



# Seminole Elementary Times

January 2020 – February 2020

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## Dates to Remember

### February

3-12<sup>th</sup> – Book Fair

3<sup>rd</sup>

- K-Kids 3pm

5<sup>th</sup>

- VPK Informal Open House 6pm
- Math Night 6pm-7:40pm

7<sup>th</sup>

- National Wear Red Day
- Mid-Period Reports Go Home

11<sup>th</sup>

- Limo Lunch
- SAC/PTA 6pm Centennial

14<sup>th</sup>

- Valentine's Day

15<sup>th</sup>

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Rotary Lunch

17<sup>th</sup>

- Pro-Ed Day (No school for Students)
- Florida State Fair Student Day

18<sup>th</sup>

- McDonald's Spirit Night (5-8pm)

19<sup>th</sup>

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Rotary Lunch

20<sup>th</sup>

- Spring Student Pictures
- Lunch Bunch for Good Behavior (1pm)
- PMAC – 3pm

24<sup>th</sup>

- iMoms 7:45am Centennial

23<sup>rd</sup>

- PMAC 3-4pm

26<sup>th</sup>

- Character Assembly 2pm Centennial

27<sup>th</sup>

- Good News Club 3pm

## A Note from Principal Cerreta



As we begin the month of February, I wanted to start by providing our parents with a "State of The School Address". I'm pleased to announce the following updates based on our most recent assessments

- Increased the percentage of students proficient in Reading from 57% to 67%
- Increased the percentage of students proficient in Science from 27% to 52% and are projecting the end of year proficiency rate to increase from 60% last year to 70%
- Increased the percentage of students proficient in Math from 63% to 64%
- Increased the learning opportunities for our students with the Extended Learning Program (ELP) before and after school.
- The Summer Bridge Program will be offered again this summer at Seminole Elementary

Our first semester assessments show amazing academic gains in all areas for our students, especially in the area of reading. Thank you for supporting your child's education having them read each night and signing their reading logs. It is truly making a difference.

### Other exciting news this year:

- PreK- 3 program. This new class is starting on February 10<sup>th</sup>. We are very excited to have Mrs. Scott as our pre-K teacher.
- New 8 Classroom Building for Seminole Elementary (Timeline)
  - February 19, Project Manager Hired
  - June 2021- Construction Begins
  - June 2022- Building Complete
- Increased opportunities for students recognition with our Principal List Awards breakfasts, quarterly celebrations for students reaching their reading goals and quarterly celebrations for students demonstrative outstanding behavior
- Increased opportunities for families to become actively engaged in our school through Family Math Night, Winter Holiday Programs, Awards Breakfasts, Grandparents Breakfast, All Pro Dad's & I Moms.

All of the research shows that there is direct correlation between high parental involvement and high performing schools. Schools that have a high level of community and family involvement are some of the highest performing schools. One of our school wide goals this was to expand the number of family activities and increase the number of parents actively involved. The parental involvement this year has far exceeded our expectations. Thank you for all of your support. While we celebrate these successes, please rest assured that we will continue to strive to improve and grow. We are always looking for what is best for our students and the school.

## Welcome New Staff Members



### Mrs. Pembroke – Assistant Principal

Ms. Pembroke comes from a family of educators: teachers, social workers, and principals. Most recently, she was an elementary principal in Connecticut. She and her husband have owned a house in Dunedin for many years and are happy to call it their permanent home now. Her educational interests include: literacy, leadership, and school culture. She is so pleased to join the Seminole Elementary School community to support students, teachers, parents, and administration



### Mrs. Misener 0 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher

We would like to welcome Mrs. Misener our new 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher to Seminole Elementary. Misener comes from Arkansas and has 10 years of teaching experience teaching K-4<sup>th</sup> grade.



### Mrs. Gunthner – ESE Associate

Welcome Mrs. Gunthner to Seminole Elementary. Mrs./ Gunthner is our new ESE Associate.

## 2019-20 Parent Survey



We value your opinion appreciate you taking time to complete the 2019-20 School t Survey. Simply go to [www.pcsb.org/parentsurvey](http://www.pcsb.org/parentsurvey) and follow the instructions.

