



Seminole Elementary Times

October is National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month.

www.pcsb.org has resources to help you learn more about Bullying Prevention and Intervention.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

A Note from Your Principal Mrs. Grasso



Dear Seminole students and families; Thank you for a fabulous month; the first round of student assessments have been completed, the Parent Teacher Association and School Advisory Council have met, the School Improvement Plan has been submitted; two nights of Back to School/Open House, Peace Week, Family Spirit nights, School Enrichment Model/clusters began, the after school programs for tutoring and enrichment have started and we all survived Hurricane Hermine (FYI -a special waiver has been submitted so that these days will not need to be made up at a later date). Much accomplished and none of this would have been possible without everyone's help and support! My gratitude and thanks to all! In the month of October many more exciting things to come: after-school STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) begins, the 3rd, 4th & 5th graders begin their week of instruction in the new Science Lab, there will be a PTA sponsored Skating Night at Astro Skate Center on Friday, 10/7 from 6:00 -8:00 pm; we are asking for a parent or a responsible adult to stay with students attending, please no drop offs. Please check the up-coming dates section of this newsletter, look for flyers and listen for connect-ed phone calls regarding fund raiser delivery, the canned food drive, Red Ribbon Week, the Mad Scientist Program and Report Cards. I am enjoying meeting new families and learning student names each day; I say thank you again for this opportunity to serve as your principal at Seminole Elementary. Fondly,
Mrs. Grasso

The Great American Teach-In...

The Great American Teach-In... The Great American Teach-In this year will be on Wednesday, November 16th. This is a great and fun opportunity for our family members and our friends of the community to come and share information about your career, hobbies or life experiences. If you are interested please contact Jennifer Mercado at mercadoje@pcsb.org.

BULLYING POLICY



School Board Policy 5517.01 Against Bullying and Harassment

Florida State Statute 1006.147

Definition of Bullying and Definition of Harassment

"Bullying" includes cyberbullying and means systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on another person.

"Harassment" means any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture, use of data or computer software, or written, verbal or physical conduct directed against another person.

In response to a new state law, the Jeffrey Johnston Stand Up for all Students Act, the School Board recently adopted a policy that prohibits bullying and harassment. The policy ensures that all students, employees, and volunteers learn and work in an environment that is safe, secure, and free from harassment and bullying of any kind. Florida is now one of 32 states with a law regarding bullying in schools.

Reporting Bullying and Harassment

Incidents of bullying or harassment can be:

- Reported to the school principal (Mrs. Grasso), Assistant Principal (Ms. Faust), or Guidance Counselor (Mrs. Schultz).
- Reported online - Report incidences of bullying and harassment - Go to www.pcsb.org
- Reported anonymously by calling the Campus Crime Stoppers Hotline at 1-800-873-8477

Box Tops



The following classes are the Top Winners for September:

**K- Conde 1 - Gamble 2 - Smith 3- Barto
4 - Taylor 5-Sadock EBD - Fugate**

They will receive a popcorn party!

BOXTOPS COLLECT BOX TOPS FOR TECHNOLOGY!

Start clipping Box Tops today to help Seminole Elementary earn money for technology. Every Box Tops clip is worth 10¢ and quickly adds up to money that can help our school buy computers for the classrooms. Simply look for pink Box Tops on products, clip them and send them in a Ziploc bag to your child's classroom. So ask your neighbors, grandparents and co-workers to clip Box Tops and help our school!

We collected over 5,000 Box Tops for our first submission this year! Thank you for supporting Box Tops!

Upcoming Events OCTOBER

- 5th • K-Kids 3rd - 5th Grade Kick Off
- 7th • PTA Skating Party 6-8pm Astro Skate Center
- 12th • No School for Students
- 19th • Fire Department F/T Davis Schuler
- 20th • Fire Department F/T Conde Fellow Horton
- 25th • Kindergarten Pumpkin Patch F/T
• Report Cards Go Home
- 26th • Character Kids Assembly 8:30am PE Court
- 27th • Gifted/PMAC SPIFFS F/T
- 28th • Academic Black Belt Assembly 1:15pm
- 31st • Kindergarten Character Parade

