Call 727-441-5050

#### Clearwater Store:

1059 N. Hercules Avenue  
Clearwater, FL 33765

#### St. Petersburg Store:

2168 34th Street S  
St. Petersburg, FL 33711

Our mission is to provide new and quality used clothing to low-income or in crisis, school-age children in Pinellas County, free of charge.

### Dinner Dilemmas



The Character Trait for September is responsibility.

**Responsibility is doing your best and taking ownership for your words and actions.**

Dinner Dilemmas are designed to be sent home once a month with the students. During the week families are asked to discuss the dilemma. It is hoped that families will talk about the dilemma and decide how the character quality of the month relates to the situation presented. It is further hoped that families will discuss the dilemma of the week and decide how the character quality of the month applies to each family member.

**Week 1** Situation: Sam received an expensive video game for his birthday and could not wait to show it to his friends. One of his friends wanted to borrow it. Dilemma: On one hand it's good to share. On the other hand it is Sam's responsibility to take care of his possessions. Discussion: What advice do you have for Sam?

**Week 2** Situation: Sue heard her friends spreading an untrue rumor about another girl in her class. Dilemma: On one hand it's responsible to inform someone when others are saying untrue or hurtful things. On the other hand a responsible person does not spread rumors and should tell people who do that it is wrong. Discussion: What advice do you have for Sue?

**Week 3** Situation: Sue is on a team that is doing a research project on water conservation. Sue feels she is doing most of the work. Dilemma: On one hand Sue has the responsibility to make sure her team makes a good grade. On the other hand it is not Sue's responsibility to do all the work. Discussion: What advice do you have for Sue?

**Week 4** Situation: Sam saw a sibling taking money out of his mother's purse. Dilemma: On one hand Sam has the responsibility not to get his sibling in trouble by telling. On the other hand Sam has the responsibility to tell his mother. Discussion: What advice do you have for Sam?

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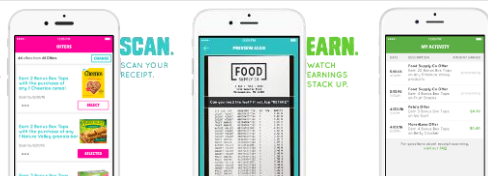
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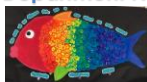


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### Art Department News



Greetings Students and Parents! We have some great things coming up in Art class this year! 1st and 2nd grades have already completed a fishy mural that is going on display in the front office. It reads, "We may all be different fish, but in this school, we swim together!" A great sentiment to start off our year. Each art student has already chosen an avatar in ART Class Dojo that will keep track of all points earned in art class. The winner from each class will earn a special prize at the end of the year! 1ST-5TH grade are all working on completing their sketchbooks for the year so we can start adding amazing art into them. We have lots of art shows coming up to submit work to! The ART class wish list includes ULTRA fine tip sharpie markers and iTunes gift cards so we can purchase educational art apps for our art class iPads this year. Have an artistic August! I can't wait to see each of you in art class!

-Mrs. Gurney

Hi Seminole Families  
As we kick off our 2017-2018 School Year the P.E. Department would like to remind your students that it is HOT. Students are advised to bring water bottles to PE class. Also remember to hydrate at home. Also remind students to wear the proper dress attire. Students must wear closed toe shoes to PE to protect their feet and will not be allowed to participate in flip flops or sandals. Hats and Sunglasses may be worn but Only to PE. Our P.E. program is designed to be fun and exciting infused with an athletic skills foundation that they can carry throughout their athletic career. Encourage your kids to have fun and always try their best.

-Coach Middlebrooks and Stevens

## From the Desk of the School Social Worker



Dear Parent, Guardians, and Students,

Welcome to another new school year at Seminole Elementary School. As you know, in order for children to learn, they must be in school, on time, every day, and be prepared. The district goal is for all students to be in attendance more than 90% of the school year.

If your child misses school 2 days per month, by the time they leave elementary school, they have lost over ½ year of education (60% of one total school year). If your child misses 3 days per month, by the time they leave elementary school they have lost almost a year's worth of education (90% of one total school year). Studies show that students who are chronically absent (2 or more days per month) are more likely to be behind grade level, have lower test scores, and are more likely to drop out of school before graduating.

Furthermore when entering middle and high school, students who are behind in their basic reading and mathematical skills are required to take intensive reading or math in place of an elective.

To help your children get to school on time, you may consider using some of these tips:

The night before school:

- Prepare lunches.
- Choose and lay out clothing.
- Open and review contents of backpack and sign agendas. Waiting until the morning will cause additional stress and put you behind your timeline.
- Organize and ready backpacks.
- Make sure your children are in bed early. Children in elementary school need approximately 10 hours of sleep a night (more for younger students and slightly less for older students). Going to bed early will help your child wake refreshed and ready to learn.

