



Seminole Elementary Times

August 2019

Issue 1

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Dates to Remember

September 3rd – 13th

- Book Fair

September

2nd

- Labor Day (No School)

4th

- Student Picture Day

5th

- Open House 5-8pm
- 3rd – 5th Grade

10th

- Tampa Bay Rays Ticket Sales Ends
- Volunteer Training Centennial 8:45am
- PTA & SAC Meeting 6pm

11th

- Grandparents Breakfast – Centennial 8am

12th

- Mid-Period Reports go home

17th

- McDonalds Spirit Night 5-8pm

18th

- All Pro Dads – Centennial 7:45am
- 5th Grade Rotary Lunch

19th

- Lunch Bunch - Centennial 1pm
- PMAC 3pm

21st

- Tampa Bay Rays Back to School Night 6:10pm

23rd – 26th

- Start With Hello Week

24th

- Boy Scout Parent Meeting – Centennial 6pm

25th

- Character Kids Reception – Centennial 2pm

27th

- Fall Fundraiser Kick-off 1p
- Astro Skate Party 5-7pm

A Note from Principal Cerreta



Dear Seminole families,

Our first few weeks of school have been wonderful! It is amazing at how quickly the students have become acclimated to their classes and the high level of academics. We are thrilled to be celebrating our “B” grade from the Florida Department of Education. Our students showed tremendous gains last year and have some of the highest gains in the state! We look forward to continuing our work ahead. We are raising the bar by increasing the academic rigor in the upcoming school year with before and after school ELP (Extended Learning Program), school wide reading incentives to promote independent reading and class schedules that help us to maximize time on task and student engagement. We will continue to “SOAR TO SUCCESS”. Thanks to the support from our parents, community, our teachers and the students.

The month of September is a busy month with many activities planned. Our faculty and staff look forward to seeing you all for our Open House on Thursday, September 5th 5:00-7:00 p.m.

You do not want to miss this very informative evening. We will have 2 presentations 5:00-5:50 and then teachers will repeat their presentation again from 6:00-6:50.

This will give parents the opportunity to visit more than one teacher. Parking is available at Seminole First Baptist Church on Park Blvd and the PE court and field (weather permitting). Please be sure to stop by the media center to visit our Book Fair. We look forward to seeing you at Open House.

Upcoming Events:

September 4- School Pictures

September 5- Open House 5:00-7:00

September 11- Grandparents Breakfast 8:00 in the Centennial Building (See attached flyer- please RSVP)

September 18- All Pro Dad’s Breakfast 8:00 in Centennial Building

September 21- Seminole Back To School Night With The Rays- (See attached flyer for ordering information)

September 27- Seminole Skate Party at Astro Skate

If You See Something Say Something



www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern

Look for Warning Signs. If you see something suspicious Say Something.

Report by going to 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.

Welcome New Staff Members to Seminole Elementary



Mrs. Sanders
1st Grade



Mrs. Doyle
EBD Teacher



Mr. Hughes
EBD Teacher



Mrs. Hartly
5th Grade Teacher



Mrs. Cail
Secretary/Bookkeeper



Mrs. Philavong
Plant Operations



Ms. Stukas
VE Teacher



Mrs. Gorski
Speech Therapist

Character Kids – August



PreK			3rd		
Piper	Aaron Novak	Havana Kiebzak	Barto	Allison Aragon	Rowan Huffines
Green			Carlson	Courtney Chen	Jaylynn Huntoon
KG			Kopkau	Landon Scaff	Madeline Arruda
Conde	Sadie Kimbrell	Bryce Henshaw	Poolson	Yanshan Yang	Davin Kimbrell
Horton	Daniella Moore	Sydney Vieno	Rudolph	Emme Turner	Jolea Newton
Mucerino	Noah Hoang	Kylie Egulf	Hughes (2-3)		
Schuler	Areanna McGarvey	Michelle Duncan	4th		
1st			Crose	Sarai Walker	
Flock	Matthew Crosby	Lainey Gamache	Grimm	Alexis Elliott	Alijah Kirchmeyer
Hendrix	Caleb Spearl	Haylee Pickartz	Taylor	Stone Gildner	Izzabella Jost
Luczaj	Johnny Fox	Zoey Groves	5th		
2nd			Ellis	Kayleigh Richmond	Avery Steen
Blanchet	Aubrey Gallant	Callie Toth	Gamble	Daniel Williams	Dorine Banyeretse
Dupre	Hunter Zukowski	Farrah Rollins	Gorman	Micah McCreedy	Jaelynn Seymour
Patterson	Zoey Jost	Mason Eicher	Harty	Matthew Ray	Olivia Chen
Rongey	Abigail Fogal	Mason Smith	Lentz	Anthony Bailey	Brooke Lucas
Sadock	Shelby Kessler	Rhage Hock	Halpern (4-5)	Zavion Williams	

