

# Seminole Elementary Times

A Note from Your Principal Mrs. Grasso



News from the Principal:

Dear Seminole Elementary families,

In anticipation of the New Year, 2018, we have many things to look forward to. To keep you best informed of all up-coming activities please take note of what is posted on the school marquee, read flyers, teacher e-mails or notes in student agendas and especially, the school newsletters that are sent home each month and don't forget to check out our website at <https://www.pcsb.org/seminole-es>.

To receive the robotic/connect-ed phone calls you must make sure your phone number is correct in the portal system, you can easily edit this information when a phone number or address has been changed. We will continue to highlight student accomplishments and hope that every child's name will be included throughout the year!

If you have a child who will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2017, early sign up for Kindergarten will begin January 10 and the Seminole Elementary, Ready, Set, Kindergarten (Formerly referred to as Kindergarten Round Up) will be on Jan. 11th at 6:00 pm in the Centennial Building (located on Park Blvd). So please spread the word to all potentially new parents and students regarding the Kindergarten sign up for next school year.

Did you know:

- There are only 39 instructional days before our 4th and 5th graders take the annual FSA writing Assessment?
- That there are only 36 instructional days before the Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders take the last round of MAP Assessments?
- That there are only 63 instructional days before the FSA (all subject areas) begins for the 3rd-5th graders?

Each day is so important, and 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 I am most appreciative of your support and interest in the Seminole Elementary School community! I am looking forward to a wonderful 2018! Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year to all!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Grasso

## Congratulations Mrs. Barto on Being Honored



Congratulations to Mrs. Barto who on Dec. 7th Pearl Harbor Day was honored by VFW 9272 as being Teacher of the Year. She was awarded a plaque and funds for her classroom.

## Congratulations Running Club Winners for the Month of December



Mrs. Mucerino's Class

## Rotary Citizens of the Month

Congratulations to the following students for being December's Rotary Citizens of the Month. These students attended a luncheon and were presented with trophies



Kenna Stulce, NeVaeh Bates, & Thomas Gluchowski

## Upcoming Events 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
- 11<sup>th</sup>
  - ESOL Parent Training 4:00pm
  - Ready, Set, Kindergarten 6:00pm
- 15<sup>th</sup>
  - MLK Jr. Day (No School)
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Scholastic Book Fair – Media Center
- 17<sup>th</sup>
  - SEM
  - Rotary Lunch
- 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Girlfriends Mentor Meeting
- 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Astro Skate 6pm-8pm
  - All Children's Walkathon
  - Report Cards Go Home
- 25<sup>th</sup>
  - SEM Showcase 6pm
- 26<sup>th</sup>
  - All- Pro Dads 7:30am Centennial
  - Academic Black Belt Assembly  
3<sup>rd</sup> – 12:20, 5<sup>th</sup> – 1:00, 4<sup>th</sup> 1:40
- 30<sup>th</sup>
  - 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School
  - Reading Counts Celebration
  - SAC Eco-System Meeting 6pm SPC Seminole
  - Culver's Spirit Night 4-8pm
- 31<sup>st</sup>
  - C2C Assembly

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Extended Learning Program

Monday & Tuesday 7:30am  
Monday & Wednesdays 2:40-3:40pm

### STEM Club

Tuesdays 2:40-4:00pm

### SEM Enrichment Clusters

Wednesdays 1:30pm

## 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](mailto:mucerinoc@pcsb.org), or donate your items to the front office. Thanks

## Winter Holiday Challenge

Over the course of winter break, families are encouraged to work with their students in order to keep learning active and relevant. The Winter Holiday Challenge is intended to be a support for families and students of Pinellas County wishing to have fun while learning over winter break.

Students should complete 30 minutes of ST Math, iStation, MYOn, or reading 10 days over break to receive reward. Papers have been sent home. Parents are to initial and return sheet to school by January 12, 2018.