## Congratulations to Ms. Pope – Seminole Elementary's 2019-20 Teacher of the Year



Congratulations to Ms. Pope who was honored as Seminole Elementary's Teacher of the Year, at the Evening of Excellence

# Character Kids – January (Self-Motivation)



## PreK

**Piper/Green**

Diana Rizo-Padilla

Lydia Tucker

## KG

**Conde**

Jaelyn Curren

**Horton**

Bobby Bozhilov

Ainsley Apostoleres

**Mucerino**

Matthew Simmonds

Michael O'Neil

**Schuler**

Spencer Bonner

Addison Logsdon McGriff

## 1st

**Flock**

Adelynn Reed

Michael Martinez

**Hendrix**

Logan Pyle

Emileigh Gunthner-Smith

**Luczaj**

Noelia Mucka

Micah Stevens

**Sanders**

Mathias Smith

Maya Walsh

## 2nd

**Blanchet**

Miah Arlia

Anette Lemus-Martinez

**Dupre**

Keondre Mansfield

Laurelle Lyon

**Patterson**

Kamdyn Hines

Rayne Torres

**Rongey**

Leah Ridge

Trinity Montgomery

**Sadock**

Jessica Gassem

Jordan Seibert

## 3rd

Barto

Kelen Durham

Paige Graham

Carlson

Bailey Risso

Blaison Aleman

Poolson

Caylee Vega

Justin Ponds

Rudolph

Alexis Fontaine

Rodney Sunter

## 4th

Croze

Adriana Morris

Walter (Wynn) Huffines

Grimm

Angelina Calderon

Ethen Little

Taylor

Kelsi Uy

Joseph Plankey

## 5th

Kopkau

Sophia Salamate

Ian Dunn

Gamble

Abrianna Scropo

Phillip Hulett

Harty

Kayla Robb

Patrick Grinde

Lentz

Mauricio Lemus-Martinez

Mark Coston

Halpern (4-5)

Mikael Vargas- Mendez

## **BUGS – Bringing Up Grades Students**



## **Principal's List Students and Bowlers**



Congratulations to the following students who brought up their grades for the 2<sup>nd</sup> report card grading period:

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Paige Graham  
Addisyn Houck  
Jayden Sanchez  
Aarush Giri  
Jaio Martins  
Izabelle Adair  
Nathaniel Barden  
Wynter Glasco  
Lexus Servati  
Cheyenne Smith  
Catherine Krajcik  
Jahmia Wilson  
Luca Woolard  
Colt Haines  
Cornell Hayes  
Rodney Sunter  
Carsten Munch  
Bentley Rowland  
Richard Scaff

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Ethan Cleary  
Waylon Hulett  
Kendrick Mansfield  
Ian May  
Mikael Vargas-Mendez

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Patrick Grinde  
Tanis Pernell  
Phillip Hulett  
Maddox Lagalo  
Jeremiah Williams  
William Lyon  
Kayleigh Richmond  
Keegan Woolard  
Anthony Bailey  
Mark Coston  
Jayden Roche  
Fernando Vasquez- Padilla  
Mauricio Lemus-Martinez  
Andrew Topel  
Homer Christian  
Darcus Coley  
Zavion Williams

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Marcella Andree  
Bailey Ashbrook  
David Banyeretse  
Briella Chesley  
Alexis Fontaine  
Kyla Forrest  
Courtney Greene  
Jeremy Henkel  
Lailah Johnson  
Davin Kimbrell  
Emma Maingi  
Hadley Nguyen  
Lee Simmonds  
Josiah Tatham  
Emme Turner  
Elle Vaughan  
Caylee Vega  
Yanshan Yang

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Addison Cochran  
Reagan Cochran  
Easton Flock  
Stone Gildner  
Collin Holton  
Riley Ingram  
Izzabella Jost  
Javon King  
Alijah Kirchmeyer  
Alissa Makinson  
Evan Mccarty  
Ella Mlynarski  
Ava Salerno  
James Steffanci  
Damian Stottler  
Kelsi Uy  
James Steffanci  
Damian Stottler  
Kelsi Uy

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Chloe Aust  
Joselyn Badillo  
Dorine Banyeretse  
Sariya Burch  
Olivia Chen  
Homer Christian  
Camiron Cole  
Ian Dunn  
Brooke Lucas  
Immanuel Martin  
Aimee Nkomeje  
Kara Olver  
Dylan Rowland  
Joyce Sisk  
Eli Spearl  
Andrew Topel

## Music Notes



Congratulations to our three representatives participating in the 2020 Pinellas All-County Chorus: Aimee Nkomeje, Madalyn Sinift, and Jaslene Ulloa!

