



# Seminole Elementary Times

October/November 2022

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## Dates to Remember

### November

- 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Intermediate Awards Assembly (5<sup>th</sup> 1:15, 4<sup>th</sup> 1:45, 3<sup>rd</sup> 2:15)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>
  - PMAC Food Drive
- 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - 3-5 Principal's List Breakfast – 7:30am Centennial Building (families invited)
- 7<sup>th</sup>
  - K-Kids
- 8<sup>th</sup>
  - PTA Board & SAC Café 6:00pm
- 10<sup>th</sup>
  - PMAC
- 11<sup>th</sup>
  - Veterans Day Celebration 9am PE Court
- 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Mid Period Report
- 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Great American Teach In
- 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Individual Picture Retakes
- 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Kindergarten Turkey Fest 1pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>
  - Thanksgiving Break (No School)
- 30<sup>th</sup>
  - PreK and Kindergarten Jack Hartman Concert
- Thursdays
  - Kids Beach Club Centennial 3-4pm



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.

### If You See Something Say Something



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



<https://www.facebook.com/SeminoleElementaryHawks>

## A Note from Principal Cerreta



Dear Seminole Families,

As we begin the month of November, we keep in mind that November is a wonderful and appropriate month to express thankfulness and gratitude for all that we have and for the beauty that surrounds us. Thank you, Seminole Elementary families, for the many blessings we share each day and for allowing me the pleasure working with your children each day. While the past few years have been challenging for many of us, it has given us the gift of a new perspective on the many things that we may have taken for granted in the past. While many of you may be struggling this Thanksgiving, we hope you are able to take a moment to enjoy the moments with your family. Wishing you all a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

**Veterans Day Program**– Join us on Friday, November 11 at 9:00am on the P.E. Court for our annual Veterans Day Program. All parents and Veterans are encouraged to join us for a brief concert featuring the Seminole Hawk Chorus as well as a patriotic presentation from our neighbors at the VFW. We have parking available on the P.E. field.

**Great American Teach In**- The Teach In is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for guest speakers and presenters. Please contact Heather Plankey our parent community liaison, if you are interested in being one of our guest speakers.

### The Prekindergarten Application Period Opens Nov. 28

The application period for prekindergarten programs will be earlier this school year. Parents will be able to apply for PreK for 3-year-olds and VPK for 4-year-olds for next school year from Nov. 28 through 5 p.m. on Dec. 14. A virtual info session will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 28. Links to more information are available at [www.pcsb.org/early](http://www.pcsb.org/early).

### Congratulations to Our Outstanding Readers:

One aspect of our School Wide Reading Program is for the students to read a minimum of 45 minutes for Grades 3-5- and 30-minutes grades K-2 daily. After students read a book or have a book read to them, they take an Accelerated Reader test to earn AR points.

Congratulations to the following students for earning 100 points grades 3-5 and 50 points grades 1-2: Katie Fitzpatrick Desirae Jones

### Congratulations to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Principal's List Students

These students have received all As in academics and S and above in conduct

Kristine Tardif	Vuk Veljkovic	Bryce Henshaw	Noah Hoang	Elise Carlson
Abigail Turner	Amya Auten	Layla Eversole	Sean Kier	Julius Morales
Lainey Gamache	Carson Richmond	Reagan Stanton	Colton Taylor	Makenna Buchans
John Fitzpatrick	Katie Fitzpatrick	Macy Davies	Caden Drake	Sebastian Hock
Shelby Kessler	Havoc Morrison	Elijah Postma	Jace Drake	Piper Plomatos

## PMAC Salvation Army Non-Perishable Food Drive



November 2<sup>nd</sup> – November 16<sup>th</sup>

### Suggested Items

- |                 |                     |              |                          |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Boxed Breakfast | Boxed Dessert       | Canned Fruit | Canned Juices            |
| Canned Meats    | Canned Vegetables   | Dressing     | Dry Box Meals            |
| Instant Soups   | Macaroni and Cheese | Jelly        | Peanut Butter            |
| Drinks          | Canned Gravy        | Condiments   | Pastas (dry w/seasoning) |

Please help us help others this holiday season by donating food for people in need. The class with the most donations wins a prize!