September is Attendance Awareness Month

ATTENDANCE

in the early grades

Many of our youngest students miss 10 percent of the school year—about 18 days a year or just two days every month. Chronic absenteeism in kindergarten, and even preK, can predict lower test scores, poor attendance and retention in later grades, especially if the problem persists for more than a year. Do you know how many young children are chronically absent in your school or community?



Who Is Affected

Kindergarten and 1st grade classes often have absenteeism rates as high as those in high school. Many of these absences are excused, but they still add up to lost time in the classroom.

1 in 10 kids

in kindergarten and 1st grade are chronically absent. In some schools, it's as high as 1 in 4.¹



2 in 10 low-income kids miss too much school. They're also more likely to suffer academically.¹



2.5 in 10 homeless kids are chronically absent.²



4 in 10 transient kids miss too much school when families move.²

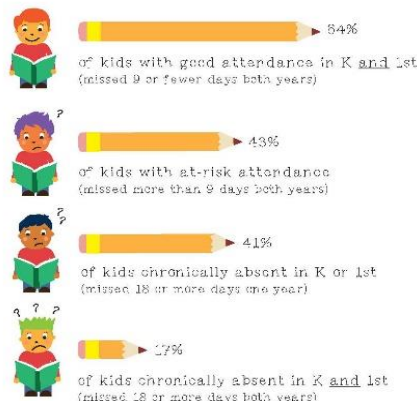


Why It Matters

If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.

Preliminary data from a California study found that children who were chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade were far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade.

Who Can Read on Grade Level After 3rd Grade?³



What We Can Do



Engage Families

Many parents and students don't realize how quickly early absences can add up to academic trouble. Community members and teachers can educate families and build a culture of attendance through early outreach, incentives and attention to data.



Fix Transportation

The lack of a reliable car, or simply missing the school bus, can mean some students don't make it to class. Schools, transit agencies and community partners can organize car pools, supply bus passes or find other ways to get kids to school.



Address Health Needs

Health concerns, particularly asthma and dental problems, are among the leading reasons students miss school in the early grades. Schools and medical professionals can work together to give children and families health care and advice.



Track the Right Data

Schools too often overlook chronic absence because they track average attendance or unexcused absences, not how many kids miss too many days for any reason. Attendance Works has free data-tracking tools.

These are a few steps that communities and schools can take. How do you think you can help?

¹ Cheng, Hedy; Romero, Marijose, *Presents, Engaged and Accounted For: The Critical Importance of Addressing Chronic Absence in the Early Grades*, National Center for Children in Poverty, NY, NY, September 2008.
² *Chronic Absence in Utah*, Utah Education Policy Center at the University of Utah, 2012.

³ *Attendance in Early Elementary Grades: Association with Student Characteristics, School Readiness and Third Grade Outcomes*, Applied Survey Research, May 2011.

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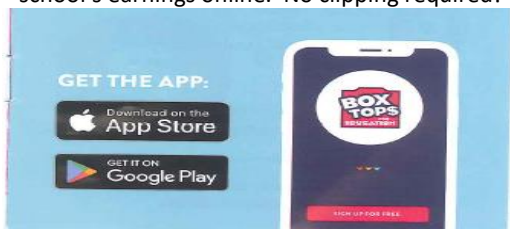
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Grandparent Breakfast



The Grandparents Breakfast will be on Wednesday September 11th from 8:00-8:45 in the Centennial Building. We are asking that everyone park at Seminole First Baptist Church across the street from our campus for this event. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to Heather Plankey in the front office plankeyh@pcsb.org or 727-547-7668

