



Seminole Elementary Times

A Note from Your Principal Mrs. Grasso



Message from the Principal

Dear Seminole Elementary Families,

I hope everyone had a restful and fun Spring break! It truly is unbelievable how fast this year is going!!! There are less than 9 weeks of school left and all the big stakes testing for our 3rd-5th graders have begun. The 1st and 2nd graders finished their SAT10 assessments last week; the FSA (Florida State Assessments) will continue through the second week of May. This sounds like a long season because the majority of the tests are done in the lab and are computer based therefore a schedule is followed where each child only has 4-6 days (up to 2 hours in the day) when they are tested. Each class follows a given schedule. We are confident that the students have gotten adequate curriculum knowledge during the school year and will do their best on the tests. Words of encouragement and the less stress as possible is appreciated from home; a good night's rest and healthy breakfast are also helpful.

Can you assist with our latest initiative? We are assembling a yearbook for the school (Grades PreK-5) – to defray the cost per book we are looking for donations. Several businesses and companies have already donated to this cause and will have advertisements in the book. Please ask your place of employment if they could donate to this project as well. Personal donations will also be accepted. Our goal is to have the books paid for and no cost to the students; at this point it looks like the price of the books will be at least \$8.00 per book. Please speak to Jennifer Mercado, our Community and Family Liaison for additional details.

The last Wednesday of the month is our Character Kids Assembly where Authentic Martial has sponsored an electronic tablet drawing; those students who have been registered will have a chance to win; this has added some excitement to the program! If you haven't registered your child yet please go to the Seminole Elementary website, look on the left hand side of the screen for C2CTablet drawing and click on this, it will ask for an e-mail address and a student name. If you have already registered than you are good to go and the name stays in, the link is now working.

Thank you for supporting your child's education and our school; Seminole Elementary is a wonderful school because of the dedicated staff and all of you!

Mrs. Grasso

Rotary Awards

Rotary Club Students

The Rotary Club of Seminole has just begun sponsoring Seminole Elementary; three fifth grade students each month will be selected by their classroom teacher. The following students attended the meetings and were recognized for their academic achievement, motivation to succeed and citizenship for March:



Sundrick James – Mrs. Halpern's class
Aiden Speart – Mrs. Grimm's class
Aubrey Kopkau – Mrs. Henkel's class

Congratulations to these students; being selected for Rotary is a very big honor. Each received a trophy, gift certificates, rotary bag and a delicious lunch.

The Rotary Club of Seminole, Club Number 4289 has been very generous to the Seminole community; we are very appreciative of our school being included and their support of our students!

Upcoming Events April

- 6th
 - PRIDE Awards Ruth Eckerd Hall 7:00pm
 - Principal's List Bowling
 - Mad Science Begins
- 7th
 - Academic Black belt Assembly
 - o 12:20pm 4th grade
 - o 1:00pm 3rd grade
 - o 1:40pm 5th grade
- 10th
 - FSA Testing Begins
- 11th
 - SAC Meeting
- 13th
 - Astro Skate Skating Party 6pm-8pm
- 14th
 - No School for Students
- 18th
 - School-wide Battle of the Books 1: .r
- 21st
 - Mid-term Reports go Home
 - Kindergarten Old McMicky's Farm
- 26th
 - Character Kids Assembly 8:35am
- 27th
 - 5th Grade Enterprise Village

Mad Science

Thursdays 2:40

TESTING Schedule

- April 10th – 13th 5th Grade ELD
- April 21, 24, 25, 26 5th Grade Math
- April 27th – 28th 3rd Grade Math
- May 1st – 2nd 3rd Grade Math
- May 3rd – 4th 4th Grade ELA
- May 5th & 8th 4th Grade ELA
- May 9th -12th 4th Grade Math
- May 15th 3rd Grade ELA Module F-2
- May 16th Music Common Assessment 5th Grade
- May 18th Art Common Assessment 5th grade

Character Kids – March



KG

Horton Alan Seinos
Conde Bailey Ashbrook
Schuler Aaron Ramirez
Davis Brandon Swartout
Fellows Promise Gray

