



# Seminole Elementary Times

November/December 2018

Issue 4

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## Dates to Remember

### DECEMBER

3<sup>rd</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>

- K-5<sup>th</sup> MAP Assessment

3<sup>rd</sup>

- K-Kids 2:45pm
- Winter Concert @ Seminole High K/1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Chorus 6:30pm

6<sup>th</sup>

- Last Day for ELP for this semester
- PMAC 2:45pm

8<sup>th</sup>

- Girlfriends Spirit Night @ Menchie's

10<sup>th</sup>

- STEP 5<sup>th</sup> grade 12:40pm

11<sup>th</sup>

- PTA/SAC 6pm

12<sup>th</sup>

- 5,000 Role Models 12:30pm

13<sup>th</sup>

- Girlfriends 12:30pm
- 10:30 Seminole MS Orchestra/Band Perform
- STEP 5<sup>th</sup> grade 12:15pm

14<sup>th</sup>

- Treasure Island Fun Center Spirit Night

19<sup>th</sup>

- Character Kids 8:45am

20<sup>th</sup>

- PMAC 2:45pm

21<sup>st</sup>

- End of Grading Period

Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> – Jan 6<sup>th</sup>

- Winter Break

January 7<sup>th</sup>

- Pro-Ed Day (No school for Students)

8<sup>th</sup>

- Students Return to School
- Beginning of 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

## A Note from Principal Grasso



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 2019 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 8:15 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 8:15- 25; 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 and friends. Peace, love and Happy New Year to all!

Mrs. Grasso

## Teacher and Support Staff of the Year



Mrs. Conde



Mrs. Hartog

We would like to congratulate Mrs. Conde who received Teacher of the Year and Mrs. Hartog for receiving Support Staff of the Year. These two will represent our school in the District Teacher and Support Staff Member awards.

## 2018 Advanced-ED Survey YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Your voice matters! We value your opinion and appreciate you taking time to complete this survey. Your anonymous opinion provides guidance to improve your school, identifies things that are working well at your school, and informs its accreditation. The survey will close on December 14.

### INSTRUCTIONS:

- Select the name of your child's school from the dropdown menu below
- Press submit
- Click on the link that appears.
- If you have children in multiple schools, please complete a new survey for each school
- Responses are anonymous

<https://www.pcsb.org/parentsurvey>

Or go to our school's website [www.pcsb.org/Seminole-es](http://www.pcsb.org/Seminole-es) and select the link for 2018 Advanced-Ed Parent Survey

## Character Kids – November



<b>KG</b>		
Conde	Aaron Fix	Katniss Mitri
Davis	Maya Walsh	Cesar Perry
Horton	Autumn Zimmer	Andres Pineros
Schuler	Mathias Smith	Elle Manning
<b>1st</b>		
Dupre	Joshua Fiolich	Laurelle Lyon
Hendrix	Addison Novak	Rylen Anderson
Flock	Gage Greer	Erika Lara
Gamble	Mason Smith	Downen Zheng
<b>2nd</b>		
Blanchet	Ana-Maria Gonzales-Monserrate	Davin Kimbrell
Luczaj		
Mucerino	Ava Johnson	Emmaline Gambino
Patterson	Jeremy Henkel	Paige Graham
Rongey	Avery Smith	Kavaeh Holland

<b>3rd</b>		
Barto	Izabelle Jost	Izabela Urbanowicz
Carlson	Na'Riah Lee	Trae Vogel
Kopkau	Javon King	Khloe Ammeraal
Poolson	Ava Salerno	Collin Holton
Rudolph	Marquell Durham	Alexis Elliott
<b>4th</b>		
Arnold	Yasmin Oropeza	Aaliyah Swartz
Croese	Alessandro Piamba	Arianna Gould
Leonard	Fernando Vasquez Padilla	May Ly Hong
Swartz	Janay Harvey	Darriyea Morgan
Taylor	Zachary Toth	Madelyn Smith
<b>5th</b>		
Ellis	Shane Todd	
Gorman	Zamaria Holmes	Elijah Ferguson
Grimm	Brody Gessner	SkyInn Piper
Lentz	Mahogany Randolph	Karsyn Sanford
Sadock	Dean Mahoney	Scott Rowland
Halpern	Boston Sawyer	