<b>PreK</b>			<b>3rd</b>		
<b>Green/Piper</b>	Allan Keck	Caleb Spearl	<b>Barto</b>	Zachary Toth	Vaeden Radloff
<b>KG</b>			<b>Carlson</b>	Alexis McGarvey	Mackenzie Peterson
<b>Horton</b>	Dominic Diaz	Sophia Mlynarski	<b>Poolson</b>	Aamir Walls	Marlye Pratt
<b>Conde</b>	Callie Toth	Khloe Perry	<b>Rudolph</b>	Mya Ficocelli	Keegan Woolard
<b>Schuler</b>	Dianny Montes	Dowen Zheng	<b>Kopkau</b>	Yasmin Oropeza-Canjaj	Jayden Roche
<b>Davis</b>	Yareliz Rivera Falcon	Gi Trzeciak	<b>Hill</b>	Dolton McGoldrick	Ezra Osborne
<b>Fellows</b>	Leah Judy	Jessica Gassem	<b>Gamble</b>	Darcus Coley	
<b>1st</b>			<b>4th</b>		
<b>Flock</b>	Amari Longworth	Emma Maingi	<b>Taylor</b>	Mary Olivia Charles	Nicholas Talbot
<b>Dupre</b>	Hadley Nguyen	Kelen Durham	<b>Swartz</b>	Isabella Clark	Jason (J. J.) Yaslik
<b>Ellis</b>	Justin Ponds	Emme Turner	<b>Cröse</b>	Zachary Berry	Hannah Lamoureux
<b>Gorman</b>	Lee Mahoney	Honesty Edwards	<b>Arnold</b>	Aleksandra Urbanowicz	Adrian Munoz
<b>Smith</b>	Graham Kropp	Addisyn Houck	<b>Leonard</b>	Julian Nguyen	Allison Snow
<b>Guglielmo</b>	Shane Sfidham - 1st		<b>5th</b>		
<b>2nd</b>			<b>Henkel</b>	Brandon Lucas	Molly Mancuso
<b>Luczaj</b>	Isabella Johnson	Sawyer Snyder	<b>Grimm</b>	<b>Izaiah Charland</b>	Lola Aleman
<b>Patterson</b>	Peyton Kazmaier	Khloe Ammeraal	<b>Lentz</b>	Nevaeh Bates	Belaynesh Shubin
<b>Mucirino</b>	Izabela Urbanowicz	Maddison Martin	<b>Sadock</b>	Carley Loudermill	Ethan Nadeau
<b>Blanchet</b>	Jolene Croghan	Kristina Lawan	<b>Tripp</b>	Dillon Harris	Justin Miller
			<b>Halpern</b>	Walter Reed	

## Dinner Dilemmas

January's Word of the Month is Self-Motivation. Self-Motivation is working in a careful and consistent manner without giving up  
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: During a bike race, Sue has a minor accident.

Dilemma: On one hand Sue could quit the race. On the other hand, she could motivate herself to get up and finish the race.

Discussion: What is your advice to Sue?

### Week 2

Situation: Sam's mother had to leave early for work. She told him to set his alarm clock. When the alarm goes off Sam is really tired, he knows he is not prepared for a test in his science class today.

Dilemma: On one hand Sam could roll over and go back to sleep. On the other hand, Sam could motivate himself to get up and go to school and do the best he can on the test.

Discussion: What is your advice for Sam?

### Week 3

Situation: Sam enjoys playing the violin. His instructor told him if he practiced more he could probably make "first chair." None of Sam's friends play a musical instrument. They want Sam to hang out with them after school.

Dilemma: On one hand Sam wants to hang out with his friends. On the other hand, Sam wants to improve his musical skills and become a better violinist.

Discussion: What is your advice for Sam?

### Week 4

Situation: Sue wants to enter the Commitment to Character essay contest. However, being shy, she is concerned that if she wins she will have to read the essay in the school assembly.

Dilemma: On one hand Sue knows she is a good writer and has a first-rate character message to share. On the other hand, she is afraid about reading in front of the whole school.