WEEKLY EVENTS

Extended Learning Program

Monday & Wednesdays 2:40-3:40pm

STEM Club

Tuesdays 2:40-4:00pm

SEM Enrichment Clusters

Fridays 8:45-9:45am

Good News Club

Thursdays 2:40- 4:00pm

2016-17 School T-Shirts \$8



New Seminole Elementary Hawks T-shirts. Youth sizes available and adult sizes available to order. Shirts are in light blue. **\$8 t-shirts will be on sale at Open House and in the school office. Please make checks payable to SES**

PTA

No Halloween Costumes at School



In an effort to maintain the educational integrity and minimal distractions in the classroom setting, 1st - 5th grade students are not permitted to wear costumes to school. Halloween costumes may only be worn by Kindergarteners during the Character Costume Parade. Kindergarteners will need to have a change of clothes to change into after the parade.

Character Kids – August



PreK		
Green/Piper	Aubrey Gallant	Kamdyn Hines
KG		
Schuler	Ava Blair	Evan Grinde
Conde	Emme Turner	Davin Kimbrell
Horton	Sydney Nguyen	Allison Aragon
Davis	Marcella Andre	Courtney Greene
Fellows	Faith Hauge	
1st		
Dupre	Sawyer Snyder	Chloe Turner
Flock	Isabella Johnston	Stone Gildner
Ellis	Damian Stottler	Eric You
Gamble	Tykristian Brown	Michael Nieves
2nd		
Luczaj	Shawna Elliott	Michael Tillman
Patterson	Joselyn Badillo	Kendall Landt
Smith	Amelia Wood	Maddux Belcaster
Blanchet	Faith Mercado	Olivia Chen
Mucerino	Stevie Hylan	Andrew Topel
Gorman	Daniel Durgin	Tathan Friedle
Guglielmo	Amari Walls - 2nd	
3rd		
Barto	Joe Hoffman	Skyler Connor-Lewis
Kappler	Kaylee Houck	Irish Gildner
Kopkau	Olivia Charles	Carter Hasty
Rudolph	Davaney Tavano	Scott Rowland
Carlson	Evelyn Pineda-Sandoval	William Brickey
Poolson	Collin Simpson	Sara Henkel
Fugate	Jesse Smith - 4th	
4th		
Taylor	Samantha Pritchard	Timothy Maciejewski
Cröse	Kollin Bayes	Molly Mancuso
Swartz	Madison Clark	Dylan Anderson
Arnold	Jaden Casanova	Miranda Rollins
Leonard	Anton Dang	McKenna Cochran
5th		
Henkel	Nahia Baydoun	David Morey
Lentz	Ciona Luna Nash	Joseph Miller
Sadock	Heather Miller	Anthony Saez
Grimm	Tori Chiarini	Ayden Spearl
Tripp	Owen Carnahan	Savanna Chicarell
Halpern	Robert Kaiser - 5th	

Character Kids – September



PreK		
Green/Piper	Sarah Schonschack	Patrick Soto
KG		
Schuler	Lee Mahoney	Hadley Nguyen
Conde	Colt Haines	Jolea Newton
Horton	Ethan Hainsworth	Madison Hansen-Voight
Davis	Justin Ponds	Natalie Montoya
Fellows	Landon Parker	Briella Chelsey
1st		
Dupre	Cameron Huckabone	Kassy Bayes
Flock	Reagan Cochran	Lukas Klipper
Ellis	Kelsi Uy	Ava Salerno
Gamble	Izzabella Jost	Landen Whiteley
2nd		
Luczaj	Kara Olver	Avory Hazlett
Patterson	Kayla Robb	Ryan Abbott
Smith	Paul "Trae" Jeffords	Mya Ficocelli
Blanchet	Kaden Helvie	Jackson Meddleton
Mucerino	Angelina Calderon	Dylan Crosby
Gorman	Patrick Grinde	Ysabelle Sisk
Guglielmo		
3rd		
Barto	Jolie Toth	Aubrielle Stone-Plauche
Kappler	Jada Fortner	Caira Willingham
Kopkau	Elijah Ferguson	Aleksandra Urbanowicz
Rudolph	Lindsey Eckley	Maddox Newton
Carlson	Preston Henderson	Christian Rodriguez
Poolson	Isabella Nagatani-Beyers	Logan Taber
Fugate	Jesse Smith	Brandon Hanson
4th		
Taylor	Tamara Vukovic	Hunter Matthews
Cröse	Kaitlyn Parks	Kenna Stulce
Swartz	Kennedy Porter	Victoria Raba
Arnold	Dylan Laramee	Aydan Dickman
Leonard	Camellia Chen	Landon Whitenton
5th		
Henkel	Aubrey Kopkau	Graci Tubbs
Lentz	Lukas Prapuolenis	Anna Yu
Sadock	Spencer Carpenter	Arianna Sterling
Grimm	Jayla Ferguson	Tyler Sherman
Tripp	Wyatt Henderson	Zoey Hartog
Halpern	Sundrick James	