This year's Spring concert will be on May 18th featuring Kindergarten, 1st Grade, and Seminole Hawk Chorus. Please mark this date in your calendars!

Seminole Hawk Chorus will also be performing at the Multicultural Festival, this year on April 9th. Please be on the lookout for more information as we get closer to this event.

In class most of our classes have started composing their own music on our barred instruments, our Kindergarten and 1st Graders have started talking musical opposites starting with tempos. See if they know what is the musical word for fast music or slow music!

Mrs. Christy

## Art News



Congratulations to Joselyn Badillo, Yasmin Oropeza-Canjay and Olivia Chen for earning awards for their Tag Art drawings of Art Cars from the Pinellas County contest that all 5th graders participated in this September! Their artwork showed strong evidence of line, color, craftsmanship and creativity. Congratulations, artists!

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## Volunteering:

If you are not already a registered volunteer with Pinellas County Schools please visit [www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration](http://www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration) to complete the application. There are many events happening on campus during the Spring and you will need to be a registered volunteer if you would like to help with any of the events on campus.

## Mentors:

Our school is in need of Lunch Bunch mentors. A Lunch Bunch mentor is paired with a student and meets with them once a week during lunch. If you are interested in learning more information please contact Heather Plankey in the front office (727)547-7668.

## Counselor's Corner

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.



The next PTA meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 11th at 6:30 in the Centennial Building. The meeting will follow the 6:00 SAC meeting. All are welcome to attend.

There are several PTA board positions open for next school year. If you are interested in learning more information please contact Heather Plankey in the school office (727)547-7668.

## Lunch Bunch Students for January



## Rotary Students

### Congratulations to for being our January Rotary Students

Aubrey Winslow, Manny Martin and Joyce Sisk



## Battle of the Books

Congratulations to Mrs. Gorman's Battle of the Book Team who won our school-wide Battle of the Books Competition. The Seminole Hawk Readers will represent our school in the District Battle of the Books. Congratulations Bryson Wacker, Camiron Cole, Daniel Durgin & Christian Ramirez



## All Pro Dad's

Thank you to all of the families who participated in our January All Pro Dad's event sponsored by Anona united Methodist Church.



