



# Seminole Elementary Times

**A Note from Your Principal Mrs. Grasso**



News from the Principal:

Dear Seminole Elementary families,

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving week and are now anxiously anticipating the upcoming winter holidays. It is hard to believe that 2018 will be here by the end of the month!

What a joy it has been watching the students grow, learn and mature! As I reviewed each report card I am pleased to say that Seminole Elementary has a large population of 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 in what they are learning the more eager your child will be to study, read and do their best!

I have one reminder regarding safety and that is "drop offs" in the morning. There should not be students on campus before 8:05 unless they are enrolled in the R'Club program. We have seen a steady increase of students in front of the Centennial Building as well as those dropped off in the car circle before 8:00. This is not safe; we do not have personnel available for supervision at this time. Students have been playing tag games and getting hurt; please help your child with arrival times –coming in between 8:05-8:15; this gives plenty of time for eating breakfast and morning prep in the classroom. Thank you for your support. One other reminder is in regards to student cell phones, they must be turned off and put away during the school day. No texting or picture taking is permitted. Thank you for understanding and your support with that also.

Please take time this season to rest and enjoy family moments and friendships. Peace, love and Happy New Year to all!

Mrs. Grasso

## Principal's List Bowling



## Musical Notes

Seminole Elementary's Winter Celebration is approaching quickly here's what you need to know!

Who: Kindergarten, 1st Grade, and Chorus  
Where: Seminole High School Auditorium (8501 131st St. N, Seminole)

When: All students need to report to Auditorium and check in with their teachers NO LATER than 6:15 pm. Concert will start at 6:30 pm. Program should be no longer than an hour. Students will then be checked out by their teacher.

What to Wear: Kindergarten and 1st Grade should wear school appropriate White, Blue, Red, or Green on top with black or jeans on the bottom. Chorus should wear school appropriate White on top, Black on bottom.

Looking forward to sharing our music with you!  
Have a Delightful December!  
Lisa Christy-Music Educator

## Rotary Citizens of the Month

Congratulations to the following students for being October's Rotary Citizens of the Month.

These students attended a luncheon and were presented with trophies



Anton Dang, Ian Hernandez, Jessie Smith

## Thank You, VFW 9272



Thank you, VFW 9272, for celebrating Veterans Day with our Seminole families and for the donation of the 2 bicycles.

## Congratulations Running Club Winners for the Month of November



MRS. HENKEL'S CLASS

## Upcoming Events DECEMBER

- 1<sup>st</sup>
  - All Pro Dads 7:30am Centennial
  - PTA Limo Ride Fundraiser Award
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to SPC Seminole
- 4<sup>th</sup>
  - K-Kids meeting 2:35pm
- 6<sup>th</sup>
  - SEM
- 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Special Character Assembly starring Corey Thornton 12:30 & 1:30pm
- 12<sup>th</sup>
  - BurgerFi Spirit Night 3-7pm
- 13<sup>th</sup>
  - SEM
- 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Girlfirend's Meeting 11:40am
- 16<sup>th</sup>
  - AMA – Parent's Night Out
- 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Musical 6:30pm @ Seminole HS K, 1<sup>st</sup> & Chorus
- 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Character Kids Assembly 8:35am PE Court
  - Rotary Luncheon for selected 5<sup>th</sup> gr.
- 22<sup>th</sup>
  - End of first semester

## Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> – January 5<sup>th</sup>

- Winter Break No School

## JANUARY

- 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Students Return
  - K-Kids 3:35pm Centennial
- 9<sup>th</sup>
  - SAC/PTA Meeting 6pm
- 10<sup>th</sup>
  - SEM
  - Kindergarten Round-up
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Scholastic Book Fair – Media Center

## Thank you, Sapphire Signs

Thank you, Sapphire Signs, for the donation of the banner for our Veteran's Day Tribute



## Gardening Assistance

Our garden and beautification SEM could use your help. We are looking for garden donations (e.g. Plants, seeds, tree stumps, old tires, and help. If you can assist please contact Mrs. Mucerino @mucerinoc@pcsb.org, or donate your items to the front office. Thanks

