



Seminole Elementary Times

A Note from Your Principal Mrs. Grasso



News from the Principal:

Dear Seminole Elementary Families,

I hope everyone is anticipating a restful and fun Spring break! It truly is unbelievable how fast this year is going!!! There are less than 9 weeks of school left ... our 4th & 5th graders completed their writing assessment this month; next month and into May the FSA (Florida State Assessments) will continue; they are scheduled by grade level and by class due to the use of the computer lab. The Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders will have completed their MAP assessments by the end of March. As I visit the classrooms, I know how hard the teachers and students have been working during the school year. Words of encouragement and preplanning to prevent morning stress is appreciated from home; a good night's rest and healthy breakfast are also helpful. I feel confident that each child will do their best!

Can you assist with our latest initiative? We are assembling a yearbook for the school (Grades PreK-5) – to defray the cost per book we are looking for donations. Several businesses and companies have already donated to this cause and will have advertisements in the book. Please ask your place of employment if they could donate to this project as well. Personal donations will also be accepted. The cost of the book without donations will be approximately \$12.00 per book. Please speak to Heather Plankey, our Community and Family Liaison for additional details.

Calling all volunteers.... if you are at all interested in becoming an active member of SAC or PTA please let me know ASAP and/or our volunteer coordinator, Mrs. Plankey.

Thank you for supporting your child's education and our school; Seminole Elementary is a wonderful school because of the dedicated staff and all of you!

Mrs. Grasso

Summer Bridge - Elementary Program

Reading, Math and Science



The Summer Bridge Elementary School Program is for students currently in kindergarten through fourth grade who are performing below grade level in reading or math or need additional help to stay on track. Current fifth-graders will be assigned to Summer Bridge schools based on their assigned middle schools.

Summer Bridge offers engaging reading, math and science activities and individualized instruction. Lessons blend technology, small group instruction, hands-on experiments and project-based learning.

For more information, contact Elementary Education at 727-588-6443.

Use the Student Reservation System to at <https://reservation.pcsb.org/>



FRIDAY, April 6th is Field Day. Each grade level will come out the PE Court and Field to play, exercise, compete and have fun. Please dress appropriately with sneakers.
FIELD DAY SCHEDULE April 6th
9:00-10:30 – 3rd & 5th grades
10:30-12:00 – 2nd & 4th grades
12:45-2:15 – Kin/1st grade

FSA Testing Schedule

These are the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) Grade 3, 4, and 5 Testing dates:

April 16	Grade 4	FSA ELA Session 1
April 17	Grade 4	FSA ELA Session 2
April 18	Grade 3	FSA ELA Session 1
April 19	Grade 3	FSA ELA Session 2
April 24	Grade 5	FSA Math Session 1
April 25	Grade 5	FSA Math Session 2
April 30	Grade 5	SSS Science Session 1
May 1	Grade 5	SSS Science Session 2
May 2	Grade 4	FSA Math Session 1
May 3	Grade 4	FSA Math Session 2
May 8	Grade 3	FSA Math Session 1
May 9	Grade 3	FSA Math Session 2
May 15	Grade 5	FSA ELA Session 1
May 16	Grade 5	FSA ELA Session 2

Your student can participate in test practice test to become familiar with the computer based platform, items, and response formats. Practice test and answer keys are available at <http://www.fsassessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/>.

Students are not permitted to have any electronic devices including but not limited to cell phones, smartphones, and smartwatches at any time during the testing session.

If a student leaves campus before completing a test session, (s)he WILL NOT be allowed to return to that testing session.

If you have any questions related to test administration, you may contact the school at 727-547-7668. For more information about FSA, please visit the FSA Portal at www.FSAssessments.org

Upcoming Events April

- 2nd
 - K-Kids (2:35pm)
- 3rd
 - Pride Awards
- 4th – 12th
 - Scholastic Book Fair in the Media Center
- 5th
 - PMAC (2:35pm)
- 6th
 - Field Day 9:00-10:30 – 3rd & 5th,
 - o 10:30-12:00 – 2nd & 4th,
 - o 12:45-2:15 - Kin/1st
 - Academic Black Belt Honor Roll Assembly (3rd -12:20, 4th -1:00, 5th -1:40)
- 13th
 - Principal's List Bowling Party (10:30am)
 - Astro Skate Party (6pm-8pm)
- 16th
 - Grade 4 FSA ELA Session 1
- 17th
 - Grade 4 FSA ELA Session 2
- 18th
 - Grade 3 FSA ELA Session 1
- 19th
 - Grade 3 FSA ELA Session 2
 - Girlfriends Mentor Meeting (11:40am)
 - PMAC (2:35pm)
- 20th
 - iMoms Centennial Building (7:30am)
- 24th
 - Grade 5 FSA Math Session 1
- 25th
 - Grade 5 FSA Math Session 2
 - Character Kids Assembly PE Court (8:35)
- 26th
 - LAST DAY of ELP (AM and PM)

WEEKLY EVENTS

Extended Learning Program

Monday & Tuesday 7:30am

Monday, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 2:40-3:40pm

STEM Club

Tuesdays 2:40-4:00pm

Good News Club

Thursdays 2:40- 4:00pm

ATTENTION for ATTENDANCE!