Mia Charland
 Jeremy Henkel
 Sophia Darroch
 Wyatt Bear

3rd

Barto Allison Snow
Carlson Anthony Wright
Poolson Shane Todd
Rudolph Adelina Padro
Kopkau Ricardo Montoya Cano
Kappler Dylan Baylor
Fugate Antonio Uyeda

Sean Harr
 Tomajah Walls
 Liana Leili
 Dalylah Silverwood
 Brody Gessner
 Isabella Lyons

1st

Flock Athena Madden
Dupre Baylei Duran
Ellis Alissa Makinson
Gamble Rodney Sunter
Guglielmo Jake Carnes

Evan McCarty
 Stone Gildner
 Robert Peyton Kazmaier
 Jonathan Rodriguez

4th

Taylor Addison Morrison
Swartz Jaron (J.J.) Baysinger
Crose Natalie Marek
Arnold Carmen Morales
Leonard Bailey Bacon

Devin Walls
 Eli Porter
 Isabella Sage
 Carley Loudermilk
 Luke Gillespie

2nd

Luczaj Amir Henson
Gorman Elly Palacias
Patterson Landon Blackwell
Mucerino Ruilin Ma
Smith Braelyn Sarni
Blanchet William Lyon

Arianna Gould
 Erik Abbott
 Fernando Vazquez-Padilla
 Mauricio Lemus-Martinez
 Mya Ficocelli
 Abrianna Scropo

5th

Henkel Cooper Moore
Grimm Evan Smith
Lentz Brodie Talbot
Sadock Savannah Drygal
Tripp Gary VanDierendonk
Halpern Cole Orset

Isabel Mahoney
 Jalyssa Ross
 Nicolas Vincelli
 Jasmine Villagomez
 Jeremiah Collins-Gavin

Battle of the Books



Congratulations to the following 3rd and 4th grade Battle of the Books teams for advancing to our school-wide Battle of the Books which will be held April 18th :

3rd Grade

Kopkau's Reading Rangers

Carter Hasty
 Adrian Munoz
 Lily Alvey
 Elijah Ferguson

Poolson's Lightning Reader's

Ty Harris
 Liana Leili
 Hannah Lamaroux
 Abigail Stevens

4th Grade

Arnold's Achievers Comprehending Masterminds

Carley Loudermilk
 Aydan Dickman
 Aiden Arcidiacono
 Miranda Rollins

Crose's Quad Squad

Jade Robinson
 Kaitlyn Parks
 Morgan Mascarena
 Kenna Stulce

5th Grade

Mrs. Henkel's Hogwarts' Rats

Ava Spano
 Isabel Mahoney
 Gabby Leili
 Quinn Davis

Mrs. Lentz's Purple Savages

Guy Sonnenberg
 Jaleah Batten
 Danielle Goettsch
 Keegan Allison

Thank you to all of the classes that participated in our grade level Battle of the Books. Reading 15 various titles takes hard work and perseverance.

Register Your Child to Win A New Android Tablet

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY



Drawings will take place monthly during our Character assembly. Sponsored by Authentic Martial Arts (AMA After School Enrichment and Summer Camp Programs) REGISTER at <http://mydigitdoorway.com/se>

Family Fitness News You Can Use
Encouraging Family Fitness and Healthy Habits



If you are looking for fun ways to keep your child active, here are some great programs offered right here in our community of Seminole:

At the Seminole Recreation Center

LIL' EXPLORERS

Ages 4-11 Six-Week Session
Every week the children will become nature explorers and learn about wildlife, gardening and their environment.

Six-Week Session from April 1 - May 6th Saturdays 11:00am-11:45am

Pre-Registration is Required \$36 Members /\$54 Non-Members

CO-ED YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL

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This eight-week recreation league starts with evaluations and ends with a single elimination playoff. Practice and games will be on Monday and Wednesday evenings. The season runs April 2 – June 28.

Mandatory Evaluations:

Juniors (7-9 years old) on Monday, April 17 at 6:30pm Seniors (10-12 years old) on Wednesday, April 19 at 6:30pm

\$50 members/ \$75 non-members

Volunteer Coaches are needed. Contact Rob Tuttle at 727-397-6085.

