

# Seminole Elementary Times 2015-16

## National School of Character



Character Kids for October 2015

### Mrs. Cato's Corner

Thanksgiving is one of the most wonderful times of the year. It is a time of giving thanks for all the special people in our lives. During this season I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you, our Seminole families, for sharing your wonderful children with us each day and for supporting the education of your child as well as all of the children here at Seminole. A school is so much more than a building; it is a community of people with a shared vision of building a better future for the children we are so blessed to have in our lives. Thank you for being a part of the community of Seminole Elementary!

I wanted to remind families Pinellas County School provides many online programs your child can access at home. The site also provides access to ST Math and iStation, two programs all students use weekly. You can find the website by simply going to Pinellas County Schools main page at <https://www.pcsb.org> and click on the box on the left side called **Beyond the Classroom**. That will take you directly to the page with links to many resources, including a site with online books student can read at home. Check **Beyond the Classroom** out!

We wish each of you a peaceful and special Thanksgiving time with friends and family!

### Great American Teach-In

The Duke Energy Great American Teach-In is a part of Pinellas County Schools' annual American Education Week celebration. It has been sponsored by Duke Energy since 1994, and this year it will be occurring on Wednesday, November 18th. This educational event is a special opportunity for members of the community to participate in speaking to students for an hour, a few hours, or the entire day! Participants are able to provide a personal perspective on their career choice, hobbies, or life experiences. We are seeking speakers for this event in order to make it a success at Seminole Elementary! Whatever the length of your visit, you can make a difference! If you are interested in participating in this rewarding event, or you would like more information, please contact **Jennifer Mercado, the Family & Community Liaison**, and she will gladly help.

### Character Kids for October

<b>KG</b>		
<b>Schuler</b>	Stone Gildner	Kelsi Uy
<b>Conde</b>	Adrianna Morris	Niko Spinelli
<b>Gamble</b>	Rodney Sunter	Izzabella Just
<b>Davis</b>	Jerry Brummette	Chloe Tyrner
<b>1st</b>		
<b>Barto</b>	Maxwell Blasquez	Mya Ficocelli
<b>Dupre</b>	Olivia Chen	Carl Loudermilk
<b>Westerfield</b>	Maddux Belcaster	Madalyn Siniff
<b>Mucerino</b>	Jayden Roche	Yasmin Oropeza-Canjay
<b>Hooper</b>	Aamir Walls	
<b>Horton</b>	Kayla Robb	Kaden Helvie
<b>2nd</b>		
<b>Luczaj</b>	Trenton Friedle	Eliza DaSilva
<b>Patterson</b>	Jaxon Smith	Kaylee Houck
<b>Swartz</b>	Gage Decius	Skylar Connors
<b>Blanchet</b>	Maya Devega	Caira Willingham
<b>Kappler</b>	Jaydyn Wyatt	Evelyn Pineda-Sandoval
<b>Smith</b>	Joseph Hoffman	Julia Rice
<b>Guglielmo</b>	Brandon Hanson	
<b>3rd</b>		
<b>Cruse</b>	Mariah Bentley	Sergio Boeing
<b>Gispart</b>	Brennan Smith	Dillon Harris
<b>Kopkau</b>	Desiree McIver	Joseph Venech
<b>Rudolph</b>	Brandon Lucas	Alexis Laramee
<b>Carlson</b>	Cira Leonard	Ethan Nadeau
<b>Poolson</b>	Laylette Vega	Hunter Matthews
<b>Fugate</b>	4th	Sundrick James -
<b>4th</b>		
<b>Grimm</b>	Logan Janidl	Kelvin Franklin
<b>Tripp</b>	Kaitlyn Frederickson	Jasmine Villagomez
<b>Taylor</b>	Danielsa Munoz	Gary Vandierndonk
<b>Blackburn</b>	Kerina Jauregui	Jenna Platthy
<b>Leonard</b>	Brook Wythe	Wiktorija Kepka
<b>5th</b>		
<b>Henkel</b>	Daria Green	Kerian Davis
<b>Lentz</b>	Jayden Langan	Charles Ladjimi
<b>Sadock</b>	Alexa Watts	Sydney Finical
<b>Stebbins</b>	Ben Luz	Darrian (Lexi) Hobson
<b>Halpern</b>	Connor Houff	



