



Seminole Elementary Times

Welcome Our New Staff Members



Mrs. Grasso
Principal



Ms. Gorman
2nd Grade Teacher



Mrs. Arnold
4th Grade Teacher



Mr. Middlebrooks
P.E. Coach



Mrs. Bell
VE Resource



Mrs. Moss
VE Resource



Mrs. Fellows
Kindergarten

Welcome to the 2016-17 School Year

A Note from Your Principal Mrs. Grasso

Dear Seminole students, families and community, What an honor it is to be the principal at Seminole Elementary! It has been a joy meeting students and families and getting to know staff members this past month as we have begun our 2016-17 school year together. Thank you for the warm welcome and support; I am pleased and impressed with the dedicated staff members, the manners and love of learning displayed by the students, and the number of families and community members willing to support the goals of our school. It's hard to believe that we have only been in session for three weeks!

For those who were aware of the construction done on the school building this summer, it is now complete; rewiring was done in all buildings, the office now has a new counter/reception area and flooring was installed as well as painting completed. Much progress in a short amount of time!

Once again I would like to thank you all for your patience with the drop off and pick up procedures. Certainly we are not the only school that has challenges during these time frames; please know, we will continue to work with all municipalities to find the safest and most efficient processes and routes of travel for all children.

There are two separate Open house/Back to School Nights scheduled this next month; Thursday, September 1: Kindergarten-2nd grade, and Thursday, September 8: 3rd-5th grade. On both nights there will be an optional PTA meeting starting at 5:30 in the cafeteria followed by classroom visitations. The school-wide Book Fair will also be taking place in the Library/Media Center on both nights.

I am looking forward to a productive and successful school year and hope to personally meet all of you at one school function or another!

Sincerely Yours,

Mrs. Grasso

The Book Fair is Coming!



Dear Parents and Families

Reading for pleasure inside and outside of school has real and long-lasting benefits. It unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here's what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

- Set the example. Let children see you read.
- Have a collection of books in your home. Update this collection routinely to keep pace with changing tastes and reading skills.
- Support our school's Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Book Fair dates: **September 1st - 9th**

Shopping hours: 8:45-2:20pm daily

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school.

What is an Enrichment Cluster-SEM?

Enrichment clusters are one piece of the School-wide Enrichment Model. Enrichment clusters are non-graded groups of students and adults who share a common interest. These clusters come together at a specific time each week to pursue a common interest. Each cluster will research, create, collaborate and design a product, a performance or service based on the specific interest.

Dates: Fridays beginning September 2nd until November 4th.

Time: 8:45am - 9:45am

Looking for volunteers to help!

** If you would like to become a part of this incredible opportunity for students and adults, please fill out the back side of this sheet and return it to your child's teacher. The date for the Enrichment Showcase is to be determined.

Upcoming Events SEPTEMBER

Now until September 9th - PTA Fundraiser

- 1st - 9th
 - Book Fair in Media Center
- 1st
 - PTA General Meeting 5:30pm
 - Open House K-2 6:00pm
- 2nd - November 4th
 - SEM Clusters 8:45am-9:45am
- 5th
 - Labor Day, no school
- 7th
 - Individual Picture Day
- 8th
 - PTA General Meeting 5:30pm
 - Open House 3-5 6:00pm
- 9th
 - Fall Fundraiser Ends
 - Midterm Reports go Home
- 13th
 - SAC Meeting Centennial 6:00pm
- 15th
 - Good News Club Begins 2:35
 - Join Boy Scouts Meeting (6:30-8:15pm)
- 28th
 - Character Assembly PE Court 8:35am

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**

PERFECT SCORES!!!



We would like to congratulate the following students for earning a perfect score on last year's FSA.

- Kaithlyn Parks – Perfect Score on 3rd Grade FSA Math
- Cameron Robb – Perfect Score on 4th Grade FSA Reading Language Arts
- Aspen Burke – Perfect Score 4th Grade FSA Math

We are so very proud of you all. You have made our school so very proud.

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 all family members to come in and share information about your career, hobbies or life experiences. If you are interested, please e-mail Jennifer Mercado @ mercadoje@pcsb.org.

PTA Fundraiser



The PTA Fundraiser has started now until **September 9th**. We need your support to make this project a success and raise money for our school. We are offering the reserve Brochure featuring a delicious array of cookie dough, pizza cheesecake, pretzel products, as well as an assortment of holiday items, kitchen gadgets, LOVE bags, magazines, chocolates. and more.

A New Way to Apply for Free or Reduced Meals



This year there are no more paper applications to complete and return to the school office. Apply for meal benefits online from the privacy of your own home, or anywhere with internet connection. Visit www.MySchoolApps.com To apply for free and reduced meal benefits. It's easy to use and private and secure.



Do you know a child in grade PreK4-12 in need of school clothes?

The easiest and best way to refer a child for shopping is to verify that the family has the free/reduced lunch letter and have them call Clothes to Kids to make an appointment.