## Character Kids – November



<b>PreK</b>			<b>3rd</b>		
<b>Green/Piper</b>	Alessandro Loaiza-Garcia	Emma Blair	<b>Barto</b>	Gabrielle Nemethy	Maximillian (Max) Williams
<b>KG</b>			<b>Carlson</b>	Hunter Ribeck	Shawna Elliott
<b>Horton</b>	Hunter Zukowski	Lylah Sanchez		Alessandro (Sandro)	
<b>Conde</b>	Landon Roach	Reese Platthy	<b>Poolson</b>	Piamba	Ysabelle Sisk
<b>Schuler</b>	Desirae Jones	Arabella Foster	<b>Rudolph</b>	Tathan Friedle	Jackson Meddleton
<b>Davis</b>	Alyeesi Chau	Felix Clubb	<b>Kopkau</b>	Ruilin Ma	Novva Servati
<b>Fellows</b>	Olivia Ericksen	Gage Greer	<b>Hill</b>	Jaelynn Seymour	Michael Tillman
<b>1st</b>			<b>Gamble</b>	Derek Reams	
<b>Flock</b>	Jusepe Brown	Lexus Servati	<b>4th</b>		
<b>Dupre</b>	Emmaline Gambino	Aerion Cooper	<b>Taylor</b>	Mahogany Randolph	Tobin Kropp
<b>Ellis</b>	Ava Blair	Jake Carnes	<b>Swartz</b>	Lindsey Eckley	Gage Decius
<b>Gorman</b>	Dominic Ierna	Chase Pacocha	<b>Cruse</b>	Dava Tavano	Jacob Maye
<b>Smith</b>	Luca Woolard	Sophia Valente	<b>Arnold</b>	Brody Gessner	Maya DeVega
<b>Guglielmo</b>	Harrison Clark	Yara Jones	<b>Leonard</b>	Aubrielle Stone-Plauche	Jaxon Smith
<b>2nd</b>			<b>5th</b>		
<b>Luczaj</b>	Jonathan Rodriguez	Ryus Ball	<b>Henkel</b>	Peyton Simpson	Kenna Stulce
<b>Patterson</b>	Landen Whiteley	James Steffanci	<b>Grimm</b>	Laylette Vega	Chelsea Watts
<b>Mucerino</b>	Aubrey Close	Reagan Cochran	<b>Lentz</b>	Dylan Anderson	Jayden Sheaffer
<b>Blanchet</b>	Damian Stottler	Eric You	<b>Sadock</b>	Ethan Nadeau	Desirae Alltop
			<b>Tripp</b>	Aiden Arcidiacano	Cailyn Gabbard

### Dinner Dilemmas

Decemembers Word of the Month is Kindness. Kindness is being nice and considerate to others

Purpose: To create family discussions that promotes Character Education in Pinellas County.

Dinner Dilemmas are designed to go home once a month with the students. Schools that send home a weekly newsletter could print one dilemma each week in its publication. 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: A new student from a foreign country has difficulty speaking and understanding English. Sue notices the girl sits by herself at lunch.

Dilemma: On one hand Sue knows a kind person would sit with the new student. On the other hand Sue wants to sit with her friends.

Discussion: What advice do you have for Sue?

#### Week 2

Situation: Sam is given a partner that is a slow runner for Field Day. Even though Sam is the fastest runner at his school his team did not win the race. Some classmates tease Sam because his team lost.

Dilemma: On one hand Sam could blame his teammate for the loss. On the other hand Sam could be kind and praise his teammate for trying his best.

Discussion: What should Sam say and do?

#### Week 3

Situation: A substitute teacher cannot find the spelling book for the spelling test. She is looking all over the room for the book.

Dilemma: On one hand Sue knows it would be kind to help the substitute find the book. On the other hand Sue knows it would be easier to just sit and talk with her friends.

Discussion: What advice do you have for Sue?

#### Week 4

Situation: Sam mother's sends him to the grocery store. She told him to hurry. While in the checkout line Sam notices the man behind him had only one item—ice cream.

Dilemma: On one hand Sam knows his mother told him to hurry. On the other hand it would be kind of Sam to allow the man to go ahead of him.

Discussion: What advice do you have for Sam?

### Family Fitness News You Can Use

#### From the Seminole Elementary PE Department

#### How Can Families be Healthier?



Involving the whole family is the best way to promote better eating habits and healthy activities for your kids.

A whole-family approach simply means that everyone – parents and kids alike – work together as a team to achieve good health and well being. As with any team, there's a leader or coach – and that's you!

**Lead by example.** Adult family members are important role models for healthy eating and exercise. Talk about why you eat fruit as a snack, take an exercise class, or go for walks.

**Start 'em young.** Don't wait until your child is at an unhealthy weight to institute good eating and activity habits. It's much easier to maintain a healthier weight than to lose pounds later.

**Be active together.** Make it usual for the family to be active, not sedentary. Being active as a family allows kids to expend energy in a positive way, and adults get the healthy benefits too.