Dinner Dilemmas



The Character Trait for October is Cooperation.

Cooperation is getting along with others and working together to accomplish a goal.

Dinner Dilemmas are designed to be sent home once a month with the students. During the week families are asked to discuss the dilemma. It is hoped that families will talk about the dilemma and decide how the character quality of the month relates to the situation presented. It is further hoped that families will discuss the dilemma of the week and decide how the character quality of the month applies to each family member.

Week 1 Situation: One evening Sam's dad says he will take the family out for ice cream after the kids clean-up the kitchen. The ice cream shop closes in 20 minutes. Sam's brother was not helping. Dilemma: On one hand Sam knew he could do both jobs. On the other hand Sam felt his brother should cooperate to help get the task completed as quickly as possible. Discussion: What advice do you have for Sam?

Week 2 Situation: Sue and Sam arrived at the kickball field at the same time. Both volunteer to be the pitcher. Dilemma: On one hand they knew only one of them could be the pitcher. On the other hand neither one wanted to play another position. Discussion: How could they cooperate to solve this situation?

Week 3 Situation: Sam and his best friend are writing a play to be performed by their club. They disagreed as to the ending of the story. Dilemma: On one hand Sam thinks his ending is better than his friend's. On the other hand Sam wants to cooperate with his friend. Discussion: What advice do you have for Sam and his friend?

Week 4 Situation: Working in a cooperative group, each person had a specific job to do. One member of the group was not contributing to the group's goal. Dilemma: On one hand they could attempt to solve the situation within the group. On the other hand they could report to the teacher that one person was not cooperating. Discussion: What advice do you have for the group?

Help Your Child Succeed in School:

Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work. Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

WHAT YOU CAN DO?

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your child to her teachers and classmates before school starts to help her transition.
- Don't let your child stay home unless 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.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

WHEN DO ABSENCES BECOME A PROBLEM?

