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 10th. 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 demonstrating outstanding behaviors.
- 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. Pembrook – Assistant Principal
Ms. Pembrook 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 1st Grade Teacher
We would like to welcome Mrs. Misener our new 1st grade teacher to Seminole Elementary. Misener comes from Arkansas and has 10 years of teaching experience teaching K-4th grade.

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

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
K Kids

KG
Conde
Jaelyn Curren
Bobby Bozhilov
Matthew Simmonds
Spencer Bonner

1st
Flock
Adelynn Reed
Logan Pyle
Noelia Mucka
Mathias Smith

2nd
Blanchet
Miah Arlia
Keondre Mansfield
Kamdyn Hines
Leah Ridge

3rd
Barto
Kelen Durham
Bailey Risco
Ainsley Apostoleres
Michael O'Neil

4th
Cross
Adriana Morris
Grimm
Angelina Calderon
Taylor

5th
Kopkau
Sophia Salamata
Gamble
Kayla Robb
Lentz

BUGS – Bringing Up Grades Students

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

3rd Grade
Paige Graham
Addisyn Houck
Jayden Sanchez
Aarush Giri
Jaio Martins
Izabelle Adair
Nathaniel Barden
Wynter Gasco
Sariya Burch
Olivia Chen
Homer Christian
Camron Cole
Ian Dunn
Brooke Lucas
Immanuel Martin
Aimee Nkomeje
Kara Oliver
Dylan Rowland
Joyce Sisk
Eli Spearl
Andrew Topel

4th Grade
Ethan Cleary
Waylon Hulett
Kendrick Mansfield
Ian May
Mikael Vargas-Mendez

5th Grade
Patrick Grinde
Tanis Pernell
Phillip Hulett
Maddox Lagalo
Jeremiah Lagalo
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
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 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.
## February 2020 Cafeteria Menu

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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.

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**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!!!

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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.