**A Message from Assistant Principal  
Dr. Jennifer McCafferty**



Dear Families,

It was great to see so many of you at our Fall Festival. Thank you to our committee for putting together such a wonderful event and our volunteers who supported with their time, talent, as well as our families who supported with the wonderful donations of candy! I love being part for the Seminole Elementary family! We have fun at Seminole Elementary, but we also work hard.

Your child is hard at work learning grade level standards in all subject areas and our teachers are working hard to ensure positive learning experiences aimed at supporting your child's strengths and areas for growth. Please mark your calendar for the Progress Monitoring 2 testing window of December 5 - 22. Your child's teacher will communicate the specific days in which your child is testing as we get closer to the testing window. This Progress monitoring cycle is very important as it will measure your child's acquisition of grade level standards and we will use this information to compare their mastery of the standards from where they were at the beginning of the year during Progress Monitoring 1 (before being taught the content) to now, after being taught some of the content. The expectation is that we will see growth in students' mastery of grade level standards. Students in grades VPK-2 will receive paper copies of the reports after testing is completed and students in grades 3-5 will have their reports sent to their Focus accounts. Please let me know if you have any questions by calling me at 547-7668 or emailing me at [mccaffertyj@pcsb.org](mailto:mccaffertyj@pcsb.org)

Respectfully,  
Dr. McCafferty

**Thank you Families for Participating in Our Spirit Night**



**October Character Kids**

**KG:**

Conde – Raelynn Hedges  
Horton – Aiden Cochran  
Schuler – Olivia Finical  
D’Altio – Colton Turner

**1st:**

Mucerino – Daniella Mock  
Brady – Myla Webber  
Luczaj – Rudenis Lynx

**2nd:**

Carlson – Mia Huang  
Poolson – Link Brunk  
Calhoun – Martina Morales  
Patterson – Blakely Corry

**3rd:**

Sadock – Adrian Bailey  
Kopkau – Antwine Bailey  
Rudolph – Jaxson Burton

**4th:**

Rongey – Amelia Clark  
Crose – Adelynn Reed  
Harty – Katniss Mitri & Colton Taylor

**5th:**

Lentz – John Fitzpatrick  
Sanders – Kailynn Roche  
Napoli – Kaycee Henshaw  
Gorman – Desirae Jones

**Pre-K:**

Jost – Jaxx Osgood  
Green – Melody Zayasbazan  
Piper – Laken Wentz

**EBD:**

Slaughter – Aden Carpenter

**Rotary Kids of the Month**



Congratulations to Katie Fitzpatrick, Owen Stancill, and Zander Vasquez for being our Rotary Kids of the month for October.

**2022-23 Battle of the Books List**



1. **Amari and the Night Brothers** by B.B. Alston
2. **The Beast and the Bethany** by Jack Meggitt-Phillips
3. **Ben Yokoyama and the Cookie of Doom** by Matthew Swanson
4. **J.D. and the Great Barber Battle** by J. Dillard
5. **Julieta and the Diamond Enigma** by Luisana Duarte Armendariz
6. **Katie the Catsitter** by Colleen AF Venable
7. **Leonard (My Life as a Cat)** by Carlie Sorosiak
8. **The Lion of Mars** by Jennifer L. Holm
9. **Measuring Up** by Lily LaMotte
10. **The Million Dollar Race** by Matthew Ross Smith
11. **Mystery on Magnolia Circle** by Kate Klise
12. **Shirley and Jamila Save Their Summer** by Gillian Goerz
13. **Stella** by McCall Hoyle

**Reading Expectations**



Students are expected to read Monday - Thursday and parents should sign reading logs

- 30 minutes minimum for grades K-2
- 45 minutes minimum for grades 3-5

## Art News



Spooky Season is upon us, and the Art Room is bubbling with exciting artwork! Kindergarteners have been learning about shapes, and have created Monster Shape collages

- 1st graders have been studying the lines found in spiderwebs, as well as the lines and shapes in a spider for their spiderweb collages.
- 2nd graders are witchy outfit designers, using collaged patterned leggings and uniquely curly toed shoes.
- 3rd graders are using visual texture to add a variety of texture to their owls.
- 4th graders are beginning to watercolor paint with masking tape masks.
- 5th graders are using visual texture to create one of a kind dragon eyes with watercolor pencils.