### 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Principal's List Students



Addison	Cochran	03	Adriana	Morris	03	Hadi	Baydoun	05
Reagan	Cochran	03	Jonathan	Riser	03	Zachary	Berry	05
Benjamin	Dyer	03	Ava	Salerno	03	Madison	Dunn	05
Ayden	Emmons	03	James	Steffanci	03	Elijah	Ferguson	05
Stone	Gildner	03	Damian	Stottler	03	Irish	Gildner	05
Mackenzie	Hanks	03	Owen	Taylor	03	Ty	Harris	05
Collin	Holton	03	Kelsi	Uy	03	Tobin	Kropp	05
Riley	Ingram	03	Landen	Whiteley	03	Adrian	Munoz	05
Izzabella	Jost	03	Olivia	Chen	04	Charles	Nguyen	05
Chelsey	Keim	03	David	Harr	04	Shae	Nichols	05
Javon	King	03	Jackson	Meddleton	04	Abigail	Stevens	05
Alissa	Makinson	03	Sophia	Meza-Sanchez	04	Aubrielle	Stone-Plauche	05
Maddison	Martin	03	Aimee	Nkomeje	04	Logan	Taber	05
Ella	Mlynarski	03	Eli	Spearl	04	Jolie	Toth	05
			Kiarra	Aleman	05	Tomajah	Walls	05

## Dinner Dilemmas

December's 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?



### We are Thankful!

As we prepare to take a short break from school for the holidays, we want to express our gratitude for everyone who makes it possible for as many students as possible to come to school every day, on time, ready to learn.

We thank:

- Our students and families for making daily attendance a priority since they know the habit of attendance will help them do well in the classroom and eventually in a job.
- Our wonderful teachers who pour their energy into making each classroom an exciting place for exploration and knowledge so children do not want to miss out on learning
- Our support staff and community volunteers who provide the extra hands and attention our children need

We appreciate each one of you so much. We look forward to seeing you after the holidays. We also hope you will keep in mind that school is closed from **Dec. 22, 2018 - Jan. 7, 2019** and reopens **Jan. 8, 2019**.

We especially appreciate everyone's efforts to avoid taking extra days off during the holidays. Just a few missed days here and there, even if they're excused absences, can add up to too much lost learning time and leave your child behind in school. This is as true in kindergarten as it is in high school. Have a wonderful Holiday.

## Guidance Corner



Hi Families and Students,

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. We do have a wonderful giving community. 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.

### WOULD YOU HELP OUR OWN FAMILIES?

Our families are so awesome! You have given to our drives for collections for hurricane relief, food, books, and shoes. We have another opportunity for you, if you haven't given in the past or would like to give again. Our Junior Women's League of Seminole would like to help our families with non-perishable food for the upcoming Holidays. They have brought a large box in our front office to receive donations from our families. What is given will be picked up and delivered by them and will go back to families from our own school. Please help give if you are able. We will be collecting from now until Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Schultz, our school counselor.

Mrs. Holly Schultz, School Counselor

## Music Note



Our Winter Concert featuring Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, and 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus is on Monday December 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Seminole High School Auditorium. Concert Starts at 6:30 and students should arrive no earlier than 6 pm. Chorus members should wear their uniform (simply said: white on top, black on bottom), Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade should be festive. Please plan on staying for the whole concert!

Looking forward to a wonderful night of music!

Mrs. Christy – Music Teacher

## PE Shorts



As late fall and Winter arrive, our weather is starting to get cooler. Please prepare each morning for the type of weather for that day so your children can be successful during PE.

After the Holidays, Oh's Tae Kwon Do will be visiting Seminole Elementary for a three-week, anti-bullying program during your child's PE classes. We look forward to this special program here at our school.



### Kindergarten Trip to the Fire Station

Thank you, Seminole Fire Station 29, for opening up the fire station and allowing our Kindergarten classes to learn about Fire Safety and what it means to be a firefighter.