PTA Meeting September 10th at 6:30



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The first PTA meeting of the school year will take place on Tuesday September 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the Centennial Building. This is a great opportunity to learn what PTA is all about and what the PTA does for our school. If you have not yet purchased your Seminole Elementary PTA membership you can purchase one at the meeting. The cost is \$8 and we accept cash or check made out to Seminole Elementary PTA. You can also purchase a membership with a credit card online by going to <https://seminoleelementary.memberhub.store/>

Volunteering

If you would like to volunteer at Seminole Elementary you must be a registered volunteer. The registration process is very easy. Just go online to pcsb.org and select the volunteering tab. Then click on the link for volunteer registration and answer the questions. We will be having a volunteer orientation on Tuesday September 10th from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the Centennial Building. If you plan to attend, please check in at the front office with your photo ID before heading down to the orientation. If you need any assistance with your volunteer registration, please contact Heather Plankey our Volunteer Coordinator in the front office.

PE Shorts



Hi Seminole Families

As we kick off our 2019-2020 School Year the P.E. Department would like to remind your students that it is HOT.

Students are advised to bring water bottles to PE class. Also remember to hydrate at home. Also remind students to wear the proper dress attire. Students must wear closed toe shoes to PE to protect their feet and will not be allowed to participant in flip flops or sandals. Hats and Sunglasses may be worn but Only to PE. Our P.E. program is designed to be fun and exciting infused with an athletic skills foundation that they can carry throughout their athletic career. Encourage your kids to have fun and always try their best. -Coach Deering and Stevens

Music Notes



Welcome to another year of musical excellence! We are already having a lot of fun in the music room and have been reviewing the concepts where we left off last year.

Our concerts will be different than in years past, please look at the following to see what day your student will be performing:

December 19, 2019 - 2nd Grade, 3rd Grade, and Seminole Hawk Chorus; will be presenting our Winter concert May 18, 2020 - Kindergarten, 1st Grade, and Seminole Hawk Chorus; will be presenting our Spring Concert All concerts will take place at 6:30 at Seminole High School. As these dates get closer, more information will be sent home.

I am looking forward to another wonderful year of music making!

Mrs. Christy

Note from Mrs. Conde



I would just like to extend a welcome to all my new Kindergarten families! We have a wonderful class and I'm looking forward to a great year working with you and your child.

Sincerely – Mrs. Conde

Note from Mrs. Mucerino



Thank you for all of the donations! Looking forward to a wonderful year with a new batch of MINIONS!

Once a MINION~ Always a Mucerino Minion!

Guidance Corner

Hi Families and Students,

This year we will again be recognizing students who show good character throughout the month at our Character Kids assemblies. The month of August has been focused on RESPECT, and September will be RESPONSIBILITY. We hope that you will emphasize these at home as well. We want to nurture these good qualities in each of our children. Also, I will continue to provide counseling services to individual students and groups as well as referral services for families with other needs. As much as I can, I also enjoy going into classrooms and providing guidance lessons on a variety of topics. I will also try to provide you with information on community resources that are available. This month, I will begin with the HELPLINE. They are a general referral source for needs from medical and dental to counseling. etc. They can be reached by calling 211 or going online (211.org). You can also find more specific help with homework needs and questions at the HOMEWORK HELPLINE at 547-7668 or by going to the PCSB website and typing in homework helpline. There is also a general school board website for information on bullying or harassment (bullying.pcsb.org or harassment.pcsb.org).