## VOLUNTEER



We are looking for any of our Level 2 volunteers to come and help out with the Great American Teach In on Wednesday, November 16th. Please contact Heather Plankey in the school office if you are able to help that day.

If you are interested in volunteering at our school, please register at [www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration](http://www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration)



You can join our PTA by going to <https://seminoleelementary.memberhub.com/store>  
The cost of joining is \$8

The PTA is also selling our new school spirit shirts for \$10. The sizes range from youth extra small through youth extra large. These are for sale in the front office.

## TIJUANA FLATS Spirit Night:

Our November Spirit Night will take place on Wednesday, November 9th at Tijuana Flats (13100 Seminole Blvd) from 5-8 p.m. Please come and enjoy some dinner with other school families and staff. The class with the most participation will earn a prize.

## Culver's Spirit Night

We would like to thank Culver's of Seminole for hosting October's Spirit Night. Thank you to all of our school families who helped make this a great night! Ms. Rudolph's class earned an ice cream party for having the most families participate at the Spirit Night.

## Lost and Found

Your stuff misses YOU too.



Our lost and found is starting to grow a collection of jackets, lunch boxes, and water bottles. If your student is missing any of those items please have them check the lost and found in the front office.

## Clothes Closet:



Please consider donating any gently used shorts to our clothes closet. We are still in need of shorts (sizes 6-14). You can bring donations to the front office.

## Literacy Night

Thank you to all of the families that came out to our Literacy Night and 1<sup>st</sup> PTA Meeting. Our next PTA Meeting will be November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Centennial Building.



## TITLE I

Have you ever wondered why it is important for your child to read at home daily? Reading is an important building block for academic success in school. Please take the time to go through the PowerPoint found at the following website to learn more about why it is important to have your child read at home.

<https://slideplayer.com/slide/13161708/>

The PowerPoint will give you information on how to help your child choose a "just right" book, how to support their reading at home and what to work with your child on when they have finished reading.

# Music News

with Mrs. Marr

### Upcoming Events

**Veterans Day Program**  
November 11 @ 9am  
All are welcome to join us as we honor our country's Veterans.

**Pumpkin Bones**  
K-5 students have been singing *Pumpkin Bones*, one of our favorite fall songs! We performed percussion instruments to the song, as well as had a *Pumpkin Bones* scavenger hunt!

### This Week in Music...

K and 1st grade became composers as they created their own Halloween rhythms.

2nd & 3rd Grade added background music to *Pass the Pumpkin*.

4th and 5th Grade are learning a new chord in our ukulele unit. We even had a special performance from one of our favorite 5th graders!

### Seminole Beats

Be on the look-out for an exciting new group called *Seminole Beats*! This auditioned group will be open to 4th & 5th Graders who want to be part of a performance-based drum ensemble that meets after school. More info coming soon...

### Recorder News

Recorder playing is in full-swing! Congrats to those 3rd Graders who have earned their White Belts! In order to receive the white belt in our Recorder Karate program, students need to be able to play our first piece, *Just B*.

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## Bullying, Teasing, Conflicts, Oh My



What is bullying? Bullying means someone is being hurt on purpose more than once over a period of time. They are being attacked physically, socially, and/or emotionally. There is an unequal balance of power between the bully and the victim.

What is teasing? Teasing means to make fun of someone in a playful way. It is meant for everyone to have fun, no one is getting physically hurt, however someone may be emotionally hurt.

What is a mean moment? A mean moment, like bullying, means that someone is being hurt on purpose and there is a reaction to a strong feeling or emotion. The difference is, it is an isolated event and does not happen all the time.

