



Seminole Elementary Times

January/February 2019

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Dates to Remember

February

1st

- Principal's List Bowling
10:30am

4th

- School-wide Battle of the Books

5th

- Mid-period Reports go Home

11th

- STEPS 5th Grade 12:40pm

12th

- PTA/SAC 6:00pm

12th - 14th

- Science Cycle 2 Testing
(2nd - 4th)

13th

- 5000 Role Models
12:30pm

14th

- STEP 4th Grade 12:15pm
- Girlfriends 12:30pm

18th

- Pro-Ed Day - No School for Students

20th

- Rotary Lunch

21st

- Individual, Class, and Staff Picture Day
- Chick-fil-a Spirit Night 5-8pm

25th

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

26th

- Publix Math Night 6-8pm

27th

- Character Assembly 8:40 PE Court

28th

- STEP 4th Grade 12:15

A Note from Principal Grasso



Dear Seminole students and families,

It is with mixed emotions that I write a good bye and thank you to all of you. I am completing my 35th year in education and my last day will be February 28. It just doesn't seem possible that the time has passed so quickly. This is my 16th year as a Principal and 21st year as an administrator; I have absolutely loved every school I have worked at and am especially fond of Seminole Elementary. You have a wonderful school composed of great staff members, families and students and I have always been proud to be your Principal. Interviews for a new principal will begin next week and announcement of the new principal soon after.

I wish you all the best of everything and thank you for this opportunity! Please read the upcoming dates and articles in this newsletter for additional school activities taking place this month. Keep the focus and stay positive and keep in touch!

Fondly,

Mrs. Nanette Grasso

Volunteer News

If you are not a Seminole Elementary volunteer now is the perfect time to get registered. Please contact Heather Plankey in the front office for registration information. Plankeyh@pcsb.org or 727-547-7668

Our cafeteria is always looking for some of our great volunteers to help out. If you have some time to volunteer in the cafeteria, please contact Heather Plankey in the front office Plankeyh@pcsb.org

Rotary Students of the Month



Congratulations to Hadi Baydoun, Kiarra Aleman, and Tobin Kropp who received Rotary Student of the Month for January. Students were able to attend a luncheon with the principal, they received a trophy, free item at Jet's Pizza, and a \$25 iTunes gift card.

Reflections Awards Winners



Seminole Elementary has FOUR entries that placed in county level of competition for the Reflections Art contest that will be moving on to the State competition:

Ben Dyer (3rd Grade)-Photography
Emileigh Gunther-Smith (Kindergarten)- Visual Arts
Oliver Stiles (1st Grade)- Visual Arts
Oliver Stiles (1st Grade)- Literature
This is a huge accomplishment for our school!! We are very proud of them.

Character Kids – January



KG

Conde	Lily McCarty	Johnny Fox
Davis	Caleb Spearl	Lainey Gamache
Horton	Alessandro Loaiza-Garcia	Harper Palmese
Schuler	Harvey Eicher	Destiny Davis

1st

Dupre	Owen Stancill	Aubrey Gallant
Hendrix	Cameron Price	Dianny Montes-Rojas
Flock	Desirae Jones	Corbin Wood
Gamble	Zoey Jost	Mason Eicher

2nd

Blanchet	Emma Maingi	Sophia Darroch
Luczaj	Aarush Giri	Ce'Nylah Williams
Mucerino	Bentley Rowland	Zamiyah Williams
Patterson	Ahnalee Noon	Jayden Sanchez
Rongey	Jaylynn Huntoon	Madeline Arruda

3rd

Barto	Evan McCarty	Delaynee Harrell
Carlson	Tyler Baker	Dominique Jones
Kopkau	Owen Taylor	Riley Ingram
Poolson	James Steffanci	Mackenzie Hanks
Rudolph	Rodney Sunter	Brayden Wasoba

4th

Willett	Faith Mercado	Ryan Abbott
Cröse	Ysabelle Sisk	Chloe Buschlen
Leonard	Aubrey Winslow	Sena Kayra Santiago
Swartz	Lucas Johnson	Aiden Lopez
Taylor	Keegan Woolard	Marlye Pratt

5th

Ellis	Hadi Baydoun	Abigail Stevens
Gorman	Jonathan Rizo	Logan Taber
Grimm	Kaylee Houck	Aubrielle Stone-Plauche
Lentz	Brandon Hanson	Dani Blydenburgh
Sadock	Jaxon Smith	

February's Word of the Month is Tolerance. Tolerance - Respecting the individual differences, views, and beliefs of other people. 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.

Situation 1

Situation: Sue was in her guided reading group. Everyone was taking turns reading aloud. Some in the group were slow and cautious readers.

Dilemma: On one hand Sue became impatient for her turn. On the other hand, Sue knew she should be tolerant toward all readers.

Discussion: What is your advice for Sue?

Situation 2

Situation: The kids in Sam's class overhear Tony ask to make two Mother's Day cards. The kids start making fun of Tony because he has two moms. Dilemma: On one hand Sam knows he should be tolerant of other people's families. On the other hand, Sam feels peer pressure to go along with the crowd. Discussion: What is your advice to Sam?