In Largo /Clearwater

Fishing Class & Deep Sea Excursion (Ages 8-Adult)

Learn fish identification, angler etiquette, knot-tying, casting, rules, regulations, types of equipment, lures and bait. The day after class, you will jump aboard the Double Eagle for a deep sea fishing trip. Bait, poles and tackle are included. Space limited to first 20 participants. Legal guardian must register and accompany minors during class and excursion. Call (727)587-6740 ext. 5008 for more details. One in classroom session runs Saturday, SPRING 2017 from 8:30a-1:30p at Southwest Recreation Complex. Excursion is set for Sunday, SPRING 2017 from 8a-12p on the Double Eagle out of Clearwater Beach.

Instructor: Sensing Nature, LLC.

COMING SPRING 2017 Sat 8:30a-1:30p \$56 with a membership card/\$63 without a membership card.

Coach Middlebrooks and Coach Stevens

Field Day Fun

Thank you PE Department for a great day of fitness and fun. Thank you PTA, volunteers, staff and students for making this day possible.



The Importance of Regular School Attendance

Regular school attendance is essential for student success, even beginning in Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten. Early chronic absence can leave children unable to read well by the end of third grade. It can establish patterns of poor attendance and academic failure for older students, and increases the percentages of children who drop out of high school. Parents and families are essential partners with their child's school in promoting good attendance because they, ultimately, have the "bottom-line" responsibility for making sure their child gets to school every day. Families often do not realize that attendance is important in Kindergarten, as it is in the higher grades. It is important that patterns of non-attendance do not develop, and that families build a healthy habit of daily school attendance right from the beginning. Children can quickly fall behind with their learning with frequent absences. Kindergartners who miss 10% or more of the school year, often have lower achievement in first grade, and for some, throughout elementary school. Even missing a day or two every few weeks can cause children to fall behind. Children do not do as well in school when they frequently miss part of or an entire school day. You can help your child succeed by understanding how schools define absences and learning ways to support your child's school attendance.

Strategies for Parents to Encourage Attendance:

1. Let your child know that your family values education. Tell your child that you believe he/she can make academic progress. Make education a family priority.
2. Insist that your child goes to school on time every day.
3. Talk with your child about school. Listen to your child's concerns. Ask how you can help.
4. Help your child develop personal interests and strengths. Connect those interests and strengths to what your child is doing in school.
5. Support your child's efforts with studying, completing homework, and working on academic skills and responsibilities.
6. Check your child's backpack and agenda daily.
7. Discuss concerns with your child's teacher and work together to support your child's school success. Attend Parent/Teacher conferences and other school meetings that are scheduled.
8. Be sure that your child knows that you do not approve of his/her being late for school.
9. Attend school functions, PTA meetings, and activities, etc. Be involved with your child's school.
10. Set a regular bedtime and morning routine. Lay out clothes and backpacks the night before.
11. Have your child relax before bedtime with a story, instead of the stimulation of television, video games, etc.
12. Have schoolwork and lunch ready and laid out and create a special folder for completed assignments. Provide regular study times and a quiet, clean area for doing homework.
13. Don't allow your child to stay home unless he/she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
14. If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, members of the school's Student Services Team (school counselors, school social workers, school psychologists, behavior specialists, school nurses) or other parents for advice on how to help/him/her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
15. Do not let your child persuade you into making excuses for him/her.



