



Seminole Elementary Times

August 2018

Issue 1

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Dates to Remember

August 28th – Sept 7th

- Book Fair

September

3rd

- Labor Day (No School)

5th

- Student Picture Day
- Open House 6pm
- 3rd – 5th Grade

10th

- STEPS 5th Grade 12:40-1:10
- K-Kids Begins 2:45pm

11th

- Mid Period Reports Go Home
- SAC/PTA Meeting 6pm Centennial
- Join Cubs Scouts Meeting 6pm Café

17th

- All Pro Dads 7:30am

19th

- Rotary Lunch 5th Grade

21st

- Fund Raiser Kick-Off

24th

- STEPS 5th Grade 12:40-1:20

26th

- Character Kids Assembly 8:45
- Miller's Ale House Spirit Night 5pm-9pm

A Note from Principal Grasso



Dear Seminole families,

Happy New School Year!!! This is always an exciting time of the year and I am delighted and honored to be your principal and thrilled to have so many wonderful students and families to work with! Welcome!

As most of you are aware; Pinellas County has adapted additional safety precautions this school year and we have made several changes in alignment with new policies; there will be monthly Active Assailant and Fire Drills, gates will remain locked during the school day, only Level 2 Clearance volunteers will be able to walk the campus without an escort – please remember to wear your Level 2 badge as you sign-in through the office. "Lunch with your child" on campus is only on Wednesday's (you may sit in the cafeteria or in the special gated area outside the back door of the cafeteria). Perhaps you have met or seen our new School Security Officer, his name is Mr. Matthew Malkin and he checks the perimeter of our campus and assists each day.

The times have changed this school year as well; student hours are from 8:45-2:45. Students should not be dropped off before 8:15 (the first bell); there is no supervision at the Centennial gate or on the front sidewalk before 8:15. In the VFW parking lot, please do not just drop off your child; you must walk your child through the parking lot to the gate; this parking lot is only available for school/car usage in the mornings and only the neighborhood walkers in the afternoon. The 70th Avenue entrance is the only entrance available by car during the day.

Please remember to read the Code of Student Conduct book, sign and return page 7. We will be adhering to the dress code and this includes no short-shorts or sleeveless garments. Thank you.

I thank you for your support with these changes and know all is being done for the safety of our scholars.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Open House/Back to School nights scheduled for Thursday, August 30 (K-2nd grade) and Wednesday, September 5 (3rd-5th grade) from 6:00-7:30 pm and all through the 2018-19 school year.

Thank you again for a great opening; your support is most appreciated!

Mrs. Nanette Grasso - Principal

Welcome New Staff Members to Seminole Elementary



Coach Hayes
PE Assistant



Mrs. Santiago
EBD Teacher



Miss Barth
Art Teacher



Ms. Dement
Social Worker



Mrs. Cruz
Bilingual Assistant



School Hours 8:45am-2:45pm

• Students cannot be dropped off before 8:15 in the morning.

• Students need to be seated in their classroom by 8:45 am.

Perfect FSA Math Score



Congratulations to Ty Harris who received a perfect score on the Math FSA. We are very proud of you.

Congratulations MyOn Summer Reading Challenge Winners



Ms. Wilson, Marielle, Christian, Bill, and Izabelle and Mrs. Grasso



Marielle and Mrs. Grasso with Bucs Ticket

Congratulations to our School MyOn Challenge Summer Reading winners Marielle Acevado, Christian Wilson, Bill Strunk, and Izabelle Adair. Marielle was our overall schoolwide winner. Marielle won 2 tickets to the Bucs game.

Character Kids – August



KG

Conde	Nicole Yocklin	Kaiden McKinley
Davis	Caleb Spearl	Lainey Gamache
Horton	Colin Cordone	Arianna TienDang
Schuler	Emma Blair	Carson Stidham
1st		
Dupre	Hunter Zukowski	My'ani Durham
Fellows	Kansie Vosburgh	Evangeline Nkomeje
Flock	Chloe Amador	Gage Steiner
Gamble	L.J. Jaeger	Haylee Osborn
Guglielmo	Elijah Postma	
2nd		
Blanchet	Courtney Greene	Josiah Tatham
Luczaj	Emme Turner	Lee Mahoney
Mucerino	Cayden Quinones	Allison Aragon
Patterson	Marcella Andree	Chase Hall
Rongey	Briella Chesley	Yanshan Yang

3rd

Barto	Adriana Morris	Stone Gildner
Carlson	Kaylan Doudna	Nevaeh Middleton
Kopkau	Owen Taylor	Riley Ingram
Poolson	Ben Dyer	Kelsi Uy
Rudolph	Ian May	Nevaeh Hale-Harris
Santiago	Cesar Willis	Harrison Clark
4th		
Arnold	Faith Mercado	Danny Durgin
Crose	Kara Olver	Ian Dunn
Leonard	Mauricia Lemus-Martinez	Sophia Salamate
Swartz	Addison Gabbard	David Harr
Taylor	Joselyn Badillo	Matthew Ray
5th		
Ellis	Hannah Cohn	Anthony Wright
Gorman	Kiarra Aleman	Victoria Barrett
Grimm	Shannon Smith	Dallas Martinez
Lentz	Christian Rodriquez	Aubrielle Stone-Plauche
Sadock	Olivia Charles	Tobin Kropp

Dinner Dilemmas

September's Word of the Month is Responsibility: Doing your best and taking ownership for your words and actions.