At this time of the year standardized testing has begun and will continue through the end of the year. It is imperative your child be in school, on time, daily. Students who arrive late may have to wait in the front office for their class to complete testing before being admitted to the classroom.

Any time your child is absent (year-round), please contact the school to report the reasons for his/her absence and/or send in a note to your child's teacher. Pinellas County Schools is committed to improving student attendance and the information you provide will help PCS determine any adverse trends that we may be able to have an impact upon.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.
Beth Kelzer, LCSW - School Social Worker

Character Kids – March



KG			3rd		
Horton	Lilee Carithers	Haven Taylor	Barto	Andrew Guthrie	Joselyn Badillo
Conde	Ameera Clawser	Eden Kern	Carlson	Erik Abbott	Lillyana Dennis
Schuler	Shelby Kessler	Liam Soles	Poolson	Bryson Wacker	Dylan Crosby
Davis	Corbin Wood	Evangeline Nkomeje	Rudolph	Landon Myers	Mark Coston
Fellows	Gage Steiner	Kensie Vosburgh	Kopkau	Amir Henson	Ayden Pasqualichio
1st			Hill	Jacob Ray	Cy Dewaay
Flock	Marcella Andree	Lailah Johnson	Gamble		
Dupre	Jayden Sanchez	Faith Hauge	4th		
Ellis	Sophia Daroch	Jake Carnes	Taylor	Peyton Graham	Jaden Edwards
Gorman	Natalie Montoya-Cano	Kierion Mosley	Swartz	Aleena Mead	Eliza DaSilva
Smith	Graham Kropp	Luke Banta	Croze	Shane Todd	Karen Mullins
Guglielmo			Arnold	Kaylee Houck	Jacob Lyons
2nd			Leonard	Ethan Seinos	Gabriel Cornelius
Luczaj	Makayla Slicker	Nevaeh Hale-Harris	5th		
Patterson	Brody Stokes	Kassy Bayes	Henkel	Sergio Boeing	Sydney Vaughan
Mucirino	Paris Gabbard	Owen Taylor	Grimm	Miranda Rollins	Thomas Pagano
Blanchet	Mykaylah Slate	Jasmine Desforjes	Lentz	Victoria Raba	Dallas Burke
			Sadock	Desirae Alltop	Jenna Miller
			Tripp	Dillon Harris	Anton Dang

Dinner Dilemmas

March's Word of the Month is Self-Control - Managing your emotions, and choosing acceptable behaviors
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 for family discussion.

Week 1

Situation: Sam and his brother are home alone. His parents have a strict rule about no snacks before dinner.
Dilemma: On the one hand Sam can give into his temptation and raid the cookie jar. On the other hand, Sam knows he should show self-control and wait until after dinner.
Discussion: What advice do you have for Sam?

Week 2

Situation: Sam is playing ball with his friend. The ball accidentally hits Sam hard. It hurts, begins to swell, and is turning red.
Dilemma: On one hand Sam is very angry and wants to throw the ball back at him to show his friend it hurts. On the other hand, Sam knows he should show self-control and calm down.
Discussion: What advice do you have for Sam?

Week 3

Situation: Sue's best friend becomes friends with a new student. Sue is jealous and worries about losing her best friend.
Dilemma: On the one hand Sue wants to tell her friend not to sit with the new student at lunch. On the other hand, Sue knows she should show self-control and talk about her feelings.
Discussion: What is your advice for Sue?

Week 4

Situation: The students in Sue's class are loud and noisy. The teacher is trying to get their attention.
Dilemma: On one hand Sue wants to finish her conversation with her friends. On the other hand, Sue knows to show self-control she needs to stop talking.
Discussion: What is your advice for Sue?

Rotary Citizens of the Month



Congratulations to the following students for being February's Rotary Citizens of the Month. These students attended a luncheon and were presented with trophies.
Chelsea Watts (Grimm), Elyssa Flock (Henkel), Camellia Chen (Tripp)

Yes, I Can Award Winner



On Friday March 23th Desirae Alltop will be recognized at Banquet Masters for the Yes, I Can Award. This is in honor of her many amazing abilities and accomplishments. We are very proud of you Desirae.