The morning of school:

- Parents, set your alarm clock to go off ten minutes early so you have an additional few minutes to wake up and refresh before waking your children.
- Have your child get fully dressed, including shoes and socks, upon waking and before serving them breakfast.
- Head out the door ten minutes earlier than you think you need to leave.
- Allow your child to eat breakfast here at school. (Breakfasts are free regardless of your status with free or reduced lunches). Campus opens at 8:05 for children to enter.

If you are having difficulties, please reach out to the school, your child's teacher, or the school social worker for assistance.

Thanks,  
Beth Kelzer, LCSW, School Social Worker

### PE Shorts



### Music Notes:



Welcome to Music for the 2017-2018 School Year!

We will be having two big performances this year:

- Winter Concert will be on December 19th, 2017. This concert will feature our Kindergarten, 1st Grade, and Chorus members
- Spring Concert will be on May 14th, 2018. This Concert will feature our 2nd Grade, 3rd Grade, and Chorus members

Chorus is now open to sign up for 4th and 5th Graders! For those interested, information can now be found in the Music Room! Interested 4th and 5th Graders will receive an information packet and contract during their Music class, the week of August 21st. Signed contracts are due back to Mrs. Christy no later than August 31st! Chorus practice begins during the school day on September 1st!

I look forward to a musical year with all our Seminole students!