**Cook together.** It may not be possible to do everyday, but invite kids into the process of preparing food. Little kids can learn math skills by measuring and they'll begin to understand the chemistry of cooking. They'll also gain an understanding of healthy ingredients. Older kids will enjoy having the authority to choose and prepare foods they like and will be more likely to eat what they've made. It might inspire them to make healthy choices on their own.

**Eating together.** Eating a meal as a family sends the right message about nutrition. Kids will see their parents eating healthy food and may want to try new foods. They'll also see mealtime as a time for socializing and sharing. Parents get a chance to offer nutritious food, note their kids likes and dislikes, and talk about daily triumphs and troubles.



## VFW Veterans Day Salute



## 8th Annual Holiday Lane Market Place • Family Night!!



**Location:** Bldg C – PEMHS Palm Way Campus  
1614 Palm Way Lane • Largo • FL 33785

**Open:** Tuesday, December 12, 2017 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Holiday Lane Market Place will be available to all families in need, who are not already enrolled in a holiday giving program. Families do not have to be a PEMHS client to shop at the Market Place. **New & gently used** items will be available **while supplies last**.

- Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus • Holiday Movies
- Enjoy Hot Chocolate & Cookies
- Children's activities

\*\*\*Wrapping Paper, tape, and gift tags will be available to wrap & personalize your gifts while supplies last.

Agency Questions call PEMHS FSI System Navigation at (727) 362- 4289 Or email [ccovington@pemhs.org](mailto:ccovington@pemhs.org)

## School Counselor News

This month we have been focusing on showing good citizenship as our character trait. We are all part of our school community and are citizens where we live. So, remembering that we are part of that community and that we need to follow rules as well as do our part to serve and give back to others is very important. Let's teach our children to have a positive impact on their classmates, friends and neighbors as well as their family. Let us also continue that effort as we focus on kindness as our character trait for December.

We do have a wonderful giving community. On behalf of our school, I would like to officially say Thank you to those who have sponsored our families this Thanksgiving. Those organizations were: Gulf Beaches Masonic Lodge, Seminole Ladies of Elks, and Seminole First Baptist Church. It is much appreciated and has made a difference in the lives of our students and their families. If your student or family has a need for the winter holidays, please contact their teacher or myself.

## Great American Teach In

Thank you to our Great American Teach-In Speakers! Our students had such a great day! Mr. Berry (Duke Energy, Mr. Arnold, Starbucks, Officer Festa, CAS Nursing and Gaming, Mr. Sherman, Oh's Taekwondo, Champion Taekwondo, Seminole Rec Center, Sarah Beschlen & Maura Scanlon, Frank Ierna, Viet Nguyen, Jason Mancuso, Magic & Ballons, Clearwater Marine Aquarium, Birds in Helping Hands, Tampa Bay Rowdies, Mr. McDonald, Donna Hayden, Publix, Mr. McCarrell, Donna Cardeilhac, Birds of Prey (the Narrows), Tracy Andrews, Mrs. Richmond, Seaside Seabird Sanctuary, SPC Nursing, Mr. Rollins, Sunstar, Mrs. Trask, Deputy Shane Stiles, Seminole Fire Department, Mr. Whitehead, Bonnie Lloyd, and all other presenters in this years Great American Teach-In. Thank you



