



Seminole Elementary Times

December 2018/January 2019

Issue 5

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Dates to Remember

January

7th

- Pro-Ed No School for Students

8th

- Students Return Back to School
- PTA/SAC Meeting 6pm

9th

- Shoe Fundraiser Ends

10th

- Girlfriends 12:30pm

14th

- STEP 5th Grade 12:40pm

16th

- 5th Grade Rotary Lunch 12:40
- Ready, Set Kindergarten 6pm Centennial

17th

- STEP 4th Grade 12:15

18th

- Report Cards Go Home

21st

- MLK – No School

16th

- Reading Counts/ST MATH Celebration

23rd – Feb 1st

- Book Fair Media Center

28th

- iMoms 7:30 Centennial (Please RSVP @ anona.com/apd-imom)
- STEP 5th 12:40

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29th

- All Children's Hospital Walk-a-thon during PE

30th

- Character Assembly 8:40 PE Court

31st

- 3rd Grade Fire Arm Safety
- F/T Schuler/Davis Science Center
- STEP 4th Grade 12:15
- Science Night

A Note from Principal Grasso



Dear Seminole Elementary families,

In anticipation of the New Year, 2019, 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 emails 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, 2019, early sign up for Kindergarten will begin January 15th and the Seminole Elementary, Ready, Set, Kindergarten (Formerly referred to as Kindergarten Round Up will be on Jan. 16th 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.

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 2019!

Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year to all!

Seminole Elementary's Girlfriends Service Project



The Seminole Elementary Girlfriends collected 25 cases of water during our school water drive in November for Hurricane Michael victims. Water was delivered by a local church to victims during the Thanksgiving holiday. The next community service project was completed in December, the girls adopted a female cancer patient to spread holiday cheer. They made 3 baskets of soft blankets, socks, and personal items for the patient.

Elementary School Holiday Challenge

Happy Holidays!

December 22nd – January 7th

Over the course of winter break, we encourage families to work with their students to keep learning alive and active. Your challenge over Winter Break is to engage in as many learning opportunities as possible by reading, watching, computing, or playing – depending on the link. Each link will take you to a different page where a world of fun learning awaits. This is a great way to keep learning alive and active over the break. Log into Clever and look for the Winter Challenge. Incentives will be provided to students who participate.

Character Kids – December



KG

Conde	Haylee Pickartz	Micah Stevens
Davis	Aubrielle Wernis	Noelia Mucka
Horton	Christian Styles	Claudia Simmonds
Schuler	Jaxon Lockwood	Emma Lovelace

1st

Dupre	Felix Clubb	Farrah Rollins
Flock	Allison Lawson	Heaven Willis
Gamble	Callie Toth	Chloe Proudlock-King
Hendrix	Cameron Price	Leah Judy

2nd

Blanchet	Avyn Smith	Makenzi Jackson
Luczaj	Elenna Morris	Izabelle Adair
Mucerino	Jolea Newton	Kelen Durham
Patterson	Brandon Swartout	Vanessa Oliver
Rongey	Bailey Risso	Addisyn Houck

3rd

Barto	Jonathan Rodriguez	Athena Madden
Carlson	Isabella Johnson	Mahayla Lee
Kopkau	Jasmine Henriquez	Evan Le
Poolson	Alissa Makinson	Damian Stottler
Rudolph	Mykaylah Slate	Paris Gabbard

4th

Cröse	Charlie Winnemore	Olivia Chen
Leonard	Phillip Hulett	Ruilin Ma
Swartz	Alexis McGarvey	Stevie Hylan
<u>Taylor</u>	Cheyenne Warner	Maximillian Williams
Wilett	Micah Mccreedy	Aaliyah Swartz

5th

Ellis	Jacob Maye	Ty Harris
Gorman	Jacob Stanley	Isabella Clark
Grimm	Julian Nguyen	Carmella Adams
Lentz	Mahogany Randolph	Zachary Beaulieu
Sadock	Harmony Santos	Lindsey Eckley

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?

Guidance Corner



School Counselor News

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 kindness, can have a lasting impact on others. It can also teach your children to be kind. Don't forget those random acts of kindness that you can show to others. What a great way to brighten up their day! 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. 9th -18th, and the acceptance period will be Feb. 13th – 22nd. 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 or call (727)588-6210.



Our next Spirit Night will be on Monday January 14th at Chipotle 4pm-8pm

Our school cafeteria could use some extra volunteers. Our lunch times are 10:30-1:15. If you are able to donate any of your time to help out in the cafeteria please contact Heather Plankey in the school office or e-mail her plankeyh@pcsb.org



PTA News

January 8th SAC/PTA meeting in the Centennial Building 6:00 p.m.



The PTA will have a table set up at the Science Night on January 31st with information on how you can make a recommendation for the 2019-2020 Code of Student Conduct.

Please go the Seminole Elementary PTA Facebook page to stay up to date with school activities and family engagement news.

Christmas Around the World Door Contest Winners



Congratulations to the following classes who won our PMAC Christmas Around the World Door Decorating Contest. These classes won a Holiday Treat Party sponsored by PMAC.

- Ms. Flock/Gamble – Australia Most Creative
- Mrs. Horton – Austria Most Educational
- Mrs. Rongey – “Stockings Were Hung”



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.

Music Note



Congratulations to the 14 students who auditioned for the 2019 Pinellas All-County Chorus! The three students who will be representing us this year will be: Dava Tavano, Anthony Wright, and Logan Taber.

Chorus, be on the lookout for information about performing for this year’s Multicultural Festival when we get back from Winter Break.