### Kindergarten Pow-Wow



### All Pro Dads

On November 12<sup>th</sup>, Dads had the opportunity to share a free breakfast and quality time with their children bonding through conversations and questioning thanks to the All Pro Dads sponsored by Anona United Methodist. The next All Pro Dad will be February 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7:45 in the Centennial. Please RSVP @ [anona.com/apd-imom](http://anona.com/apd-imom)





## Veteran's Day Celebration at Seminole Elementary

On Veteran's Day students were able to participate in the Veteran's Day Assembly. During the assembly the chorus sang, students' presented cards to Veteran's, VFW 9272 performed a 21-gun salute in honor of the fallen soldiers, and the Cub Scouts presented flags.





### PTA Fundraiser Top Sellers



Congratulations to our PTA Fundraiser Top Sellers for this year. These students sold 20+ items, which help PTA support our school. These students were able to celebrate by playing on the gaming bus.

Vanessa Malvasio	Alyeesi Chau	Kensie Vosburgh	Haylee Osborn	Chase Pacocha	Jeremy Henkel
Joseph Plankey	Easton Flock	Mark Coston	Immanuel Martin	Sophia Salamate	Aleena Mead
Carmella Adams	Victoria Barrett	Jaymen Cardenas	Andrew Perry-Sweet		

### PTA Reflections Award Winners



Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the 2018 PTA Reflections Program. This year's Reflections Art Contest was the most successful our school has had in years. The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners listed below will represent Seminole Elementary and move on to judging at the county level.

**K-2 Visual Arts:** 1<sup>st</sup> : Emileigh Gunther-Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Oliver Stiles, 3<sup>rd</sup> : Zoey Jost, RU: Elena Morris, RU: Autumn Zimmer

**K-2 Literature:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Oliver Stiles, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Graham Kropp

**K-2 Photography:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Oliver Stiles

**3-5 Visual Arts:** 1<sup>st</sup> : Amelia Wood, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Carter Hasty 3<sup>rd</sup>: Kelsi Uy, RU: Izzy Jost, RU: Aubrey Winslow, RU: Abigail Stevens

**3-5 Literature:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Abigail Stevens, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Adriana Morris

**3-5 Video/Film:** 1<sup>st</sup> : Tobin Kropp, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Alessandro Piamba

**3-5 Photography:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Ben Dyer, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Victoria Barrett, 3<sup>rd</sup>: Joseph Plankey



## Great American Teach In

November was the Great American Teach In. This is a day where people come in to share their career, talent, hobbies, and interest. We would like to thank the following people/organizations for presenting that this year's Great American Teach In. We would also like to thank Mrs. Plankey for organizing this amazing event:

