



Seminole Elementary Times

March/April 2019

Issue 6

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Dates to Remember

April

1st

- STEPS 5th Grade 12:40pm

4th-12th

- Scholastic BOGO Book Fair in Media Center

4th

- STEP 4th Grade 12:15pm
- Good News Club 2:45
- PMAC 2:45pm

5th

- Principal's List Bowling 10:30am
- Honor Roll Assembly 12:30-2:30pm

9th

- SAC/PTA Meeting 6:00pm

10th

- 5,000 Role Models

11th

- Girlfriends 12:00pm
- Good News Club

17th

- Rotary Lunch 12:00pm

18th

- Mid-period Reports go Home
- STEP 4th Grade 12:15pm
- Last Good News Club 2:45pm
- PMAC 2:45pm

19st

- NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

24th

- Character Kids Assembly 8:40 am PE Court

29th

- STEP 5th Grade 12:40pm

A Note from Principal Cerreta



Dear Seminole students and families,

I am honored to have the opportunity to be the new Principal of Seminole Elementary School. I am committed to increasing student achievement within the school and to continue to build on the rich tradition of education. I am excited and eager to serve as the new educational leader to Seminole Elementary and work with you as a partner in education to ensure your child's success. My first few weeks at Seminole have been exciting and very positive. I appreciate the warm welcome that I have already received from the faculty, staff, students, parents and community.

We are proud of all of our intermediate students, for working hard to prepare for the upcoming FSA testing which will begin in April and continue into May. We will have closed campus during FSA testing. Having a quiet, closed campus provides our Little Hawks with the optimal testing environment. Thank you for your understanding.

I would also like to remind everyone that we are still teaching, and students are still learning in preparation for the next grade level. Our focus is on the importance of arriving to school on time and reading every evening at home so that every child has the best opportunity to make academic growth and gains. The remainder of the 2018-2019 school year is going to be amazing as we continue to provide academic experiences for our students that are rigorous, relevant, and enriching. As your Principal, it is important to me that everyone who steps through our doors-teachers, students, parents and the community are excited to be here! This attitude enables us to meet the challenges of academic excellence in a positive, fun, and nurturing environment. Please keep an eye on student agendas, our website, as well as school messenger. There are many wonderful events coming up in these final weeks of school and we do not want you to miss out on any of them.

My door is always open and I welcome your input. Please feel free to call or email me to discuss any concerns you might have throughout the remainder of the school year.

Lou Cerreta

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The Pinellas County Schools, K-12 STEM Department is offering STEM summer camp during the month of June. **STEM SUMMER CAMPS (students entering 2nd-7th grades during 19-20 school year, enrollment NOW available)**

- Link to download 2019 STEM Summer Camp application packet: www.pcsb.org/STEM
- Who: students entering 2nd-7th grades during the 19-20 school year, only 120 students per site, if there are enough students placed on the wait list there might be opportunities for an additional class to be opened.
- When/Where: 4-day camp (no camp on Friday's), offered during the 4 weeks in June, same content offered each week, grades 2-7 offered at each site regardless of school location (elementary school or middle school)
 - Week 1: 6/3-6/6 Leila Davis Elementary
 - Week 2: 6/10-6/13 East Lake Middle
 - Week 3: 6/17-6/20 Ridgecrest Elementary
 - Week 4: 6/24-6/27 Tyrone Middle
- Hours: 8:00-3:30 Mon.-Thurs. (no camp on Friday's, pg. 2 of application packet identifies before and after care availability at each site)
- Cost: \$100 (includes a free PCS lunch each day)

FSA Testing Dates Here are the dates for Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) Grade 3, 4, and 5

April 2 nd	Grades 4-5	FSA Writing
April 3	Grade 3	FSA ELA
April 4	Grade 3	FSA ELA
April 5	Grades 3-5	Make-Up
May 1	Grades 4-5	FSA ELA
May 2	Grades 4-5	FSA ELA
May 7	Grades 3-5	Math
May 8	Grades 3-5	Math
May 9	Grade 5	Science
May 10	Grade 5	Science

Rotary Students of the Month



Congratulations Sara Henkel, Jayden Edwards, and Olivia Charles who received Rotary Student of the Month for February. Students were able to attend a lunch with the principal, they received a trophy, free item at Jet's Pizza, and a \$25 iTunes gift card.