That's all they need! It's really that simple!

Eligible children receive a week's wardrobe which includes:

- 5 new pairs of underwear
- 5 new pairs of socks
- 5 tops (including uniforms)
- 4 bottoms (including uniforms)
- 1 dress (optional)
- 1 pair of shoes
- 1 jacket (in season)

Would you like to make an appointment to shop?

Just Call 727-441-5050

Clearwater Store:

1059 N. Hercules Avenue
Clearwater, FL 33765

St. Petersburg Store:

2168 34th Street S
St. Petersburg, FL 33711

Our mission is to provide new and quality used clothing to low-income or in crisis, school-age children in Pinellas County, free of charge.

Dinner Dilemmas



The Character Trait for September is responsibility.

Responsibility is doing your best and taking ownership for your words and actions.

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: Sam received an expensive video game for his birthday and could not wait to show it to his friends. One of his friends wanted to borrow it. Dilemma: On one hand it's good to share. On the other hand it is Sam's responsibility to take care of his possessions. Discussion: What advice do you have for Sam?

Week 2 Situation: Sue heard her friends spreading an untrue rumor about another girl in her class. Dilemma: On one hand it's responsible to inform someone when others are saying untrue or hurtful things. On the other hand a responsible person does not spread rumors and should tell people who do that it is wrong. Discussion: What advice do you have for Sue?

Week 3 Situation: Sue is on a team that is doing a research project on water conservation. Sue feels she is doing most of the work. Dilemma: On one hand Sue has the responsibility to make sure her team makes a good grade. On the other hand it is not Sue's responsibility to do all the work. Discussion: What advice do you have for Sue?

Week 4 Situation: Sam saw a sibling taking money out of his mother's purse. Dilemma: On one hand Sam has the responsibility not to get his sibling in trouble by telling. On the other hand Sam has the responsibility to tell his mother. Discussion: What advice do you have for Sam?

Download the PCS Family Engagement Mobile APP!



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- Florida State Standards
- Parent Portal
- Tools to Support Learning
- “Get Engaged” in Education
- Parent Tips
- Resources
- And more!

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Hooked on Family Engagement To Increase Student Achievement Conference!



Workshops for Parents, All Grade Level Staff, Administrators, and Community Members
November 4, 2016 - 8:00 a.m.—3:30p.m.

Registration \$85.00(Includes continental breakfast, lunch, and door prizes!)

St. Petersburg Hilton Bayfront Hotel
333 First Street, South, St. Petersburg 33701
Parking \$5.00

Register now for this outstanding conference - Deadline — October 21, 2016
15 sessions to promote family engagement and to increase student achievement; network with colleagues; and visit the vendor walk.

Workshops Include:
Family Engagement Workshops Help! My Child just won't THINK!
The Science Guy Kinesthetically Speaking Too! Understanding the Impact of Trauma Informed Schools Science Fun Around The House Reading Stories and STEM Social Media Kids & Gangs True Colors

Bobby Petrocelli, Keynote Speaker, Author of “You Matter, it Doesn't”
For more information call 727-588-5050



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?

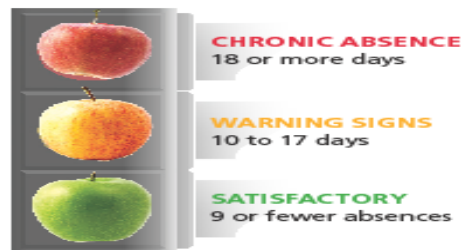
- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- 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.

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?



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

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

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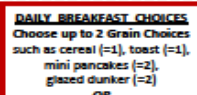


COLLECT BOX TOPS FOR TECHNOLOGY!

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!



September 17th is **Constitution Day**. September 17, 1787 the U.S. Constitution was signed by 39 Founding Fathers in Philadelphia.



DAILY BREAKFAST CHOICES
Choose up to 2 Grain Choices such as cereal (=1), toast (=1), mini pancakes (=2), glazed donut (=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

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)
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

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!