Thursday November 5<sup>th</sup> is our **Seminole Elementary Family Spirit Night at Treasure Island Fun Center!**

**We have two great options:**

**\$5** for 2 hour all-you-can-play video games, pinball, air hockey and rides.

**\$11** for the above plus 20 tokens for ticket and prize games, 2 slices of pizza or 6 chicken nuggets, and 1 small drink, water, or juice box. All family members and siblings are welcomed to come!

**Keep a look out for flyers coming home soon! Hope to see you all there for a really fun time!**

### Special Events and Dates

- **November 2nd**  
iMoms (7:30am) Centennial Bldg
- **November 9<sup>th</sup>**  
All-Pro Dads (7:30am) Centennial Building
- **November 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Veteran's Day Celebration-
- **November 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Chick-fil-a Spirit Night (5:30-7:00pm)
- **November 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Great American Teach-In  
Character Assembly (8:30am)
- **November 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>**  
St. Augustine Field Trip (4<sup>th</sup> grade)
- **November 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Thanksgiving Break

### CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!!!



Please remember to [log all of your volunteer hours](#) on the focus website. If you have not activated your account please make sure you do. Hours cannot be logged until you are activated. If you need any help with this process please call or e-mail **Jennifer Mercado, the Family & Community Liaison**, and she will gladly help. [mercadoje@pcsb.org](mailto:mercadoje@pcsb.org) 727-547-7668 ext. 2103  
If you would like to become a volunteer at our school, please pick up a form in the front office anytime.



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!

# Fun Fact! **November** Pinellas Elementary School Lunch Menu

**91% of Americans eat Turkey on Thanksgiving!**






**DAILY BREAKFAST CHOICES**

Choose up to 2 Grain Choices such as cereal (=1), toast (=1), pancakes (=2), cinnamon Texas toast (=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  
 Low Fat White Milk, Fat Free Flavored or Skim 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, Entrée Salads, Cold Sandwiches, Variety of Fruits & Juices  
**May Choose:** 1 Milk; Low Fat White Milk, Fat Free Chocolate Flavored or Skim Milk