School Counselor's Corner



We have been focusing on Honesty this month as our character word. There are many ways we can teach our children to be honest. The best is by example. It's important for them to see you being honest. Also, we can use situations that come up as times for discussions about trustworthiness (e.g. "I know I can trust you when you are honest with me"). You may want to ask your child "Why do you think it's important to be honest?", "How do you feel when you know someone is being honest with you?", "How do you feel when they are not being honest?", or "Why is it hard to be honest sometimes?" We do need to remember when we are honest, though, to be careful of what we say. I recently saw something in a classroom that I would like to share with you:
Think Before You Speak
Is it ... True? Is it ... Helpful? Is it ... Important? Is it ... Necessary? Is it ... Kind?

**6th Annual Welcome Home
FREE Dental Access Day for Children!**



March 28, 2018 8:00am – 4:00pm
Johnnie Ruth Clarke Center Clearwater Dental
1344 22nd St. South 702 Jasmine Way
St Petersburg, FL 33712 Clearwater, FL 33756
727-824-8181

Details:

- Establish a dental home for your children.
- Children Up to Age 16.
- New dental patients of St. Pete (JRC) and Clearwater only.
- Children will be seen regardless of current insurance.

when scheduling appointment. *

Call for an appointment today!

- Spaces are limited.
- Walk-ins will be allowed based on available space.
- Receive FREE exam, cleaning and fluoride.
- Depending on extent of treatment necessary child may be scheduled for additional appointments.

Our Cross Creek Chronicles Entries



The Cross Creek Chronicle features writing from Pinellas County Schools elementary students. Works are selected from submissions throughout the district. The Cross Creek Chronicle is published annually to showcase the district's talented young writers. We would like to acknowledge the following students for entering in their written work to the Cross Creek Chronicles

Abigail Stevens in Mrs. Crose's class "Butterfly Garden"

Skylar Connors-Lewis in Ms. Taylor's class "Little Sissy Story"

Oliver Stiles in Mrs. Conde's class "A Cheetah's Story"

Callie Toth in Mrs. Conde's class "A Trip to the Farm"

Owen Stancil in Mrs. Horton's class "I Like Fish"

Sophia Rabba in Mrs. Horton's class "All About Dolphins"

Sophia Mlynarski in Mrs. Horton's class "I Like Christmas"



We have collected over \$9,000 in Box Tops, allowing our school to purchase 18 laptops for our school. Congratulations to the following classes who collected the most Box Tops for their grade level.

K – Conde 115
 1 – Dupre – 152
 2 – Mucerino 173
 3 – Barto 275
 4 – Arnold 215
 5 – Grimm 125
 EBD – Guglielmo 20

We are currently looking for a parent that is willing to take over the counting of the Box Tops. If you are interested please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Mrs. Plankey. Thank you!

Music Notes



Seminole Elementary Presents: A Night of Stories! Featuring 2nd Grade, 3rd Grade, and 4th/5th Grade Chorus. The concert will be held in the Seminole High School Auditorium on May 14th at 6:30pm, more information will be sent home as our date gets closer.

"Music is the greatest communication in the world. Even if people don't understand the language that you're singing in, they still know good music when they hear it." - Lou Rawls

Have an Adventurous April! -Mrs. Christy

Art Note



March is Youth Art Month. We would like to congratulate **Karen Mullins** and **Amelia Longboat**

These young ladies will have their art work entries placed in the Clearwater Art Alliance K-8 Art exhibition. -Mrs. Gurney

Congratulations Running Club Winners for the Month of March



Congratulations to Mrs. Mucerino's Class for being the top Running Club Runners for the month of March.

The Grade Level Winners were:

K – Schuler 6.15 1st – Smith/Flock 7.62 2nd – Mucerino 9.30
 3rd – Barto 9.187 4th – Swartz 9.01 5th – Henkel 9.11

Battle of the Books



Congratulations to all of the participants in the Grade-level Battle of the Books. Each team read 15 books and participated in a quiz show and answering content, title, and author questions on the books. The top two teams in each grade level will compete in the school-wide battle on March 22, 2018. The top winner of the school-wide Battle will represent our school in the Regional Battle in May.