Summer Bridge - Elementary Program Reading, Math and Science

The Summer Bridge Elementary School Program is for students currently in kindergarten through fourth grade who are performing below grade level in reading or math or need additional help to stay on track. Current fifth-graders will be assigned to Summer Bridge schools based on their assigned middle schools. Summer Bridge offers engaging reading, math and science activities and individualized instruction. Lessons blend technology, small group instruction, hands-on experiments and project-based learning. For more information, contact Elementary Education at 727-588-6443. Use the Student Reservation System to at <https://reservation.pcsb.org/>

Character Kids – March



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Horton	Vanessa Malvasio	Rylan Dougherty
Conde	Mason Harper	
Schuler	Dylan Seymour	Cameron Westbrook
Davis	Sofia Pridanova	Noelia Mucka

1st

Flock	Abigail Fogal	Connor Miller
Dupre	Liam Soles	Dabria Gandarillas
Gamble	Monroe Sinift	Ameera Clawser
Hendrix	Harmony Walker	Sophia Mlynarski
Santiago	Demarkis Hamm	Harrison Clark

2nd

Luczaj	Noah Stevens	Courtney Chen
Patterson	Justin Ponds	Lailah Johnson
Mucerino	Angel Figueroa	Alexis Fontaine
Blanchet	Monroe Drapp	Promis Gray
Rongey	Bailey Ashbrook	Briella Chesley

3rd

Barto	Ryus Ball	Zanya Williams
Carlson	Easton Flock	Eleazar Torres
Poolson	Ava Salerno	
Rudolph	Alexis Elliott	Paris Gabbard
Kopkau	Anthony Stanzione	Ethan Cleary

4th

Taylor	Lucas Johnson	Cheyenne Warner
Swartz	Jayden Roche	Jaelynn Seymour
Cruse	Dylan Crosby	Victoria Marek
Willett	Yasmin Oropeza-Canjay	Kayleigh Richmond
Leonard	Olivia Koch	Patrick Grinde

5th

Gorman	Caden Collins	Eliza DaSilva
Grimm	Rose Sanders	Nicholas Talbot
Lentz	Hayden Aldridge	Karsyn Sanford
Sadock	Jolie Toth	Irish Gildner
Ellis	Anthony Wright	Dava Tavano
Halpern	Slade Kimel	

April's Word of the Month is Self-Control - Managing your emotions, and choosing acceptable behaviors

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: Sam and his brother are home alone. His parents have a strict rule about no snacks before dinner. Dilemma: On the one hand Sam can give into his temptation and raid the cookie jar. On the other hand, Sam knows he should show self-control and wait until after dinner. Discussion: What advice do you have for Sam?

Week 2 Situation: Sam is playing ball with his friend. The ball accidentally hits Sam hard. It hurts, begins to swell, and is turning red. Dilemma: On one hand Sam is very angry and wants to throw the ball back at him to show his friend it hurts. On the other hand, Sam knows he should show self-control and calm down. Discussion: What advice do you have for Sam?

Week 3 Situation: Sue's best friend becomes friends with a new student. Sue is jealous and worries about losing her best friend. Dilemma: On the one hand Sue wants to tell her friend not to sit with the new student at lunch. On the other hand, Sue knows she should show self-control and talk about her feelings. Discussion: What is your advice for Sue?

Week 4 Situation: The students in Sue's class are loud and noisy. The teacher is trying to get their attention. Dilemma: On one hand Sue wants to finish her conversation with her friends. On the other hand, Sue knows to show self-control she needs to stop talking. Discussion: What is your advice for Sue?

Yes I Can Winner



Congratulations to Tyler Baker! Tyler is Seminole Elementary School's recipient of the district wide "Yes, I Can!" award for academics! He has shown throughout this school year that Yes, he **can** and he **is** making huge gains in all academic areas and equally big gains with his attitude, participation and social skills. He increased his reading level by eight levels in approximately nine months and now meets all math standards expectations for third grade. He enjoys initiating and organizing games at recess and talks with, laughs with and enjoys his peers throughout the day and has wonderful sense of humor as well! Congratulations Tyler, we are all so proud of you!

District-Wide Gifted Events



Seminole Elementary was well-represented at several gifted events around the district this month. Congratulations to fantastic teamwork and perseverance from these students.

Seminole Scholars at the 4th Grade Gifted Math Meet:

Dylan Rowland (captain) Manny Martin Kara Olver Marlye Pratt

Seminole Solutions at the 5th Grade Gifted Math Meet:

Ty Harris (captain) Sara Henkel Abby Stevens Hannah Lamoureux

Seminole Smarties at the Primary Grades Creativity Olympics:

Bailey Ashbrook Jeremy Henkel Davin Kimbrell Jayden Sanchez

Staying Safe and Healthy



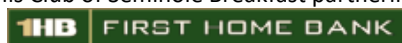
Flu season is in full swing! District-wide, there have been reports of increased student absenteeism due to influenza or influenza-like illness. Flu season lasts through April, although activity typically peaks in February. There are a number of ways you can promote staff and student wellbeing through this germ time of year:

1. Promote good hand washing with staff and students. Regular hand washing is one of the best and most effective ways to remove germs, avoid becoming ill, and prevent the spread of illness to others around you. If soap and water are not available, alcohol-based hand sanitizers are an alternative until soap and water become available.
2. Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs. In a school setting, these would include doorknobs, toys, manipulatives, sinks, tables, desks and chairs.
3. Teach students to avoid touching their eyes, nose or mouth. These are the easiest routes for germs to enter the body.
4. Teach students to cover their nose and mouth with a tissue or their sleeve. This helps prevent the germs from becoming airborne and getting breathed in by others.
5. Encourage staff and students to stay home when they are sick. School Health Services continues to monitor absenteeism rates in schools and communicate with the Department of Health in Pinellas regarding any concerning trends. There are guidelines in place for exclusion from work or school when staff or students are ill. School nurses are always available to go into classrooms and teach students the importance of healthy habits during this time of year!