**Birds of Prey**

**James Malvasio-Helicopter Pilot**

**Heart Health-SPC Nursing**

**Kids Improv-Mr. Ierna**

**Straighten Up Orthodontics**

**PCSO- Deputy O'Brien**

**Windy the Magician**

**Cooking-Gail Trask- Cooking**

**Nursing-SPC Nursing**

**Cake Decorating-Ms. Torres**

**Bee Keeping- James Hirschberger**

**Gardening-Anastasia Bizzarri**

**Carl Glebowski Gardening**

**Bayflight- Kathy Reid**

**Glass Blowing-Mr. Meyerowich**

**Football-Justin Burks**

**Healthy Eating-Erica Martin**

**Historical Society-Gina Van Leuven**

**Todd Grantham Firefighting**

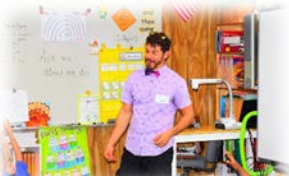
**Hydration-SPC Nursing**

**Nursing-Caitlin Fogal**

**TKM Art & Photography-Mr. Mitri**

**Duke Energy-Mr. Berry**

**Internet Safety PCSO-Deputy O'Brien**





# December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>3</b> Eggo Mini Confetti Pancakes <u>Choose One:</u> Breaded Chicken Sandwich Loaded Beef & Cheese Nachos Fruit & Yogurt Plate Bologna & Cheese Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Santa Fe Black Beans Fresh Veggie Dippers	<b>4</b> Egg & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose One:</u> <b>Featured Entrée:</b> <b>Tortellini with Meat Sauce &amp; Garlic Breadstick</b> Grilled Cheese Sandwich Farmers' <u>or</u> Apple-A-Day Salad PBJ Jamwich Kit <u>Choose:</u> Tomato Soup, Romaine Salad	<b>5</b> Cinnamon Roll <u>Choose One:</u> Teriyaki Beef Dippers over Rice <u>or</u> Lo Mein Noodles Chicken Nuggets w/ Dip Cup Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose:</u> Sliced Cucumbers Steamed Broccoli Florets	<b>6</b> Sausage Biscuit or Grits & Sausage <u>Choose One:</u> Breakfast for Lunch Mini Cheese Calzones Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <u>Choose:</u> Marinara Cup Deli Roasted Potatoes Leafy Green Side Salad	<b>7</b> Brkfst Bowl (Cheesy Eggs & Tots) <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Cheesy <u>or</u> Spicy Fish Filet Sandwich Chicken Caesar Salad Turkey & Cheese Ciabatta Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Corn Niblets Fresh Veggie Dippers
<b>10</b> Maple Pancake Minis <u>Choose One:</u> Hamburger <u>or</u> Cheeseburger Chicken & Broccoli Penne Alfredo w/ Breadstick Fruit & Yogurt Plate Bologna & Cheese Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Sliced Carrots Fresh Veggie Dippers	<b>11</b> Breakfast Sandwich (Egg/Ham/Chs) <b>**School Favorites Day**</b> <b>Students Choose the Hot Entrees &amp; Veggies!</b> Entrée Salad: <i>Farmers or Apple-a-Day</i> Sandwich: <i>Jamwich Kit</i> Side Salad: <i>Romaine</i> Romaine Side Salad • <b>Holiday Cookie</b>	<b>12</b> Chicken Biscuit <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Tender Basket w/ Crinkle Oven Fries Macaroni & Cheese Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose:</u> Sliced Cucumbers Spinach <u>or</u> Collard Greens	<b>13</b> Sunshine Omelet Wrap <u>Choose One:</u> Beef <u>or</u> Pork Tacos Max Cheese Sticks Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <u>Choose:</u> Marinara Cup Refried Fiesta Beans Leafy Green Side Salad	<b>14</b> Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Teriyaki Chicken Bowl Chicken Caesar Salad Turkey & Cheese Ciabatta Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Green Beans Fresh Veggie Dippers
<b>17</b> Pancake Pup <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken & Waffle Cheesy Bread Fruit & Yogurt Plate Bologna & Cheese Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Sweet Green Peas Marinara Cup Fresh Veggie Dippers	<b>18</b> Scrambled Egg, Bacon, & Biscuit <u>Choose One:</u> <b>Featured Entrée:</b> <b>Beef Stroganoff w/Egg Noodles &amp; Roll</b> Corn Dog Farmers' <u>or</u> Apple-A-Day Salad PBJ Jamwich Kit <u>Choose:</u> Baked Beans, Romaine Salad	<b>19</b> Glazed Dunker <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Drumstick w/ Hush Puppy Pasta with Meatballs & Sauce Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose:</u> Steamed Broccoli Florets Sliced Cucumbers	<b>20</b> Bacon, Egg & Cheese Pizza <u>Choose One:</u> Beef Rib B Q Sandwich Cheese Stick & Toasted Ravioli Boat Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <u>Choose:</u> Marinara Cup Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Leafy Green Side Salad	<b>21</b> Breakfast Chicken Nibbler <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Wild Alaskan Ocean Treasure Fish Nuggets w/ Roll Chicken Caesar Salad Turkey & Cheese Ciabatta Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Mashed Potatoes Fresh Veggie Dippers

## 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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 Phone: (727)547-7668  
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Web Site:  
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Nanette Grasso Principal  
 Sharon Willson Assistant Principal

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



Thank you PaySafe for your generous donations of laser printers for our school.

## Thank You for Supporting Our School Business Partnerships and Sponsors

We would like to thank our business partners for all their generous back to school donations:

**Seminole First Baptist Church**  
**Seminole Garden Florist**  
**Bealls Outlet**  
**Straighten Up Orthodontics**  
**First Home Bank**  
**The Addison on Long Bayou**  
**Oakhurst United Methodist Church**

## News from the Kid's Café



Snack will start being sold starting September 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



Mrs. Kopkau's class would like to thank the Army Navy Union USA Rob Fabian Garrison #3697 Ladies Auxiliary for your generous donations of reading incentives! Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated!

**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.