Discussion: What advice do you have for Sue?

## COUNSELORS CORNER

### How Can Families be Healthier?

December has been a month where we have focused on the Character trait of Kindness. Remembering others in our gift giving, keeping a positive mood among the busyness and chaos we feel over the holidays, and showing acts of kindness, can have a lasting impact on others. It can also teach your children to be kind. Those who are helping our families in need this holiday season are also great examples of kindness.

As this second grading period ends, we will be acknowledging our students in 3rd through 5th grade with Honor Roll and Principal's List awards. This will happen in January after report cards are distributed. We will be adding our BUGS awards for those students who have brought up at least one grade and have not let any other grades fall since the first grading period.

Please don't forget that the period for applying to be considered in the 2018-2019 school year District Application Programs is coming up in January. The application period Information fairs have been happening as well as discovery nights. The actual application period is Jan. 10th -19th, and the acceptance period will be Feb. 14th – 21st. All our parents should have received the information from the district regarding the process through connect ed phone call messages, on our PCSB website, and in flyers/information packets sent home. If you have further questions, please visit [www.pcsb.org/choice](http://www.pcsb.org/choice) or call (727)588-6210.

Additionally, I will be sending home information sheets in January with our 5th grade students about specific academic options, including accelerated and virtual school courses, as they prepare for and enter middle school. If you have any questions regarding that, you may call me at school or you may call the administration building's middle school programs office at 588-6453.



## News From Our Social Worker

### Centennial Walker Updates:

The Sheriff's office has asked that I reduce the number of students crossing since the group is not staying within the crosswalk boundaries. There have been some issues with parents and students walking in the road when the light has returned to green for traffic to resume placing those individuals at risk. Parents and students must remain in the bounds of the crosswalk when crossing Park Blvd.

If your child is able to cross without a parent, please consider meeting your child in the church parking lot. If your child is waiting for other kids to walk home, they should remain on the inside of the gate or cross immediately and wait at the church. Students should not be lingering in the parent pick up area outside the gate waiting for their friends.

We have new benches for students who are waiting for parents, siblings/ friends. Students will no longer wait on the steps unless they are in Kindergarten or First grade. Please remind your child that if they see their parent, they still have to get in line and wait to be let out of the gate. The only exception to this are Kindergarten and First grade students who are waiting on the steps.

If you are picking your child up from the Centennial Gate and will be later than 2:50, please go to the car circle. Any student who has not been picked up by 2:50 will be taken to the front office.

Beth Kelzer, LCSW - School Social Worker  
Seminole Elementary (727) 547-7668 ext. 2102 7:30 am - 3:00 pm

### Character Assembly with DJ Corey Thornton

On December 7<sup>th</sup>, DJ Corey Thornton came to our school and presented a fun assembly on Character Building and Education. Thank you, PTA, for sponsoring this school-wide event.



## All-Pro Dads

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, Pastor Richard from Anona United Methodist Church came to facilitate All Pro Dads. Once again fathers, grandfathers, and other positive males in children's lives came to share and support their kids. Over 30 families participated in this month's All Pro Dads. Dads shared positive characteristics of their kids, as well as had moving discussions geared to connect dads with their kids. Breakfast was provided by Chick-fila-.



## Top Sellers Earn Limo Ride



On December 7<sup>th</sup>, students who sold ten or more items for our PTA Fall fundraiser were treated to a limo ride and lunch at McDonalds. The PTA would like to thank all the families who participated in our fundraiser. These funds help purchase supplies for classrooms, fund assemblies, and support education here at Seminole Elementary.