Family Fishing



Kiwanis Club of Seminole Breakfast partnering with



FAMILY FUN FISHING 2019 DATES

AGES 14 years and younger

Taylor Park (1100 SW 8th Ave—Largo)

- Saturday, April 27th - 8am-11am
- Saturday, June 1st - 8am-11am
- Saturday, August 3rd - 8am-11am
- Saturday, October 5th 8am-11am

Prizes for:

First Fish	Smallest Fish	Most Fish
Largest Fish	2 nd Largest Fish	3 rd Largest Fish

Counselor's Corner

We have been focusing on Honesty this month as our character word. There are many ways we can teach our children to be honest. The best is by example. It's important for them to see you being honest. Also, we can use situations that come up as times for discussions about trustworthiness (e.g. "I know I can trust you when you are honest with me"). You may want to ask your child "Why do you think it's important to be honest?", "How do you feel when you know someone is being honest with you?", "How do you feel when they are not being honest?", or "Why is it hard to be honest sometimes?" We do need to remember when we are honest, though, to be careful of what we say. Children, and adults too, often say what's on their mind without thinking about or realizing how it might affect others. It can be difficult to "filter" sometimes, but it is important to help our children learn how to stop and think before they say something.

A Music Note



Congratulations to Logan Taber, Dava Tavano, and Anthony Wright for representing our school at the Elementary All-County Concert as members of the Chorus!

The final concert is fast approaching! This concert will feature 2nd Grade, 3rd Grade, and 4th/5th Grade Chorus. The concert will be held at Seminole High School in the auditorium, at 6:30 on May 6th.

Mrs. Christy

Art News



Consider enrolling your student into one of these exciting Summer Art camps!

Visual Arts Camps and Digital Arts Camps for Elementary Students

For currently enrolled Pinellas County District public school students entering 4th and 5th grades

Two types of camps:

Elementary Visual Arts Camp, certified art teachers will teach art lesson projects focusing on more "traditional" media such as drawing, painting, sculpture and printmaking.

Elementary Digital Arts Camp, certified art teachers will teach art lesson projects focusing on a different digital media (digital drawing / painting, photography, comics, stop-motion animation & movie making).

Deadline for student Applications is: 4/19/19

• Acceptance: 30 PCS students for each camp • First come, first served basis • Transportation must be provided by family • Students bring own sack lunch & snack

Sign up now! Seats are limited to 30 per camp! Complete your child's Application online by going to this web page address:

<https://www.pcsb.org/Page/26999>

PCS Art Camps are offered at no cost to Pinellas County public school students – thanks to the Art Referendum!

Questions? Julie Levesque, Visual Arts Tech Integration Coordinator

Email: levesquej@pcsb.org



GRANT

Creative Pinellas is pleased to announce the launch of its Arts Catalyst Grant, created to make it possible for more young people in Pinellas County (ages 5–18) to have great arts and cultural experiences at area summer camps this year. Creative Pinellas is thrilled to be able to provide families and children with financial support to attend arts summer camp. Detailed guidelines, important information about eligible camps, terms and conditions of the grant and, most importantly, the application can be found at creativepinellas.org/artscatalyst.

PE Shorts

Thank you PE Department, all of the teachers and volunteers who helped make Field Day a success.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 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	2 Scrambled Egg, Bacon, & Biscuit <u>Choose One:</u> <u>Featured Entrée:</u> <i>Soft Chicken Tacos</i> Corn Dog Farmers' <u>or</u> Apple-A-Day Salad PBJ Jamwich Kit <u>Choose:</u> Baked Beans Romaine Salad	3 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	4 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	5 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
8 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	9 Egg & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose One:</u> <u>Featured Entrée:</u> <i>Mandarin Chicken Lo Mein Bowl w/ Egg Roll</i> Grilled Cheese Sandwich Farmers' <u>or</u> Apple-A-Day Salad PBJ Jamwich Kit <u>Choose:</u> Tomato Soup Romaine Side Salad	10 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	11 Sausage Biscuit or Sausage & Grits <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	12 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
15 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	16 Breakfast Sandwich (Egg/Ham/Chs) <u>Choose One:</u> **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>	17 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	18 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	19 NO SCHOOL
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McDonald's Spirit Night Thank you to all of the families and staff who came out to support McDonald's Spirit Night



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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.