What is a conflict? A conflict means that no one is having fun, but there is an equal balance of power. This is a disagreement that has a possible solution that those involved can come up with once everyone is feeling calm. Sometimes it helps to have mediator to help reach a solution everyone is comfortable with.

# November 2022 Cafeteria Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 CHOOSE ONE: Breakfast for Lunch Mini Cheese Calzones Chicken Caesar Salad PBJ Kit or School Made CHOOSE: Marinara Cup Deli Roasted Potatoes * Romaine Side Salad	2 Chicken Nuggets Pasta w/Meat sauce or Lasagna Rollup Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant CHOOSE: Corn Niblets Sliced Cucumbers	3 Chicken Nuggets Pasta w/Meat sauce or Lasagna Rollup Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant CHOOSE: Corn Niblets Sliced Cucumbers	4 CHOOSE ONE Pizza Variety Corn Dog or Hot Dog on a Bun Apple a Day Salad Combo Ham, Turkey and Cheese Sub CHOOSE: Sweet Potato Fries Fresh Veggie Dippers
7 CHOOSE ONE: Hamburger or Cheeseburger Chicken & Waffles Fruit & Yogurt Plate Turkey Club Wrap CHOOSE: Country Baked Beans Fresh Veggie Dippers	8 CHOOSE ONE: Beef or Pork Tacos Cheesy Bread Chicken Caesar Salad PBJ Kit or School Made CHOOSE: Marinara Cup Broccoli Romaine Side Salad	9 CHOOSE ONE: Macaroni & Cheese Boneless Dill Chicken Wings Chicken BLT Salad Ham & Cheese Croissant CHOOSE: Crispy Fries Sliced Cucumbers	10 CHOOSE ONE: Popcorn Chicken Mashed Bowl w/ Roll BBQ Pork Sandwich Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Chicken Caesar Wrap CHOOSE: Corn Niblets Mixed Side Salad	11 CHOOSE ONE Pizza Variety Chicken Tinga Rice Bowl w/ Roll or Chicken Tinga Taco w/ Set-up Apple a Day Salad Combo Ham, Turkey and Cheese Sub CHOOSE: Green Beans Veggie Dippers
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**Seminole Elementary RISE**  
**Schoolwide Expectations**  
**R- Respect/Responsibility**  
**I – Integrity**  
**S – Self-Control**  
**E - Empathy**

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## Great American Teach-In:



The Great American Teach-In will take place on Wednesday, November 16th. If you have a career or a hobby that you would like to share with our students please contact Heather Plankey in the front office to sign up or get more information.

[Plankeyh@pcsb.org](mailto:Plankeyh@pcsb.org)

## Business & Community Partners:

Seminole Elementary would like to thank the Hustle & Heart Group of Remax Collective for sponsoring our Girlfriends group. They are generously donating for all of the needs of this group for the entire school year and attending the meetings. The Girlfriends group is a group of girls nominated by their homeroom teachers for being great examples to other students. The Girlfriends is a Pinellas County Schools program that focuses on empowering girls to be leaders at their current school and in the future. Thank you to the Hustle & Heart Group of Remax Collective for making this possible.

If you would like more information on how your business or organization can partner with Seminole Elementary, please contact Heather Plankey in the front office

We would like to thank the following businesses and organizations for their generous donations and support to Seminole Elementary:

- Pinellas Education Foundation
- Smuggler's Cove
- Rotary Club of Seminole
- Publix (113th Street)
- Beall's Outlet
- Seminole First Baptist Church
- Oakhurst United Methodist Church
- Vampire Penguin
- Pool Perfection Swimming Pool Builders
- Seratyn Salon
- Horace Mann Insurance
- Frankiewicz Financial
- The Hustle & Heart Group of Remax Collective
- Danielle Sapp- Berkshire Hathaway
- Northeast Orthodontics
- Seminole Elks Auxillary
- Seminole Women's Club
- VFW Post 9272
- Jessica Saydah-Mary Kay
- Yard DeSign
- Spenga Fitness
- Coastal Dreams Events
- Seminole Fresh Market
- Mary Kay
- Seth Michael Photography
- Bay Dermatology