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
 INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY SEPTEMBER 8	** Indicates This Month's Featured Items 	Visit nutrislice.com for Menu & Nutrition Information 	1. Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast Choose One: Chicken & Dutch Waffle Grilled Cheese Cobb Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap Choose: Tomato Soup Mixed or Tossed Side Salad	2. Pancake Pup Choose One: Pizza Potato Crusted Fish Sticks & Corn Muffin Loaf Chicken Popper Salad Italian Sub Choose: Green Beans, Veggie Dippers
5. No School	6. Maple Pancake Minis	7. Chicken Biscuit Choose One: Chicken Drumstick w/ Hush Puppy Macaroni & Cheese Yogurt Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant Choose: Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Sliced Cucumbers	8. Apple Bosco Stick Choose One: Beef or Pork Tacos Mini Calzones Farmer's Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap Marinara Cup Choose: Refried Fiesta Beans Mixed or Tossed Side Salad	9. Egg & Cheese Croissant Choose One: Pizza Fish Cake Sandwich w/Cheese Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub Choose: Spinach or Collard Greens Veggie Dippers
LABOR DAY	School Favorites Day Students Choose the Menu!	14. Glazed Dunker Choose One: Chicken Nuggets Spaghetti & Meatballs Fruit & Yogurt Plate Ham & Cheese Croissant Choose: Broccoli Sliced Cucumbers	15. Bacon, Egg & Cheese Pizza Choose One: Breakfast for Lunch Cheesy Bread Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap Marinara Cup Choose: Deli Roasted Potatoes Mixed or Tossed Side Salad	16. Apple Cinnamon Sausage Stick Choose One: Pizza Ocean Treasure Fish Nuggets Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub Choose: Oven Baked Beans Veggie Dippers
12. Banana Pancakes Choose One: Hamburger or Cheeseburger Turkey Pot Roast & Noodles w/Roll Veggie Double Dipper Salad Turkey & Cheese Hoagie Choose: Corn Niblets Veggie Dippers	13. Sausage Biscuit Choose One: Featured Entrée: ** Potato Turnover w/ Roll ** Pepperoni Stromboli Farmer's Salad, Jamwich Kit Choose: Sliced Carrots Marinara Cup Romaine Side Salad	21. Cinnamon Roll Choose One: Beef Dippers w/Rice Stuffed Shells Marinara Fruit & Yogurt Plate Ham & Cheese Croissant Choose: Broccoli Sliced Cucumbers	22. Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast Choose One: Chicken & Dutch Waffle Grilled Cheese Cobb Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap Choose: Tomato Soup Mixed or Tossed Side Salad	23. Pancake Pup Choose One: Pizza Potato Crusted Fish Sticks & Corn Muffin Loaf Chicken Popper Salad Italian Sub Choose: Green Beans, Veggie Dippers
19. Blueberry Bash Mini Waffles Choose One: Chicken Sandwich Pizza Crunchers Chef Salad Turkey & Cheese Hoagie Choose: Crinkle Oven Fries Veggie Dippers	20. Scrambled Egg, Bacon & Biscuit Choose One: Featured Entrée: ** Herb Roasted Chicken w/Woods & Roll ** Corn Dog Farmer's Salad/Jamwich Kit Choose: Oven Baked Beans Romaine Side Salad	28. Chicken Biscuit Choose One: Chicken Drumstick w/ Hush Puppy Macaroni & Cheese Yogurt Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant Choose: Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Sliced Cucumbers	29. Apple Bosco Stick Choose One: Beef or Pork Tacos Mini Calzones Farmer's Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap Marinara Cup Choose: Refried Fiesta Beans Mixed or Tossed Side Salad	30. Egg & Cheese Croissant Choose One: Pizza Fish Cake Sandwich w/Cheese Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub Choose: Spinach or Collard Greens Veggie Dippers
26. Sausage Gravy Bagel Choose One: Max Sticks Mandarin Orange Chicken Bowl w/ Roll Chef Salad Turkey & Cheese Hoagie Choose: Marinara Cup Stir Fry Vegetable Veggie Dippers	27. Maple Pancake Minis School Favorites Day Students Choose the Menu!	28. Chicken Biscuit Choose One: Chicken Drumstick w/ Hush Puppy Macaroni & Cheese Yogurt Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant Choose: Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Sliced Cucumbers	29. Apple Bosco Stick Choose One: Beef or Pork Tacos Mini Calzones Farmer's Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap Marinara Cup Choose: Refried Fiesta Beans Mixed or Tossed Side Salad	30. Egg & Cheese Croissant Choose One: Pizza Fish Cake Sandwich w/Cheese Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub Choose: Spinach or Collard Greens Veggie Dippers

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Thank You for Supporting Our School:

We would like to thank



Seminole Chamber of Commerce, Seminole VFW post 9272, Barnhorn Financial, Bay Pines Dunkin Donuts, The Courtney Apartments Staff, Scott Strohbhar, St. Anne's Episcopal Church, and the First Baptist Church of Indian Rocks for all of your generous donations of school supplies!



Thank you First Baptist Church of Indian Rocks for providing our pack-a-snack program and for providing a wonderful breakfast for our staff.



Thank you Seminole Einstein's Bros. Bagels, and Seminole Starbucks Coffee for your generous donations!



Thank you to Seminole Chick-Fil-A for your generous donations of promotional cards for our staff!

Thank you for Adopting Our Classes

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- Students cannot be dropped off before 8:05 in the morning.
- Students need to be seated in their classroom by 8:35 am.
- The Student Code of Conduct contains the Dress Code Policies for Pinellas County on page 38. Thank you for following these guidelines:
 - Shirts and blouses must cover midriff, back, sides and have sleeves.
 - Shorts/dresses must be mid-thigh length or longer.
 - Pants must totally cover under garments and be worn at the waist.
 - Safe and appropriate footwear. Tennis shoes/sneakers are recommended.