# JANUARY PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS - MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>8</b> Maple Pancake Minis <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Nuggets w/ Roll Pizza Crunchers Fruit & Yogurt Plate Turkey & Cheese Hoagie <u>Choose:</u> Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Fresh Veggie Dippers	<b>9</b> Egg/Ham/Cheese Breakfast Sandwich <u>Choose One</u> Sloppy Joe Sandwich Rib-B-Q Sandwich Bean and Cheese Burrito Veggie Double Dipper Salad Jamwich Kit <u>Choose</u> Roasted Potatoes Romaine Salad <b>Students Choose the Menu!</b>	<b>10</b> Chicken Biscuit <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Drumstick w/ Hush Puppy Macaroni & Cheese Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose:</u> Green Beans Sliced Cucumbers	<b>11</b> Breakfast Burrito <u>Choose One:</u> Beef or Pork Tacos Garlic Cheesy Bread Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <u>Choose:</u> Marinara Cup Fiesta Beans Leafy Green Side Salad	<b>12</b> Pancake Pup <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo w/ Breadstick Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub <u>Choose:</u> Spinach or Collard Greens Fresh Veggie Dippers
<b>15</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>MLK Jr. DAY</b>	<b>16</b> Scrambled Egg, Bacon, & Biscuit <u>Choose One:</u> <b>* Featured Entrée *</b> <b>Tailgate Basket: Chicken Slider/Corn Dog</b> <b>Nuggets/Curly Fries</b> Grilled Cheese Sandwich Farmer's Salad • Jamwich Kit <u>Choose:</u> Tomato Soup * Romaine Side Salad	<b>17</b> Glazed Dunker <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Tender Basket w/ Fries Spaghetti & Meatballs or Ravioli w/ Breadstick Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose:</u> Steamed Broccoli Sliced Cucumbers	<b>18</b> Bacon, Egg & Cheese Pizza <u>Choose One:</u> Breakfast 4 Lunch Max Mozzarella Sticks Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <u>Choose:</u> Marinara Cup Deli Roasted Potatoes Leafy Green Side Salad	<b>19</b> Morning Sausage Roll <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Ocean Treasure Fish Nuggets w/ Roll Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub <u>Choose:</u> Oven Baked Beans Fresh Veggie Dippers
<b>22</b> Blueberry Bash Mini Waffles <u>Choose One:</u> Breaded Chicken Sandwich Loaded BBQ Pork & Cheese Tots w/ Roll Fruit & Yogurt Plate Turkey & Cheese Hoagie <u>Choose:</u> Cooked Sliced Carrots Fresh Veggie Dippers	<b>23</b> Egg & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose One:</u> <b>* Featured Entrée *</b> <b>Loaded Beef &amp; Cheese Nachos</b> Corn Dog Farmers' Salad Jamwich Kit <u>Choose:</u> Oven Baked Beans Romaine Side Salad	<b>24</b> Cinnamon Roll <u>Choose One:</u> Teriyaki Beef Dippers w/ Rice Stuffed Shells Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose:</u> Steamed Broccoli Sliced Cucumbers	<b>25</b> Sausage Biscuit <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken & Waffle Big Fella Bacon Cheeseburger Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <u>Choose:</u> Mixed Vegetable Blend Leafy Green Side Salad	<b>26</b> Egg & Cheese Breakfast Taco <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Potato Crusted Fish Sticks w/ Corn Muffin Loaf Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub <u>Choose:</u> Corn Niblets Fresh Veggie Dippers
<b>29</b> Maple Pancake Minis <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Nuggets w/ Roll Pizza Crunchers Fruit & Yogurt Plate Turkey & Cheese Hoagie <u>Choose:</u> Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Fresh Veggie Dippers	<b>30</b> Egg/Ham/Cheese Breakfast Sandwich <u>Choose One</u> Chicken & Yellow Rice w/Roll Cheese Pizza Jamwich Kit Veggie Double Dipper Salad <u>Choose</u> Corn, Romaine Salad	<b>31</b> Chicken Biscuit <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Drumstick w/ Hush Puppy Macaroni & Cheese Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose:</u> Green Beans Sliced Cucumbers		

## 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!



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Astro Skate



Treasure Island Fun Center

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**Nanette Grasso Principal**

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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, Straighen 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 front office if you would like more information on building a partnership with Seminole Elementary.

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Treasure Island Fun Center