## iMoms





# DECEMBER PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS - MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				<b>1 Egg &amp; Cheese Breakfast</b> <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Potato Crusted Fish Sticks w/ Corn Muffin Loaf Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub Choose: Corn * Fresh Veggie Dippers
<b>4 Maple Pancake Minis</b> <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Nuggets w/ Roll Pizza Crunchers Fruit & Yogurt Plate Turkey & Cheese Hoagie Choose: Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Veggie Dippers	<b>5 Egg/Ham/Cheese English Muffin</b> <u>Choose One:</u> Hot Dog on Bun Bean & Cheese Burrito Jamwich Kit Farmer's Salad Choose: Tater Tots Romaine Side Salad	<b>6 Chicken Biscuit</b> <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Drumstick w/ Hush Puppy Cheeseburger Meatloaf w/Roll Yogurt Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant Choose: Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Sliced Cucumbers	<b>7 Cheesy Bacon Toast</b> <u>Choose One:</u> Beef or Pork Tacos Cheezy Bread Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap Choose: Marinara Cup Refried Fiesta Beans Leafy Green Side Salad	<b>8 Pancake Pup</b> <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo w/ Breadstick Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub Choose: Spinach or Collard Greens Veggie Dippers
<b>11 Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast</b> <u>Choose One:</u> Cheeseburger or Hamburger Roasted BBQ OR Herb Chicken w/ Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, & Roll Fruit & Yogurt Plate Turkey & Cheese Hoagie Choose: Green Beans * Veggie Dippers	<b>12 Scrambled Egg, Bacon, &amp; Biscuit</b> <u>Choose One:</u> * Featured Entrée * Potato Turbate w/ Roll Grilled Cheese Sandwich Farmer's Salad • Jamwich Kit Choose: Tomato Soup * Romaine Side Salad	<b>13 Glazed Dunker</b> <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Tender Basket w/ Fries Spaghetti & Meatballs or Ravioli & Roll Yogurt Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant Choose: Broccoli * Sliced Cucumbers	<b>14 Bacon, Egg &amp; Cheese Pizza</b> <u>Choose One:</u> Breakfast for Lunch Max Sticks Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap Choose: Marinara Cup Roasted Potatoes * Leafy Side Salad	<b>15 Morning Sausage Roll</b> <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Ocean Treasure Fish Nuggets w/ Roll Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub Choose: Oven Baked Beans Veggie Dippers
<b>18 Blueberry Bash Mini Waffles</b> Choose One: Chicken Sandwich Loaded BBQ Pork & Cheese Tots w/ Roll Fruit & Yogurt Plate Turkey & Cheese Hoagie Choose: Carrots Veggie Dippers	<b>19 Egg &amp; Cheese Croissant</b> Choose One: ♦ Winter Holiday Meal ♦ Sliced Ham, Sweet Potatoes & Roll Corn Dog Farmers' Salad Jamwich Kit Choose: Seasoned Greens Romaine Side Salad	<b>20 Cinnamon Roll</b> Choose One: Teriyaki Beef Dippers w/ Rice Macaroni & Cheese Yogurt Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant Choose: Broccoli Sliced Cucumbers	<b>21 Sausage Biscuit</b> Choose One: Chicken & Waffle Mini Calzones Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap Choose: Marinara Cup Mixed Vegetable Blend Leafy Green Side Salad	<b>22 Egg &amp; Cheese Breakfast Taco</b> Choose One: Pizza Potato Crusted Fish Sticks w/ Corn Muffin Loaf Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub Choose: Corn * Fresh Veggie Dipper

## Thank you for an awesome Spirit Night!

Thank you to our business partners for your hospitality and to our family and friends that came out to support our school!



McDonald's



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Treasure Island Fun Center

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**Nanette Grasso Principal**

**Sharon Wilson Assistant Principal**

**Robert Poth Area III Superintendent,**  
**(727)588-5020**

Thank you to Treasure Island Fun Center and to the students who won the prize, for themselves and our school. The following students earned \$20 for themselves and \$20 for the school. Students earned \$20 at Treasure Island Spirit Night.

Cheyenne Warner -- Mrs. Barto  
 Desiree Mciver -- Mrs. Sadock  
 Victoria Barrett -- Ms. Taylor  
 Aydan Dickson -- Mrs. Grimm  
 Carmella Adams-- Mrs. Swartz  
 Mckinley Drapp -- Mrs. Schuler

## Thank You for Supporting Our School:

We would like to thank

VFW post 9272, Ladies Auxiliary, Barnhorn Financial, Scott Strohbar, Oakhurst United Methodist Church, Largo Target, Authentic Martial Arts, Seminole Chick-fil-a, Einstein's, Kiwanis Club of Seminole Breakfast Foundation INC, Seminole Business Masters, Mister Bob Travel, dpr Accounting Services, Rotary Club of Seminole, Seminole Children's Dental, Straighten Up Orthodontics, Tom Mortka Per, Dollar Tree, Publix #1320, Kiwanis Club of Seminole Breakfast Foundation, INC, Seminole Jersey Mike's, TI Fun Center, Astro Skate, Culver's, Mencie's, Mrs. Stevenson, Seminole Lanes

## Thank you for Adopting Our Classes

Jennifer Tavano, VFW Post 9272, Ladies Auxiliary, Mr. Pineda, Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Belcaster, Dogfish Tackle & Marine, Indian Shores Women's Club, The Fuller Family, Mrs. Boeing, Ms. Jones, Mrs. Ellis, Fisher Family, Mr. Manzano

Please contact the Family & Community Liaison, Jennifer Mercado, at [mercadoje@pcsb.org](mailto:mercadoje@pcsb.org) if you would like more information on building a partnership with Seminole Elementary.

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