Mrs. Holly Schultz, School Counselor

September 2019 Cafeteria Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
NO SCHOOL!	3 Mini Confetti Pancakes <u>Choose One:</u> Breakfast for Lunch Cheesy Bread Chicken Caesar Salad Jamwich Kit <u>Choose:</u> Deli Roasted Potatoes Marinara Cup * Romaine Side Salad	4 Scones <u>Choose One:</u> Asian Beef & Broccoli Lo Mein Chicken Drumstick w/ Hush Puppy Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose:</u> Sliced Cucumbers Steamed Broccoli Florets	5 Sausage Patty w/ Biscuit <i>or</i> Grits <u>Choose One:</u> Featured Item: Loaded Beef & Cheese Nachos Chicken Sandwich Apple-a-Day Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <u>Choose:</u> Battered Sweet Potato Fries Mixed Side Salad	6 Breakfast Skillet <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Variety Cheesy Fish Filet Chef Salad Turkey & Cheese Hoagie <i>or</i> Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Corn Niblets Fresh Veggie Dippers
9 Maple Pancake Minis <u>Choose One:</u> Cheeseburger <i>or</i> Hamburger Cheese Sticks & Toasted Ravioli Boat Fruit & Yogurt Plate Bologna & Cheese Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Marinara Cup Tater Tots * Fresh Veggie Dippers	10 Chicken Waffle Sandwich <u>Choose One:</u> Beef <i>or</i> Pork Tacos Cheese Pizza Crunchers Chicken Caesar Salad Jamwich Kit <u>Choose:</u> Refried Fiesta Beans Romaine Side Salad	11 Egg, Ham & Cheese Sandwich <u>Choose One:</u> Mandarin Orange Chicken Bowl Macaroni & Cheese Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose:</u> Steamed Broccoli Florets Sliced Cucumbers	12 Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast Student Choice Menu <i>Students choose the hot entrees and vegetable options!</i> <i>Plus:</i> Apple-a-Day Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap Mixed Side Salad	13 Cheese Omelet w/ Toast <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Variety Chicken & Waffle Chef Salad Turkey & Cheese Hoagie <i>or</i> Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Mixed Vegetables Fresh Veggie Dippers
16 Pancake Pup <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Tender Basket w/ Crispy Fries & Roll Max Cheese Sticks Fruit & Yogurt Plate Bologna & Cheese Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Marinara Cup Green Beans Fresh Veggie Dippers	17 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Pizza <u>Choose One:</u> Teriyaki Beef Dippers w/ Rice & Chow Mein Noodles Grilled Cheese Chicken Caesar Salad Jamwich Kit <u>Choose:</u> Tomato Soup Romaine Side Salad	18 Glazed Dunker <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Fajita Cheez-It Bowl Pasta & Meatballs Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose:</u> Spinach <i>or</i> Collard Greens Sliced Cucumbers	19 Scrambled Egg, Bacon & Biscuit <u>Choose One:</u> Featured Item: Italian Beef & Mushroom Pizza Corn Dog <i>or</i> Hot Dog Apple-a-Day Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <u>Choose:</u> Country Baked Beans Mixed Side Salad	20 French Toast & Chicken Bites <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Variety Ocean Treasure Fish Nuggets <i>w/ Roll</i> Chef Salad Turkey & Cheese Hoagie <i>or</i> Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Green Peas Fresh Veggie Dippers
23 Egg & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Nuggets & Pretzel Rod Loaded Beef & Cheese Nachos Fruit & Yogurt Plate Bologna & Cheese Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Corn Niblets Fresh Veggie Dippers	24 Mini Confetti Pancakes <u>Choose One:</u> Breakfast for Lunch Cheesy Bread Chicken Caesar Salad Jamwich Kit <u>Choose:</u> Marinara Cup Deli Roasted Potatoes Romaine Side Salad	25 Scones <u>Choose One:</u> Asian Beef & Broccoli Lo Mein Chicken Drumstick w/ Hush Puppy Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose:</u> Sliced Cucumbers Steamed Broccoli Florets	26 Sausage Patty w/ Biscuit <i>or</i> Grits <u>Choose One:</u> Featured Item: Mini Slider Burger Basket Chicken Sandwich Apple-a-Day Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <u>Choose:</u> Marinara Cup Battered Sweet Potato Fries Mixed Side Salad	27 Breakfast Skillet <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Variety Cheesy Fish Filet Chef Salad Turkey & Cheese Hoagie <i>or</i> Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Corn Niblets Fresh Veggie Dippers
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Great American Teach-In:

The Great American Teach-In will be on Wednesday November 13th. If you have a career, special talent, or hobby you would like to share with our students please contact Heather Plankey in the front office plankeyh@pcsb.org or 727-547-7668. We would love to have as many of our families participate as possible for this great event.

Thank You Business Partners

We would like to thank the following organizations for their generous donation of school supplies:
VFW Post 9272
Beall's Outlet of Seminole
The Backpack Lady Project
Seminole First Baptist Church

News from the Kid's Café



Snack will start being sold starting September 3rd snacks will 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!!!!

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/>