



Seminole Elementary Times

February/March 2019

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Dates to Remember

March

1st

- Seminole Middle visit to 5th grade 9:30am

4th

- Osceola Middle visit to 5th grade 9:30am

6th

- F/T Gamble Dupre Science Center
- 5,000 Role Models 12:30

7th

- F/T Hendrix Flock Science Center
- PTA Move-a-thon
- End of 3rd Grading Period
- Girlfriends 12:30pm
- Good News Club

8th

- No School for Students

11th - 15th

- Spring Break

18th

- STEPS 5th Grade 12:40pm

19th

- SAC/PTA 6pm

21st

- McDonald's Spirit Night 5-8pm
- F/T Gifted
- STEPS 4th Grade 12:15pm
- Good News Club

22nd

- Field Day
- Gifted Creativity Olympics
- Schoolwide Fundraiser Incentive w/ PE Coaches 2pm

27th

- F/T 5th Grade Enterprise Village
- Character Assembly 8:40 PE Court

28th

- Good News Club
- PMAC Festival 5:30-8:30pm

29th

- Report Cards Go Home

A Note from Principal Grasso



Dear Seminole students and families,

In last month's newsletter I shared with you my retirement date which is February 28. After 35 years of teaching and administration I am looking forward to additional family time, travel, yoga classes and maybe I'll even open a Facebook account. Seriously though, I want to thank you so much for the joy of working with you and your family the past three years. Seminole is a wonderful school and I have been blessed to spend the end of my career at such a great school. With excitement, I would like to introduce your new Principal, Mr. Lou Cerrata. Mr. Cerrata is highly qualified and comes with lots of experience; he has been a principal at five different schools and the Director of Professional Development for Pinellas County Schools. I feel confident that you will enjoy working with Mr. Cerrata and that the students will love him and have a successful ending of this school year. Please don't hesitate to introduce yourself to Mr. Cerrata and welcome him to our wonderful Seminole community.

With love and best wishes to all of you,

Mrs. Nanette Grasso

Battle of the Books Winners



Congratulations to Mrs. Grimm's Team Infinity who won the school-wide Battle of the Books and placed fourth in the Regional Semi-Finals which were held at the Pinellas County School Board. Great Job Julian Nguyen, Nicholas Talbot, Carter Hasty, and Captain Logan Taber

Rotary Students of the Month



Congratulations to Peyton Graham, Bernard Jones, and Skyler Connors-Lewis who received Rotary Student of the Month for February. 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.

Maria Edmunds Hispanic Award Winners



Congratulations to the following students for receiving this year's Maria Edmund's Hispanic Awards

Kiarra Aleman

Jonathan Rizo

Jaymen Cardenas

Adrian Munoz

Character Kids – February



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Conde	Madeline Recendiz	Matthew Crosby
Davis	London Durham	Timur Syakov
Horton	Jose Modestio Velasquez	Caiden Kinmonth
Schuler	Lucas Wright	Michael Martinez

1st

Dupre	Victoria Marker	Gotti Evans
Hendrix	Anastacia Valle-Najar	Rayne Torres
Flock	Lillee Carithers	Zorian Haselton
Gamble	Maddox Shelley	Elizabeth Lovelace

2nd

Blanchet	Jake Carnes	Aerion Cooper
Luczaj	Gabrielle Oliver	Blaison Aleman
Mucerino	Weston Piver	Isabella MacEwen
Patterson	Jayden Claywell	Marcella Andree
Rongey	Rex Ridge	Kyla Forrest

3rd

Barto	Madison Drapp
Carlson	Christian Wilson
Kopkau	Evan Le
Poolson	Chelsey Keim
Rudolph	Faith Krause
Santiago	Santrell Callaway

4th

Willett	Carl Loudermilk
Croze	Bryson Wacker
Leonard	Madalyn Sinift
Swartz	Mariele Acevedo
Taylor	Ayden Pasqualichio

5th

Ellis	Anthony Dominquez-Infante	Hanna Lamoureux
Gorman	Trenton Friedle	Peyton Yingling
Grimm	Keegan Mclean	
Lentz	J. J. Yaslik	Mahogany Randolph

March's Word of the Month is Honesty. Honesty-Using truthful speech and behavior. 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: The game is tied in extra innings. Sam's team could win if he can make it to home plate. Sam is tagged before he touches home plate. The umpire calls him safe. Dilemma: On one hand Sam knows if he does not say anything his team wins the title. On the other hand, Sam knows he should be honest and tell the truth about being tagged. Discussion: What advice do you have for Sam?