APRIL PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS - MENU

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 Blueberry Bash Mini Waffles <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Sandwich Pizza Crunchers Chef Salad Turkey & Cheese Hoagie <u>Choose:</u> Crinkle Oven Fries Fresh Veggie Dippers	4 Scrambled Egg, Bacon & Biscuit <u>Choose One:</u> Steak & Cheese Hoagie Corndog Farmer's Salad Jamwich Kit <u>Choose:</u> Oven Baked Beans Romaine Side Salad	5 Rich's Cinnamon Roll <u>Choose One:</u> Teriyaki Beef Dippers Over Rice Stuffed Shells Marinara Fruit & Yogurt Plate Tasty Brands Ham & Cheese Wrap <u>Choose:</u> Broccoli Sliced Cucumbers	6 Egg & Cheese Breakfast Taco <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken & Dutch Waffle Grilled Cheese Chicken Cobb Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <u>Choose:</u> Tomato Soup Mixed or Tossed Side Salad	7 Pancake Pup <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Potato Crusted Fish Sticks & Corn Muffin Loaf Chicken Popper Salad Tasty Brands Combo Sub <u>Choose:</u> Green Beans Fresh Veggie Dippers
10 Sausage Gravy Bagel <u>Choose One:</u> Max Sticks Teriyaki Chicken Bowl w/ Roll Chef Salad Turkey & Cheese Hoagie <u>Choose:</u> Marinara Cup Stir Fry Vegetables Fresh Veggie Dippers	11 Maple Pancake Minis Chicken Pot Pie Max Snack Cheese Quesadilla Farmers Salad <u>Choose</u> Deli Roasted Potatoes Romaine Side Salad	12 Chicken Biscuit <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Drumstick w/ Hush Puppy Macaroni & Cheese Yogurt Parfait Tasty Brands Ham & Cheese Wrap <u>Choose:</u> Sweet Potato Waffles Fries Sliced Cucumbers	13 Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast <u>Choose One:</u> Beef or Pork Tacos Mini Cheese Calzones Farmer's Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <u>Choose:</u> Marinara Cup Refried Fiesta Beans Mixed or Tossed Side Salad	14 No School For Students Professional Development Day
17 Banana Pancake Minis <u>Choose One:</u> Hamburger/Cheeseburger on a Bun Turkey Pot Roast Potato Bowl w/ Roll Veggie Double Dipper Salad Turkey & Cheese Hoagie <u>Choose:</u> Seasoned Corn Nibbles Fresh Veggie Dippers	18 Sausage Biscuit <u>Choose One:</u> Corn Dog Nugget with Curly Fry Basket <u>Stromboli:</u> Pepperoni <u>or</u> Turkey Ham & Cheese Farmer's Salad Jamwich Kit <u>Choose:</u> Sliced Carrots Marinara Cup Romaine Side Salad	19 Glazed WG Dunker <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Nuggets Spaghetti & Meatballs <u>or</u> Tex-Mex Beef Ravioli w Roll Hummus Dipper Plate Tasty Brands Ham & Cheese Wrap <u>Choose:</u> Broccoli Sliced Cucumbers	20 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Pizza <u>Choose One:</u> Breakfast for Lunch Giorgio Cheesy Bread Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <u>Choose:</u> Deli Roasted Potatoes Marinara Cup Mixed or Tossed Side Salad	21 Apple Cinnamon Sausage Stick <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Ocean Treasure Fish Nuggets w/ Roll Chicken Caesar Salad Tasty Brands Combo Sub <u>Choose:</u> Oven Baked Beans Fresh Veggie Dippers
24 Blueberry Bash Mini Waffles <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Sandwich Pizza Crunchers Chef Salad Turkey & Cheese Hoagie <u>Choose:</u> Crinkle Oven Fries Fresh Veggie Dippers	25 Scrambled Egg, Bacon & Biscuit <u>Choose One:</u> BBQ Roast Chicken, Cornbread Muffin Loaf & Orchard Pear Crisp Corndog Farmer's Salad Jamwich Kit <u>Choose:</u> Oven Baked Beans Romaine Side Salad	26 Rich's Cinnamon Roll <u>Choose One:</u> Beef Dippers Over Rice Stuffed Shells Marinara Fruit & Yogurt Plate Tasty Brands Ham & Cheese Wrap <u>Choose:</u> Broccoli Sliced Cucumbers	27 Egg & Cheese Breakfast Taco <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken & Dutch Waffle Grilled Cheese Chicken Cobb Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <u>Choose:</u> Tomato Soup Mixed or Tossed Side Salad	28 Pancake Pup <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Potato Crusted Fish Sticks & Corn Muffin Loaf Chicken Popper Salad Tasty Brands Combo Sub <u>Choose:</u> Green Beans Fresh Veggie Dippers

Thank you for an awesome Spirit Night!
 Thank you to our business partners for your hospitality and to our family and friends that came out to support our school!



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Treasure Island Fun Center



Dairy Queen



Astro Skate

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Thank You Mentors and Lunch Pals:

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