Dinner Dilemmas are designed to go home once a month with the students for family discussion.

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?

Guidance Corner

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

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Box Tops



It's time to turn in those Box Tops that you have been saving all summer! Look for the Box Tops for Education on participating products and have your student turn them in. The class that turns in the most by Friday September 28th will earn a popcorn party.

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PTA Meeting September 11th at 6:30

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Please come and learn what PTA is all about at the first PTA meeting of the school year! It will be on Tuesday September 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the Centennial Building (red building). There are many changes to campus security and we will be reviewing all of the updates at this meeting. This is also a great opportunity to meet other parents and to get involved with what is going on at Seminole Elementary. We will also be selling PTA memberships and t-shirts. Please “Like” the Seminole Elementary School PTA Facebook page to stay connected and get updates from the PTA.

PE Shorts



Hi Seminole Families

As we kick off our 2018-2019 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 participant 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

Music Notes



Welcome to a new year of Music!

I am excited to announce the dates of our concerts this year! Kindergarten, First Grade, and 4th/5th Grade Chorus will be presenting a concert December 3rd, 2018. 2nd Grade, 3rd Grade, and 4th/5th Grade Chorus will be presenting a concert on May 6th, 2019. Both concerts will be held at 6:30pm in the Seminole High School Auditorium. More information will be sent home as these dates get closer.

I'm looking forward to a great musical year! - Mrs. Christy



Help Your Child Succeed in School:

Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

DID YOU KNOW?

Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.

Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read. Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.

Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.

Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Set a regular bed time and morning routine. Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.

Don't let your child stay home unless they are truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.

If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.

Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.

Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

For more on school readiness, visit attendanceworks.org and reachoutandread.org

September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 NO SCHOOL	4 Egg Patty & Toast Grilled Cheese Sandwich Fresh Veggie Dippers Fresh Fruit White Milk	5 Cold Cereal Chicken Nuggets w/ <i>Dip Cup</i> Steamed Broccoli Florets Canned Fruit White Milk	6 Sausage Biscuit Breakfast for Lunch Deli Roasted Potatoes Fresh Fruit White Milk	7 Cold Cereal Cheesy Bread Marinara Cup Corn Niblets Canned Fruit White Milk
10 Maple Pancake Minis Hamburger <i>or</i> Cheeseburger Sliced Carrots Canned Fruit White Milk	11 Cold Cereal Chicken Tenders & <i>Dip Cup</i> Romaine Side Salad Fresh Fruit White Milk	12 Chicken Biscuit Macaroni & Cheese Sliced Cucumbers Canned Fruit White Milk	13 Cold Cereal Max Cheese Sticks Marinara Cup Refried Fiesta Beans Fresh Fruit White Milk	14 Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast Pizza Fresh Veggie Dippers Canned Fruit White Milk
17 Pancake Pup Popcorn Chicken w/ <i>Dip Cup</i> Sweet Peas Canned Fruit White Milk	18 Scrambled Egg & Toast Corn Dog Country Baked Beans Fresh Fruit White Milk	19 Cold Cereal Jamwich Kit Romaine Side Salad Canned Fruit White Milk	20 Yogurt & Bear Grahams Cheese Stick & Toasted Ravioli Boat Marinara Cup Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Fresh Fruit White Milk	21 Cold Cereal Pizza Fresh Veggie Dippers Canned Fruit White Milk
24 Eggo Confetti Pancakes Chicken Sandwich Santa Fe Black Beans Canned Fruit White Milk	25 Egg Patty & Toast Grilled Cheese Sandwich Fresh Veggie Dippers Fresh Fruit White Milk	16 Cold Cereal Chicken Nuggets w/ <i>Dip Cup</i> Steamed Broccoli Florets Canned Fruit White Milk	27 Sausage Biscuit Breakfast for Lunch Deli Roasted Potatoes Fresh Fruit White Milk White Milk	28 Cold Cereal Cheesy Bread Marinara Cup Corn Niblets Canned Fruit White Milk

Applying for Free and Reduced Lunch

Student lunches cost \$2 this year. If you would like to apply for free or reduced lunch, applications can be filled out online at <https://www.myschoolapps.com/>

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Garden Help



We have a wonderful school garden located near the car circle and portables. This year we will be asking for assistance in maintaining our garden area when the weather is cooler. For more information, or if you would like to assist with our garden, please e-mail Mrs. Mucerino: mucerinoc@pcsb.org.

News from the Kid's Café



Snack will start being sold starting September 3rd snacks will range in price from \$.50-1.00

- Ice cream will only be sold on TUESDAYS and WEDNESDAYS
 - Snacks and crackers and chips will be sold on THURSDAYS and FRIDAYS
 - NO SNACK WILL BE SOLD MONDAYS
- Water is also sold to student upon request

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