Situation 3

Situation: All the neighbor kids wait at the same school bus stop. One girl has cerebral palsy. She goes to a special school and rides a different bus. The kids are consistently making fun of her. Dilemma: On one hand Sue and Sam have joined in the taunting in the past. On the other hand, this is Tolerance month at school and they have pledged to practice tolerance. Discussion: What is your advice for Sue and Sam?

Situation 4

Situation: A student comes to school with a hat on after chemotherapy. Her hair has fallen out. Kids grab the hat and toss it around. She begins to cry. Dilemma: On one hand Sue choose not to join in. On the other hand, Sue feels she should speak up about tolerance towards those who look different. Discussion: What advice do you have for Sue?

A+ Principal's List Students for 2nd Semester



Congratulations to the following students for earning all A's on their 2nd semester report card

Ethan	Cleary	03	Joselyn	Badillo	04
Addison	Cochran	03	Olivia	Chen	04
Reagan	Cochran	03	David	Harr	04
Benjamin	Dyer	03	Victoria	Marek	04
Stone	Gildner	03	Jackson	Meddleton	04
Pablo	Gonzalez	03	Sophia	Meza-Sanchez	04
Mackenzie	Hanks	03	Aimee	Nkomeje	04
Collin	Holton	03	Andrew	Perry-Sweet	04
Riley	Ingram	03	Marlye	Pratt	04
Izzabella	Jost	03	Matthew	Ray	04
Chelsey	Keim	03	Dylan	Rowland	04
Alissa	Makinson	03	Eli	Spearl	04
Ella	Mlynarski	03	Hadi	Baydoun	05
Adriana	Morris	03	Sara	Henkel	05
Jonathan	Riser	03	Charles	Nguyen	05
Mihran	Sadid	03	Shae	Nichols	05
Ava	Salerno	03	Abigail	Stevens	05
James	Steffanci	03	Davaney	Tavano	05
Damian	Stottler	03	Jolie	Toth	05
Owen	Taylor	03			
Kelsi	Uy	03			
Landen	Whiteley	03			
Kaydin	Whitenton	03			



Bully Free Zone!

5517.01 - POLICY AGAINST BULLYING AND HARASSMENT Statement Prohibiting Bullying and Harassment It is the policy of the School Board that all of its students, employees, and volunteers learn and work in an environment that is safe, secure, and free from harassment and bullying of any kind. The Board will not tolerate bullying and harassment of any type. Conduct that constitutes bullying and harassment, as defined herein, is prohibited. This policy shall be interpreted and applied consistently with all applicable State and Federal laws and the Board's collective bargaining agreements. Conduct that constitutes bullying, harassment, or discrimination, as defined herein and in F.S. 1006.147, is prohibited. For more information...

<https://www.pcsb.org/site/default.aspx?PageID=3651>

Business Partnership News:

Seminole Elementary will be hosting a "Move-A-Thon" on Thursday, March 7th. We are looking for business sponsorship. For \$100 your business will be advertised on a banner that will be placed on our car circle fence or \$50 for advertisement on a yard sign that will be placed in the car circle. Both will be displayed for the remainder of the school year. This is such a great way to advertise to other Seminole families. Please contact Heather Plankey for sponsorship information plankeyh@pcsb.org or 727-547-7668.



Our next Spirit Night will be on Thursday, February 21st at Chick-fil-a from 5pm-8pm. Download the Chick-fil-a app and place your mobile order and Seminole Elementary will receive 15% of your total back to our school.



PTA will have a table at the upcoming Science Night on Thursday, January 31st. We will have forms available that you can submit your input for next year's Code of Student Conduct. We will also be selling Seminole Elementary Spirit Shirts and Glow In the Dark Spirit cups.



In the month of January our Character trait of the month has been Self-Motivation. It can be difficult when our children are not motivated to do things on their own. We tend to want to just do it and get it done. However, giving them responsibilities, allowing them to follow through, as well as expecting them to do so, is so important. It builds their confidence in their abilities, which in turn motivates them further. They also learn not to give up, particularly when something is difficult. It can be helpful to reward their accomplishments (for example, turning in homework and receiving good grades) in a tangible way. We need to remember, though, that developing the intrinsic sense of accomplishment is even longer lasting. Parents can do that by acknowledging and giving positive encouragement when their child has done something on their own without having to be reminded. It means so much when they hear it from you! And, do remember that growing is a process and be patient with yourselves and your children as they are developing their character.

Mrs. Holly Schultz, School Counselor

Music Note



Chorus will be performing at this year's Multicultural Festival on March 28 from 5:30-8:00. Please be on the lookout for more information as the event gets closer!

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.

Mrs. Christy

Art News



DALLAS MARTINEZ



CARMELLA ADAMS



DAVANEY TAVANO

Congratulations to Dallas Martinez, Dava Tavano and Carmella Adams in 5th grade for getting special recognition for their Kids Tag Art pieces!