Week 2 Situation: Sue finds a five-dollar bill in the hallway at school. Dilemma: On the one hand Sue could give it to the fundraiser to help her school. On the other hand, Sue could turn it into the office knowing it probably belongs to someone. Discussion: What is your advice for Sue?

Week 3 Situation: The school principal recognizes a number of students over the intercom for helping in another class. Sue's name is announced even though she did not participate. Dilemma: On the one hand Sue could keep quiet and receive the certificate. On the other hand, she knows an honest person would tell the principal she did not earn the recognition. Discussion: What is your advice for Sue?

Week 4 Situation: Sam is with a group of friends after school. They accidentally break a window in the school's greenhouse. Sam's friends beg him to keep quiet. Dilemma: On the one hand it is good to be loyal to friends. On the other hand, Sam wants to be honest. Discussion: What advice do you have for Sam?

Guidance Corner

Our character word for the month of February has been Tolerance. It is a great time to remind your child or children that each person should be treated with the respect that they deserve. Also, each of us has strengths and talents that are unique (as well as areas we are still learning and growing in). Everyone has their own appearances and mannerisms, likes and dislikes. Problems with others can be more easily resolved when we realize that others may have different ideas, thoughts and opinions than ours. They may even have a new idea or see something that we missed! As the old saying goes, "Wouldn't it be boring if we were all the same?"

Box Tops Winners for January



Congratulations to the following classes for turning in the most amount of Box Tops for the month of January

- K – Conde - 131**
- 1- Dupre - 103**
- 2- Blanchet - 117**
- 3 – Barto -136**
- 4 – Willett – 97**
- 5 – Ellis - 93**

Keep sending in Box Tops!

LOST AND FOUND



The lost and found is overflowing with jackets, coats and sweaters. We are asking for parents to come and take their student's lost items. As of Thursday, March 7, 2019 the leftover items will be donated.



Tampa Bay Rays Spirit Night orders must be sent in by March 8th. The Spirit Night will be March 30, 2019.



Thank you to Chick-fil-a for hosting our February Spirit Night.



Our next Spirit Night will be at McDonald's at 7003 Park Blvd in Seminole on March 21st from 5-8pm



We are still looking for business sponsors for our Move-A-Thon event on March 7th. \$50 sponsorship for yard sign advertisement and \$100 for fence banner advertisement. The advertisements will stay up for the remainder of the school year. Please contact Heather Plankey for sponsorship information plankeyh@pcsb.org or 727-547-7668



The next PTA meeting will be on Tuesday March 19th at 6:30 pm.

The Spring fundraiser will be a Move-A-Thon that will take place on Thursday March 7th during the school day. Pledge forms have been sent home with event and prize incentive information.



Beat the Fall rush and register to become a volunteer this school year. You can get a volunteer form from www.pcsb.org/volunteer or from the front office. Once you are a registered volunteer it will roll over from year to year without having to re-register.

We are looking for Mentors to meet with students that take part in our Lunch Pals mentoring program. If you think you may be interested please contact Heather Plankey in the front office plankeyh@pcsb.org or 727-547-7668

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

Congratulations to 5th graders Corina Candelaria and Giavona Stanzone whose "Rainforest Silhouette Analogous Painting" artwork was selected for the *Clearwater Arts Alliance March is Youth Art Month K-8 Exhibition*.

The artwork will be on display at the Clearwater Main Library, 100 Osceola Ave., Clearwater, FL from March 1-31 2019.

PE Shorts



Our 5th grade students have done an AMAZING job for our first week of the Buccaneer Play 60 Challenge. As of now, Seminole Elementary 5th graders are in 5th place for all elementary schools in Pinellas and Hillsborough county!! Please continue to get those weekly forms in so that we can continue to keep up the success!