CHRONIC ABSENCE 18 or more days **WARNING SIGNS** 10 to 17 days

SATISFACTORY 9 or fewer absences

Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

For more on school readiness, visit attendanceworks.org and reachoutandread.org


Dad's Take Your Child to School Day



Dairy Queen Spirit Night



October PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS - MENU

<p>DAILY BREAKFAST CHOICES Choose up to 2 Grain Choices such as cereal (=1), toast (=1), mini pancakes (=2), glazed dunker (=2) OR Choose 1 Grain and 1 Meat Choice such as a breakfast sandwich (=1G/1M) Must choose at least 1: Fruit or Juice May Choose 1: Milk</p> <p>DAILY LUNCH CHOICES: Choose 1: Entrée Must choose at least 1: Fruit or Vegetable (may choose up to 2 servings each of fruits & veggies with their meal)</p> <p>Available Daily: Meatless Entrée, Cold Sandwiches, Entrée Salads, Variety of Fruits & Juices May Choose: 1 Milk; Low Fat White Milk, Fat Free Chocolate Flavored or Skim Milk</p> <p>Visit nutrislice.com for Menu & Nutrition Information</p> <p>All menus are subject to change. We do our best to provide our customers with all of our planned options, however, occasionally crops, weather & supplies have other ideas</p> <p>FUN FACT The largest "official" pumpkin ever grown weighed 1,340 pounds</p>	<p>Monday</p> <p>3 Banana Pancakes Choose One: Hamburger or Cheeseburger Turkey Pot Roast & Noodles w/Roll Veggie Double Dipper Salad Turkey & Cheese Hoagie Choose: Corn Nibbles Veggie Dippers</p>	<p>Tuesday</p> <p>4 Sausage Biscuit Choose One: Featured Entrée: ** Chicken Tacos on Soft Tortillas** Pepperoni Stromboli Farmer's Salad, Jamwich Kit Choose: Sliced Carrots Marinara Cup Romaine Side Salad</p>	<p>Wednesday</p> <p>5 Glazed Dunker Choose One: Chicken Nuggets Spaghetti & Meatballs Fruit & Yogurt Plate Ham & Cheese Croissant Choose: Broccoli Sliced Cucumbers</p>	<p>Thursday</p> <p>6 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Pizza Choose One: Breakfast for Lunch Cheesy Bread Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap Choose: Marinara Cup Deli Roasted Potatoes Mixed or Tossed Side Salad</p>	<p>Friday</p> <p>7 Apple Cinnamon Sausage Stick Choose One: Pizza Ocean Treasure Fish Nuggets Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub Choose: Oven Baked Beans Veggie Dippers</p>
	<p>10 Blueberry Bash Mini Waffles Choose One: Chicken Sandwich Pizza Crunchers Chef Salad Turkey & Cheese Hoagie Choose: Crinkle Oven Fries Veggie Dippers</p>	<p>11 Scrambled Egg, Bacon & Biscuit Choose One: Featured Entrée: **Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza** Corndog Farmer's Salad Jamwich Kit Choose: Oven Baked Beans Romaine Side Salad</p>	<p>12 No School For Students Professional Development Day No School No School For Students</p>	<p>13 Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast Choose One: Chicken & Dutch Waffle Grilled Cheese Cobb Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap Choose: Tomato Soup Mixed or Tossed Side Salad</p>	<p>14 Pancake Pup Choose One: Pizza Potato Crusted Fish Sticks & Corn Muffin Loaf Chicken Popper Salad Italian Sub Choose: Green Beans, Veggie Dippers</p>
	<p>17 Sausage Gravy Bagel Choose One: Max Sticks Mandarin Chicken Bowl w/ Roll Chef Salad Turkey & Cheese Hoagie Choose: Marinara Cup Stir Fry Vegetable Veggie Dippers</p>	<p>18 Maple Pancake Minis School Favorites Day Students Choose the Menu!</p>	<p>19 Chicken Biscuit Choose One: Chicken Drumstick w/ Hush Puppy Macaroni & Cheese Yogurt Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant Choose: Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Sliced Cucumbers</p>	<p>20 Apple Bosco Stick Choose One: Beef or Pork Tacos Mini Calzones Farmer's Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap Choose: Marinara Cup Refried Fiesta Beans Mixed or Tossed Side Salad</p>	<p>21 Egg & Cheese Croissant Choose One: Pizza Fish Cake Sandwich w/Cheese Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub Choose: Spinach or Collard Greens Veggie Dippers</p>
	<p>24 Banana Pancakes Choose One: Hamburger or Cheeseburger Turkey Pot Roast & Noodles w/Roll Veggie Double Dipper Salad Turkey & Cheese Hoagie Choose: Corn Nibbles Veggie Dippers</p>	<p>25 Sausage Biscuit Choose One: Featured Entrée: ** Chicken Broccoli Penne Alfredo with Roll ** Pepperoni Stromboli Farmer's Salad • Jamwich Kit Choose: Sliced Carrots • Marinara Cup Romaine Side Salad</p>	<p>26 Glazed Dunker Choose One: Chicken Nuggets Spaghetti & Meatballs Fruit & Yogurt Plate Ham & Cheese Croissant Choose: Broccoli Sliced Cucumbers</p>	<p>27 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Pizza Choose One: Breakfast for Lunch Cheesy Bread Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap Choose: Marinara Cup Deli Roasted Potatoes Mixed or Tossed Side Salad</p>	<p>28 Apple Cinnamon Sausage Stick Choose One: Pizza Ocean Treasure Fish Nuggets Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub Choose: Oven Baked Beans Veggie Dippers</p>
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The Courtney Apartments Staff,
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Buffalo Wild Wings

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!



Dairy Queen



Treasure Island Fun Center



Welcome to the neighborhood Earth Fare!!
Thank you for the wonderful coupons for our staff!