One thing your Seminole art teacher loves to create on her time out of the Art room is art you can wear. Fourth and Fifth graders are working on a special wearable art project for the next month in the Art room, and we need your help! If you have any odds and ends at home that could be brought in to add to the student's hats, it would be greatly appreciated. Things such as old jewelry, Mardi Gras beads, ribbon, plastic fruit and McDonalds toys! We are also in need of art room tools like hair dryers (for speeding up drying paint time) and large yogurt containers. Please have your child bring them in as soon as you can, I will have a donation box outside the art room door. Thank you and I can't wait to share what the artists come up with!

PE Shorts



5th Grade NFL Play 60 Challenge

We are looking for First Place and win the "Bucs Party" for Seminole Elementary!

What is the Play 60 Challenge?

It is a way to get our students more active during and after the school day. Students record their minutes of activity each day and return a weekly record back to us, the PE teachers, for us to record them on the Play 60 web site.

How long does it last?

From February 1st to March 1st.

Who participates?

All 5th grade students in Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties.

What can we win?

3rd place: \$250 for our school

2nd place: \$750 for our school

1st place: \$1500 for our school + a "Bucs Party" with players, cheerleaders, banners and much more.

Be looking for the Weekly Record Sheet to be brought home by your students and be sure to turn them in each week to be counted in our total.

Week 1 record sheet: due on Wednesday 2/13:

Week 2 record sheet: due on Wednesday 2/20

Week 3 record sheet: Due Wednesday 2/27:

Week 4 record sheet: Due Wednesday 3/6:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<h1>February 2019</h1>				1 Breakfast Bowl (<i>Cheesy Eggs & Tots</i>) <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
4 Maple Pancake Minis <u>Choose One:</u> Hamburger <u>or</u> Cheeseburger Chicken & Broccoli Penne Alfredo w/ <i>Breadstick</i> Fruit & Yogurt Plate Bologna & Cheese Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Sliced Carrots Fresh Veggie Dippers	5 Breakfast Sandwich(Egg/Ham/Chs) **School Favorites Day** <i>Students Choose the Hot Entrees & Veggies!</i> Entrée Salad: <i>Farmers or Apple-a-Day</i> Sandwich: <i>Jamwich Kit</i> Side Salad: <i>Romaine</i> Romaine Side Salad • <i>Holiday Cookie</i>	6 Chicken Biscuit <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Tender Basket w/ <i>Crinkle Oven Fries</i> Macaroni & Cheese Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose:</u> Sliced Cucumbers Spinach <u>or</u> Collard Greens	7 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	8 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
11 Pancake Pup <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken & Waffle Cheesy Bread Fruit & Yogurt Plate Bologna & Cheese Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Peas <u>or</u> Green Beans Marinara Cup Fresh Veggie Dippers	12 Scrambled Egg, Bacon, & Biscuit <u>Choose One:</u> Featured Entrée: <i>Beef & Potato Turbate w/ Roll</i> Corn Dog Farmers' <u>or</u> Apple-A-Day Salad PBJ Jamwich Kit <u>Choose:</u> Baked Beans Romaine Salad	13 Glazed Dunker <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Drumstick w/ <i>Hush Puppy</i> Pasta with Meatballs & Sauce <u>or</u> Ravioli & Roll Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose:</u> Steamed Broccoli Florets Sliced Cucumbers	14 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	15 Breakfast Chicken Nibbler <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Wild Alaskan Ocean Treasure Fish Nuggets w/ <i>Roll</i> Chicken Caesar Salad Turkey & Cheese Ciabatta Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Mashed Potatoes Fresh Veggie Dippers
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	19 Mini Confetti Pancakes <u>Choose One:</u> Breaded Chicken Sandwich Grilled Cheese Sandwich Farmers' <u>or</u> Apple-A-Day Salad PBJ Jamwich Kit <u>Choose:</u> Tomato Soup Romaine Salad	20 Cinnamon Roll <u>Choose One:</u> Teriyaki Beef Dippers over Rice <u>or</u> Lo Mein Noodles Chicken Nuggets w/ <i>Dip Cup</i> Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose:</u> Sliced Cucumbers Steamed Broccoli Florets	21 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	22 Breakfast Bowl (<i>Cheesy Eggs & Tots</i>) <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
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Ms. Pope would like to thank the following volunteers for assisting with the Reading Counts ST Math Celebration. The celebration would not have been successful without you. Thank you for serving popcorn, drinks, popsicles, cleaning, assisting students and bringing in a bright positive atmosphere.

Thank you

Nina Sweet Gail Trask Nicolle Panuthos Tia Marie Turner Caitlin Miller

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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

We would like to thank McDonald's for their donation of drinks and Seminole Garden Florist for their generous donation of popcorn for the Reading Counts/ST Math Party.

Also, thank you to Jennifer Tavano with Target for the generous donation of a Target gift card for our school.

Thank you to the Seminole Chipotle for hosting our January Spirit Night. Ms. Barto's third grade class won the popcorn party for having the most students participate.

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

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.