CHANGE OF ADDRESS



Planning to move? According to the Code of Student Conduct (pg 29, H), parents are required to notify the Principal/school within 5 days of a change in residence. It is important to keep the student records accurate. Please follow the steps below to ensure we have the most up-to-date information for your child. Thank you.

Steps to change your child's address:

1. Come to the front office during office hours (7:30AM-3:30PM) with a photo ID and get a Parent Portal username and password. (You may already have one, if it is expired you will need to bring your photo ID to the front office).
2. Visit the district's website at www.pcsb.org. Under the Site Shortcuts click Student Registration. There will be yellow and green boxes at the top of the page and you will click the box that states Student Reservation.
3. Log in using your Parent Portal ID and Password.
4. Choose existing PCSB student.
5. Select address change and follow the steps.
6. You will need to provide 2 Proofs of Residency to the school. Acceptable proof of residency include: utility bill, power bill, water, cable, sewer, telephone (not cellular), rental agreement, lease, and photo ID. (If you are living with someone OR the above items are in someone else's name you will have to do and Affidavit of Residency (provided at that school)).

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<h1>March 2019</h1>				1 <i>Green Eggs & Ham w/Toast</i> <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Teriyaki Chicken Bowl Chicken Caesar Salad Turkey & Cheese Ciabatta Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Green Beans*Veggie Dippers
4 Pole Position Pancake Pup <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken & Waffle Cheesy Bread Fruit & Yogurt Plate Bologna & Cheese Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Peas <i>or</i> Green Beans Marinara Cup Fresh Veggie Dippers	5 Speedway Egg, Bacon, & Biscuit <u>Choose One:</u> Featured Entrée: Cherry Blossom Chicken over Rice <i>w/ Chow Mein Noodles</i> Corn Dog Farmers' <i>or</i> Apple-A-Day Salad PBJ Jamwich Kit <u>Choose:</u> Baked Beans*Romaine Salad	6 Checkered Flag French Toast <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Drumstick <i>w/ Hush Puppy</i> Pasta with Meatballs & Sauce <i>or</i> Ravioli & Roll Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose:</u> Sliced Cucumbers Steamed Broccoli Florets	7 Pit Stop Breakfast 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	8 <i>NO SCHOOL</i>
11	SPRING BREAK			15
18 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	19 Egg & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose One:</u> Featured Entrée: Meat Lover's Stromboli Grilled Cheese Sandwich Farmers' <i>or</i> Apple-A-Day Salad PBJ Jamwich Kit <u>Choose:</u> Tomato Soup Romaine Side Salad * Marinara Cup	20 Cinnamon Roll <u>Choose One:</u> Teriyaki Beef Dippers over Rice <i>or</i> Lo Mein Noodles Chicken Nuggets <i>w/ 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 <i>or</i> Spicy Fish Filet Sandwich Chicken Caesar Salad Turkey & Cheese Ciabatta Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Corn Niblets Fresh Veggie Dippers
25 Maple Pancake Minis <u>Choose One:</u> Hamburger <i>or</i> Cheeseburger Chicken & Broccoli Penne Alfredo <i>w/ Breadstick</i> Fruit & Yogurt Plate Bologna & Cheese Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Sliced Carrots Fresh Veggie Dippers	26 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> Side Salad: <i>Romaine</i>	27 Chicken Biscuit <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Tender Basket <i>w/ Crinkle Oven Fries</i> Macaroni & Cheese Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose:</u> Sliced Cucumbers Spinach <i>or</i> Collard Greens	28 Sunshine Omelet Wrap <u>Choose One:</u> Beef <i>or</i> Pork Tacos Max Cheese Sticks Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <u>Choose:</u> Marinara Cup Refried Fiesta Beans Leafy Green Side Salad	29 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



Thank you to Acts of Random Kindness, Inc. for their generous donation to our school from the shoe drive. Their monetary donation will be used for technology for the school.

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Do You Have Any Gardening Supplies?



Mrs. Mucerino and the Gardening club is looking for any gardening supplies to be donated to help our beautiful gardens around the campus. Please consider donating supplies like:

Seeds, shovels, garden signs, gloves, rake, hoe, hose, hedge cutters, clippers, or any other materials that may help our gardens. Thanks

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

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

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/>

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.