Our last big concert of the year will be on May 6th at Seminole High School, and will include our 2nd Grade, 3rd Grade, and 4th/5th Grade Chorus.

Art News

Greetings Parents/Guardians, I hope you all have a wonderful time off with your students. Please remember that this is a great time to bond with your child and there is no better way to bond than through art! I hope you use this time to get creative and crafty at home this holiday season. See you in the New Year where we will continue to learn new art techniques and incorporate real life inspiration into our art work! ARTfully, Ms. "Art" / Barth

Featured Student Artist

Jaylen from Mrs. Santiago’s Class
Art Title “I Believe”



This picture is displayed in the front office

PE Shorts



Happy New Year from your Seminole Elementary PE Team!

We want to remind you, like in years past, the start of the New Year brings changes to our department. All students will shift to the other set of PE teachers for the remainder of the year. Those who had Coach Solomon and Coach D will now be with Mr. Stevens and Coach Hayes while the classes who had Mr. Stevens and Coach Hayes will now have Coach Solomon and Coach D.

Please remember that as the weather cools, more students like to wear boots. If your boots have heels on them, you will not be able to participate in PE for that day and points will be taken off of your grade. Bringing in a separate pair of shoes for that day is encouraged.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<h1>January 2019</h1>				
7 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	8 Eggo Mini Confetti Pancakes Choose One: Loaded Beef & Cheese Nachos Grilled Cheese Sandwich Farmers' or Apple-A-Day Salad PBJ Jamwich Kit Choose: Tomato Soup, Romaine Salad	9 Cinnamon Roll Choose One: Teriyaki Beef Dippers over Rice or Lo Mein Noodles Chicken Nuggets w/ Dip Cup Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant Choose: Cucumbers, Broccoli Florets	10 Sausage Biscuit or Grits & Sausage Choose One: Breakfast for Lunch Mini Cheese Calzones Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap Choose: Marinara Cup Deli Roasted Potatoes, Leafy Salad	11 Brkfst Bowl (Cheesy Eggs & Tots) Choose One: Pizza Cheesy or Spicy Fish Filet Sandwich Chicken Caesar Salad Turkey & Cheese Ciabatta Sandwich Choose: Corn Niblets Fresh Veggie Dippers
14 Maple Pancake Minis Choose One: Hamburger or Cheeseburger Chicken & Broccoli Penne Alfredo w/ Breadstick Fruit & Yogurt Plate Bologna & Cheese Sandwich Choose: Sliced Carrots Fresh Veggie Dippers	15 Breakfast Sandwich (Egg/Ham/Chs) **School Favorites Day** Students Choose the Hot Entrees & Veggies! Entrée Salad: <i>Farmers or Apple-a- Day</i> Sandwich: <i>Jamwich Kit</i> Romaine Side Salad	16 Chicken Biscuit Choose One: Chicken Tender Basket w/ Crinkle Oven Fries Macaroni & Cheese Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant Choose: Sliced Cucumbers Spinach or Collard Greens	17 Sunshine Omelet Wrap Choose One: Beef or Pork Tacos Max Cheese Sticks Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap Choose: Marinara Cup Refried Fiesta Beans Leafy Green Side Salad	18 Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast Choose One: Pizza Teriyaki Chicken Bowl Chicken Caesar Salad Turkey & Cheese Ciabatta Sandwich Choose: Green Beans Fresh Veggie Dippers
21 NO SCHOOL MLK HOLIDAY	22 Scrambled Egg, Bacon, & Biscuit Choose One: Cheesy Bread Corn Dog Farmers' or Apple-A-Day Salad PBJ Jamwich Kit Choose: Baked Beans, Marinara Cup Romaine Side Salad	23 Glazed Dunker Choose One: Chicken Drumstick w/ Hush Puppy Pasta with Meatballs & Sauce OR Ravioli & Roll Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant Choose: Steamed Broccoli Florets Sliced Cucumbers	24 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Pizza Choose One: Beef Rib B Q Sandwich Cheese Stick & Toasted Ravioli Boat Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap Choose: Marinara Cup Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Leafy Green Side Salad	25 Breakfast Chicken Nibbler Choose One: Pizza Wild Alaskan Ocean Treasure Fish Nuggets w/ Roll Chicken Caesar Salad Turkey & Cheese Ciabatta Sandwich Choose: Mashed Potatoes Fresh Veggie Dippers
28 Eggo Mini Confetti Pancakes Choose One: Breaded Chicken Sandwich Loaded Beef & Cheese Nachos Fruit & Yogurt Plate Bologna & Cheese Sandwich Choose: Santa Fe Black Beans Fresh Veggie Dippers	29 Egg & Cheese Croissant Choose One: Featured Entrée: Tailgate Basket: Hamburger Slider, Chicken Tenders & Tator Tots Grilled Cheese Sandwich Farmers' or Apple-A-Day Salad PBJ Jamwich Kit Choose: Tomato Soup, Romaine Salad	30 Cinnamon Roll Choose One: Teriyaki Beef Dippers over Rice or Lo Mein Noodles Chicken Nuggets w/ Dip Cup Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant Choose: Sliced Cucumbers Steamed Broccoli Florets	31 Sausage Biscuit or Grits & Sausage Choose One: Breakfast for Lunch Mini Cheese Calzones Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap Choose: Marinara Cup Deli Roasted Potatoes Leafy Green Side Salad	

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. Mucirino: mucirino@pcsb.org.

**Thank You for Supporting Our School
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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 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



Thank you to Treasure Island Fun Center for hosting another successful Spirit Night benefiting Seminole Elementary.

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.