# February 2020 Cafeteria Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>3</b> Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast <u>Choose One:</u> Hamburger OR Cheeseburger Chicken & Waffle Fruit & Yogurt Plate Deli Meat & Cheese Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Tater Tots Fresh Veggie Dippers	<b>4</b> Scrambled Egg, Bacon & Biscuit <u>Choose One:</u> Beef or Pork Tacos Cheesy Bread Chicken Caesar Salad Jamwich Kit <u>Choose:</u> Marinara Cup Refried Fiesta Beans Romaine Side Salad	<b>5</b> Mini Maple Pancakes <u>Choose One:</u> Mandarin Orange Chicken Bowl Macaroni & Cheese Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose:</u> Steamed Broccoli Florets Sliced Cucumbers	<b>6</b> Chicken Waffle Sandwich <u>Student Choice Menu</u> <i>Students choose the hot entrees &amp; vegetable options!</i> Entrée Salad: <i>Apple-a-Day Salad</i> Sandwich: <i>Chicken Caesar Wrap</i> Side Salad: <i>Mixed</i>	<b>7</b> Cheese Omelet w/ Toast <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Variety Teriyaki Beef Dippers w/ Rice & Roll Chef Salad Turkey & Cheese Hoagie/Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Mixed Vegetables Fresh Veggie Dippers
<b>10</b> Pancake Pup <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Tender Basket w/ <i>Crispy Fries &amp; Roll</i> Max Cheese Sticks Fruit & Yogurt Plate Deli Meat & Cheese Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Country Baked Beans Marinara Cup * Veggie Dippers	<b>11</b> Bacon, Egg & Cheese Pizza <u>Choose One:</u> Breakfast for Lunch Pizzaboli Chicken Caesar Salad Jamwich Kit <u>Choose:</u> Deli Roasted Potatoes Marinara Cup * Romaine Side Salad	<b>12</b> Biscuit & Sausage Gravy <u>Choose One:</u> Pasta & Meat Sauce or Meatballs, OR Ravioli & Roll Chicken Nuggets w/ Dip Cup Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose:</u> Crispy Fries Sliced Cucumbers	<b>13</b> Egg, Ham & Cheese Sandwich <u>Choose One:</u> <u>Featured Item:</u> <i>Loaded Beef &amp; Cheese Nachos</i> Grilled Cheese Apple A Day Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <u>Choose:</u> Tomato Soup Mixed Side Salad	<b>14</b> French Toast & Chicken Bites <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Variety Ocean Treasure Fish Nuggets w/ Roll Chef Salad Turkey & Cheese Hoagie/Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Spinach or Collard Greens Fresh Veggie Dippers
<b>17</b> <b>Presidents' Day</b> <b>No School</b> <b>For Students</b>	<b>18</b> Scones (3 flavors!) <u>Choose One:</u> Cheese Sticks & Toasted Ravioli Boat Corn Dog OR Hot Dog Chicken Caesar Salad Jamwich Kit <u>Choose:</u> Steamed Broccoli Florets Marinara Cup Romaine Side Salad	<b>19</b> Mini Eggo Confetti Pancakes <u>Choose One:</u> Popcorn Chicken w/ Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Rotini w/ Meatsauce Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose:</u> Corn Niblets * Sliced Cucumbers Steamed Broccoli Florets	<b>20</b> Sausage Biscuit or Sausage & Grits <u>Choose One:</u> <u>Featured Item:</u> <i>Chicken Sandwich</i> Cheese Quesadillas Apple-a-Day Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <u>Choose:</u> Battered Sweet Potato Fries Salsa Cup * Mixed Side Salad	<b>21</b> Breakfast Skillet w/ Toast <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Variety Fish Sticks o' the Sea w/ a Roll OR Soft Shell Fish Tacos Chef Salad Turkey & Cheese Hoagie/Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Green Beans * Fresh Veggie Dippers
<b>24</b> Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast <u>Choose One:</u> Hamburger OR Cheeseburger Chicken & Waffle Fruit & Yogurt Plate Deli Meat & Cheese Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Tater Tots Fresh Veggie Dippers	<b>25</b> Scrambled Egg, Bacon & Biscuit <u>Choose One:</u> Beef or Pork Tacos Cheesy Bread Chicken Caesar Salad Jamwich Kit <u>Choose:</u> Marinara Cup Refried Fiesta Beans Romaine Side Salad	<b>26</b> Mini Maple Pancakes <u>Choose One:</u> Mandarin Orange Chicken Bowl Macaroni & Cheese Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose:</u> Steamed Broccoli Florets Sliced Cucumbers	<b>27</b> Chicken Waffle Sandwich <u>Student Choice Menu</u> <i>Students choose the hot entrees &amp; vegetable options!</i> Entrée Salad: <i>Apple-a-Day Salad</i> Sandwich: <i>Chicken Caesar Wrap</i> Side Salad: <i>Mixed</i>	<b>28</b> Cheese Omelet w/ Toast <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Variety Teriyaki Beef Dippers w/ Rice & Roll Chef Salad Turkey & Cheese Hoagie/Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Mixed Vegetables Fresh Veggie Dippers

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## Thank You Business Partners

Thank you to **Logical Choice Learning Center** of Seminole for becoming a Gold Level sponsor of Seminole Elementary School. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Thank you to the Seminole **McDonald's** for being our monthly "Lunch Bunch" partner. Every month they provide 35 Happy Meals for the Principal's Lunch Bunch students.

Thank you to **Rita's Italian Ice and Smuggler's Cove** for providing report card incentives.

## Spirit Night

Our next school Spirit Night will take place on Tuesday, February 18th at the Seminole McDonald's.

## News from the Kid's Café



Snacks range in price from \$.50-1.00

**MONDAY-NO SNACKS**  
**TUESDAY- SNACKS AND CHIPS**  
**WEDNESDAY-NOTHING**  
**THURSDAY-SNACKS AND CHIPS**  
**FRIDAY- ICECREAM AND SWITCH DRINKS**  
**WATER is sold EVERYDAY!!!!**

## If You See Something



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## Say Something

Look for Warning Signs. If you see something suspicious Say Something.  
 Report by going to [www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern](http://www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern)



School Hours 8:45am-2:55pm

- Students cannot be dropped off before 8:10 in the morning.
- Students need to be seated in their classroom by 8:45 am.