-Mrs. Christy



| Mon   | Tue  | Wed   | Thu   | Fri   |
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| <b>SEPTEMBER Café' Menu</b>   |  |   |   | <b>1</b> Egg & Cheese Breakfast Taco<br><u>Choose One:</u><br>Pizza<br>Potato-Crusted Fish Sticks<br>w/ Corn Muffin Loaf<br>Chicken Caesar Salad<br>Italian Sub<br><u>Choose:</u><br>Corn<br>Veggie Dippers |
| <b>4</b> No School  | <b>5</b> Egg, Ham, Cheese English Muffin<br><u>Choose One</u><br>Corm Dog<br>Cheese Pizza<br>Farmer's Salad<br>Jamwich Kit<br><u>Choose</u><br>Romaine Side Salad Tater Tots                                     | <b>6</b> Chicken Biscuit<br><u>Choose One:</u><br>Chicken Drumstick w/ Hush Puppy<br>Cheeseburger Meatloaf w/ Roll<br>Yogurt Parfait<br>Ham & Cheese Croissant<br><u>Choose:</u><br>Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy<br>Sliced Cucumbers  | <b>7</b> Cheesy Bacon Toast<br><u>Choose One:</u><br>Beef OR Pork Tacos<br>Cheezy Bread<br>Chef Salad<br>Chicken Caesar Wrap<br><u>Choose:</u> Marinara Cup<br>Refried Fiesta Beans<br>Leafy Green Side Salad         | <b>8</b> Pancake Pup_<br><u>Choose One:</u><br>Pizza<br>Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo<br>w/ Breadstick<br>Chicken Caesar Salad<br>Italian Sub<br><u>Choose:</u> Spinach OR Collard<br>Greens<br>Veggie Dippers |
| <b>11</b> Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast<br><u>Choose One:</u><br>Hamburger or Cheeseburger<br>Roasted BBQ OR Herb Chicken w/ Roll<br>Fruit & Yogurt Plate<br>Turkey & Cheese Hoagie<br><u>Choose:</u><br>Green Beans<br>Veggie Dippers | <b>12</b> Scrambled Egg, Bacon, & Biscuit<br><u>Choose One:</u><br><b>Hot Dog w/ Nutrition Cookies</b><br>Grilled Cheese<br>Farmers' Salad<br>Jamwich Kit<br><u>Choose:</u><br>Tomato Soup<br>Romaine Side Salad | <b>13</b> Glazed Dunker<br><u>Choose One:</u><br>Chicken Tender Basket w/ Oven Fries<br>Spaghetti & Meatballs<br>Yogurt Parfait<br>Ham & Cheese Croissant<br><u>Choose:</u><br>Broccoli<br>Sliced Cucumbers                       | <b>14</b> Bacon, Egg & Cheese Pizza<br><u>Choose One:</u><br>Breakfast for Lunch<br>Max Sticks<br>Chef Salad<br>Chicken Caesar Wrap<br><u>Choose:</u> Marinara Cup<br>Deli Roasted Potatoes<br>Leafy Green Side Salad | <b>15</b> Morning Sausage Roll<br><u>Choose One:</u><br>Pizza<br>Ocean Treasure Fish Nuggets<br>w/ Roll<br>Chicken Caesar Salad<br>Italian Sub<br><u>Choose:</u> Oven Baked Beans<br>Veggie Dippers         |
| <b>18</b> Blueberry Bash Mini Waffles<br><u>Choose One:</u><br>Chicken Sandwich<br>Loaded BBQ Pork & Cheese Tots<br>w/ Roll<br>Fruit & Yogurt Plate<br>Turkey & Cheese Hoagie<br><u>Choose:</u> Sliced Carrots<br>Veggie Dippers    | <b>19</b> Egg & Cheese Croissant<br><u>Choose One:</u><br><b>Max Quesadilla</b><br>Corn Dog<br>Farmers' Salad<br>Jamwich Kit<br><u>Choose:</u> Salsa Cup<br>Oven Baked Beans<br>Romaine Side Salad               | <b>20</b> Cinnamon Roll<br><u>Choose One:</u><br>Teriyaki Beef Dippers w/Rice<br>Macaroni & Cheese<br>Yogurt Parfait<br>Ham & Cheese Croissant<br><u>Choose:</u><br>Broccoli<br>Sliced Cucumbers                                  | <b>21</b> Sausage Biscuit<br><u>Choose One:</u><br>Popcorn Chicken & Waffle<br>Mini Calzones<br>Chef Salad<br>Chicken Caesar Wrap<br><u>Choose:</u> Marinara Cup<br>Mixed Vegetable Blend<br>Leafy Green Side Salad   | <b>22</b> Egg & Cheese Breakfast Taco<br><u>Choose One:</u><br>Pizza<br>Potato-Crusted Fish Sticks<br>w/ Corn Muffin Loaf<br>Chicken Caesar Salad<br>Italian Sub<br><u>Choose:</u> Corn<br>Veggie Dippers   |
| <b>25</b> Maple Pancake Minis<br><u>Choose One:</u><br>Chicken Nuggets w/ Roll<br>Pizza Crunchers<br>Fruit & Yogurt Plate<br>Turkey & Cheese Hoagie<br><u>Choose:</u><br>Sweet Potato Waffle Fries<br>Veggie Dippers                | <b>26</b> Egg, Ham, Cheese English Muffin<br><u>Choose One</u><br>Rib-B-Q on Bun<br>Bean & Cheese Burrito<br>Farmer's Salad<br>Jamwich Kit<br><u>Choose</u><br>Romaine Side Salad<br>Curly Fries                 | <b>27</b> Chicken Biscuit<br><u>Choose One:</u><br>Chicken Drumstick w/ Hush Puppy<br>Cheeseburger Meatloaf w/ Roll<br>Yogurt Parfait<br>Ham & Cheese Croissant<br><u>Choose:</u><br>Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy<br>Sliced Cucumbers | <b>28</b> Cheesy Bacon Toast<br><u>Choose One:</u><br>Beef OR Pork Tacos<br>Cheezy Bread<br>Chef Salad<br>Chicken Caesar Wrap<br><u>Choose:</u> Marinara Cup<br>Refried Fiesta Beans<br>Leafy Green Side Salad        | <b>29</b> Pancake Pup<br><u>Choose One:</u><br>Pizza<br>Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo<br>w/ Breadstick<br>Chicken Caesar Salad<br>Italian Sub<br><u>Choose:</u> Spinach OR Collard<br>Greens<br>Veggie Dippers |

Thank you SinglePoint Consulting LLC for donating to Mrs. Ellis first grade class! With your generous donation, Mrs. Ellis is now able to purchase new technology for her classroom. Your sponsorship is greatly appreciated!

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#### Thank You for Supporting Our School:

Thank you for your school supply donations, and or your financial donations:  
 VFW post 9272, Ladies Auxiliary, Barnhorn Financial, Scott Strohbhar, Oakhurst United Methodist Church, Largo Target, Authentic Martial Arts, Seminole Chick-fil-a, Einstein's, Kiwanis, Seminole Business Masters, Mister Bob Travel, DPR Accounting Services  
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Please contact the Family & Community Liaison Jennifer Mercado mercadoje@pcsb.org if you would like more information on building a partnership with Seminole Elementary.



- Students cannot be dropped off before 8:05 in the morning.
- Students need to be seated in their classroom by 8:35 am.
- The Student Code of Conduct contains the Dress Code Policies for Pinellas County on page 38. Thank you for following these guidelines:
  - Shirts and blouses must cover midriff, back, sides and have sleeves.
  - Shorts/dresses must be mid-thigh length or longer.
  - Pants must totally cover under garments and be worn at the waist.
  - Safe and appropriate footwear. Tennis shoes/sneakers are recommended.