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>2</b> Breakfast Sausage Bagel <u>Choose One:</u> Max Sticks Teriyaki Chicken Bowl with Roll Chef Salad Turkey & Cheese Hoagie <u>Choose:</u> Marinara Cup Stir-Fry Vegetables Veggie Dippers	<b>3</b> Scrambled Eggs & Cheese Pita <u>Choose One</u> Meatloaf, Gravy & Roll Lasagna Roll-up Veggie Double Dipper Peanut Butter & Jelly <u>Choose</u> Butter Mashed Taters Romaine Salad	<b>4</b> Maple Pancake Minis <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Nuggets Spaghetti & Meatballs Farmer's Salad Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose:</u> Seasoned Carrots Sliced Cucumbers	<b>5</b> Grits with Sausage <u>Choose One:</u> Beef or Pork Tacos Giorgio Cheesy Bread Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub <u>Choose:</u> Marinara Cup Refried Fiesta Beans Mixed or Tossed Side Salad	<b>6</b> Chicken Breakfast Bites <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Baja Fish Sticks with Hushpuppies Veggie Double Dipper Salad School Favorite Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Wax Beans Veggie Dippers
<b>9</b> Pancake Pup <u>Choose One:</u> Hamburger/Cheeseburger Max Snax Quesadilla Chef Salad Turkey & Cheese Hoagie <u>Choose:</u> Seasoned Curly Fries Salsa Cup/Veggie Dippers	<b>10</b> Bacon Egg & Cheese Pizza <u>Choose One:</u> *Stuffed Crust Pepperoni Pizza* Corn Dog Farmer's Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <u>Choose:</u> Baked Beans Romaine Side Salad	<b>11</b> Glazed WG Dunker <u>Choose One:</u> Popcorn Chicken Macaroni & Cheese Fruit & Yogurt Plate Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose:</u> Steamed Broccoli Sliced Cucumbers	<b>12</b> Chicken Biscuit <u>Choose One:</u> BBQ Pork Bowl with Roll Grilled Cheese Sandwich Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub <u>Choose:</u> Tomato Soup Mixed or Tossed Side Salad	<b>13</b> Sausage Gravy Breakfast Toast <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Ocean Treasure Nuggets Chicken Popper Salad School Favorite Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Corn Veggie Dippers
<b>16</b> Blueberry Bash Mini Waffles <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Sandwich Cheesy Mac & Beef with Roll Farmers Salad Turkey & Cheese Hoagie <u>Choose:</u> Baked Beans Veggie Dippers	<b>17</b> Sausage Biscuit <u>Choose One:</u> *Thanksgiving Holiday Meal* Mini Calzones Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <u>Choose:</u> Marinara Cup Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Romaine Side Salad	<b>18</b> Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast <u>Choose One:</u> Beef Dippers with Rice Lasagna Roll Up Yogurt Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose:</u> Steamed Broccoli Sliced Cucumbers	<b>19</b> Cinnamon Roll <u>Choose One:</u> Breakfast for Lunch Bean & Cheese Burrito Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub <u>Choose:</u> Deli Roasted Potatoes Mixed or Tossed Side Salad	<b>20</b> Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Cheesy Fish Fillet Sandwich Veggie Double Dipper Salad School Favorite Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Green Beans Veggie Dippers
 <h2>November 23-27</h2> <h1>Thanksgiving Break</h1> 				
<b>30</b> Breakfast Sausage Bagel <u>Choose One:</u> Max Sticks Teriyaki Chicken Bowl with Roll Chef Salad Turkey & Cheese Hoagie <u>Choose:</u> Marinara Cup Stir-Fry Vegetables	Visit <a href="http://nutrislice.com">nutrislice.com</a> for Menu & Nutrition Information 	<b>Thanksgiving Menu</b> Roast Turkey with Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Side Salad, Fruit or Juice, Roll & Milk		<b>Menus are subject to change.</b> We do our best to provide our customers with all of our planned options, however, occasionally crops, weather & supplies have other ideas

In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, Pinellas County School Food Service is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington D.C. 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice or TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

### From the Desk of the Social Worker




Florida Law requires students to be in attendance in school. **As a parent, it is your responsibility to ensure your child is at school and on time in order for learning to occur. Children need to be in school to learn.**


The attendance policy states if a student has **5 unexcused absences within 30 days or 10 unexcused absences within 90 days**, your child will be referred to the Child Study Team and you will be contacted by the school social worker who is considered the attendance specialist for elementary schools. Should attendance continue to be a problem, you, as a parent, can be held accountable to the State Attorney Office through the Truancy Intervention Program.


It is important to have your child to school on time. Every **3 tardies is considered 1 unexcused absence**. This means that even though your child is in school daily, you could be referred to the Child Study Team and eventually the Truancy Intervention Program through the State Attorney Office.


To excuse an absence, Seminole Elementary requires a **written note from the parent** be sent into the teacher. **After 5 excused absences, a doctor's note will be required** for the student to have an absence excused.


### Thank You For Supporting Our School.....


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Thank you Seminole Publix for your generous donations for our Dads Take Your Kids to School event! And for the generous donation of plastic bags for our "Reading Under the Stars."
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Thank you Astro Skate for the generous report card incentives!
- Thank you to all the parents and relatives that came to our Dads Take Your Kids to School event!**