***Mrs. Poolson's Black Widows**

Captain Chloe Buschlen
 Joyce Ysabelle Sisk
 Kara Olver
 Alternate Cameron Wareham

***Mrs. Arnold's Bob Squad**

Captain Adrian Munoz
 Logan Taber
 Arianna Badillo
 Alternate Mya DeVega

***Mrs. Henkel's Warriors**

Captain Kaitlyn Parks
 Elyssa Flock
 Morgan Mascarenas
 Alternate Joseph Venech

***Teams advancing to the School-wide Battle**

***Mrs. Barto's Book Masters**

Captain Lucas Johnson
 Jacob Amerine
 Jaylen Tarrance
 Alternate Gabrielle Nemethy

***Mrs. Crose's 15 Pages**

Captain Abigail Stevens
 Carter Hasty
 Julia Rice
 Alternate Sara Henkel

***Mrs. Lentz's LLLR**

Captain Dylan Anderson
 Alexis Laramee
 Victoria Raba
 Alternate Jayden Sheaffer

***Mrs. Rudolph's Rock N Readers**

Captain Aimee Nkomeje
 Amanda Fuentes-Hernandez
 Tathan Friedle

***Mrs. Arnold/Ms. Leonard's Leaping Lions**

Captain Anthony Wright
 Joe Hoffman
 Jolie Toth
 Alternate Jaxon Smith

***Mrs. Tripp's Flamin Book Worms**

Captain Jalynn Hazlett
 Navaeh Bates
 Izzy Reddin



***Mrs. Kopkau's Speed Readers**

Captain Eli Spearl
 Olivia Chen
 Faith Mercado
 Alternate Ian Dunn

***Mrs. Sadock's Reader's Dreams**

Captain Carley Loudermilk
 Ian Hernandez
 Hayden Cooke
 Alternate Desiree Mciver

***Mrs. Grimm's Guardians**

Captain Leslie Fink
 Lola Aleman
 Devin Walls
 Alternate Marina Marasco

PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS – MENU APRIL

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 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> Sliced Carrots Fresh Veggie Dippers	3 Egg & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose One:</u> <i>* Featured Entrée *</i> Chicken Soft Taco Corn Dog Veggie Double Dipper Salad Jamwich Kit <u>Choose:</u> Oven Baked Beans Romaine Side Salad	4 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	5 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	6 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
9 Maple Pancake Minis <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Nuggets w/ Roll Bean & Cheese Burrito Fruit & Yogurt Plate Turkey & Cheese Hoagie <u>Choose:</u> Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Salsa Cup, Fresh Veggie Dippers	10 Egg/Ham/Cheese Breakfast Sandwich <u>Choose One:</u> Corn Dog Calzones Jamwich Kit Apple Protein Salad Fruited Salad Bowl <u>Choose:</u> Corn, Marinara Sauce Romaine Side Salad	11 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	12 Sunshine Wrap <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	13 Pancake Pup <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Chicken & Broccoli Penne Alfredo w/ Breadstick Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub <u>Choose:</u> Spinach or Collard Greens Fresh Veggie Dippers
16 Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast <u>Choose One:</u> Hamburger/Cheeseburger Roasted Chicken w/ Roll Fruit & Yogurt Plate Turkey & Cheese Hoagie <u>Choose:</u> Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Fresh Veggie Dippers	17 Scrambled Egg, Bacon, & Biscuit <u>Choose One:</u> <i>* Featured Entrée *</i> Chili Dog Basket Grilled Cheese Sandwich Veggie Double Dipper Salad Jamwich Kit <u>Choose:</u> Tomato Soup Romaine Salad	18 Glazed Dunker <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Tender Basket w/ Fries Spaghetti & Meatballs or Beef Ravioli w/ Breadstick Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose:</u> Broccoli Sliced Cucumbers	19 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Pizza <u>Choose One:</u> Breakfast for Lunch Max Mozzarella Sticks Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <u>Choose:</u> Marinara Cup Deli Roasted Potatoes Leafy Green Side Salad	20 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
23 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> Sliced Carrots Fresh Veggie Dippers	24 Egg & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose One:</u> <i>* Featured Entrée *</i> Beef Rib-B-Q Sandwich Corn Dog Veggie Double Dipper Salad Jamwich Kit <u>Choose:</u> Oven Baked Beans Romaine Side Salad	25 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	26 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	27 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
30 Maple Pancake Minis <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Nuggets w/ Roll Bean & Cheese Burrito Fruit & Yogurt Plate Turkey & Cheese Hoagie <u>Choose:</u> Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Salsa Cup Fresh Veggie Dippers				

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!



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, Einstein's, Kiwanis Club of Seminole Breakfast Foundation INC, Seminole Business Masters, Mister Bob Travel, Seminole Chick-fil-a, First Baptist of Indian Rocks (Pack-A-Sack)
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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, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Ellis, Fisher Family, Mr. Manzano

Please contact Heather Plankey in the front office if you would like more information on building a partnership with Seminole Elementary at Plankeyh@pcsb.org or (727)547-7668.

Gardening Assistance



Our garden and beautification projects continue and could use your help. We are looking for garden donations (e.g. décor, 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

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