



# Seminole Elementary Times

## Welcome Our New Staff Members



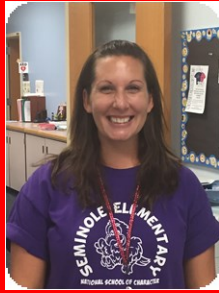
Mrs. Grupczynski  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher



Ms. Guglielmo  
EBD Teacher



Mrs. Kelzer  
Social Worker



Mrs. Mercado  
Family Community

## Welcome to the 2015-16 School Year

### A Note from Your Principal

Welcome to another great year at Seminole Elementary. For those of you who don't know me yet, my name is Diane Cato. This is my fifth year at Seminole as principal. We are so blessed here at Seminole to have an outstanding staff of teachers and support staff. They are dedicated to the wellbeing of your children. We are constantly working to improve our program offerings to meet the needs of all students.

One of the unique programs offered at Seminole is the School-wide Enrichment Model (SEM), a model of instruction which focuses on student's strengths and interests. The program was developed by the University of Connecticut Department of Gifted Education. The goal is to provide to every child engaging, enriched, interest focused opportunities through Enrichment Clusters. Every child will select three clusters in which they are interested and will be assigned to one of those choices. For ten weeks, enrichment cluster members meet together every Thursday from 8:45 to 9:45 to learn about their topic of interest. You will be hearing much more about Enrichment Clusters as we get closer to the kick off Thursday on Oct. 1.



## 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 11<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>**

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

Special activities: **Open Until 5:30pm on September 15<sup>th</sup>**

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



## Upcoming Events SEPTEMBER

- 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Open House Gr. 4 6-6:40 Gr. 2 6:50-7:30
- 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Open House, Gr. 1 6-6:40, Gr. 3 6:50-7:30
- 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Labor Day, no school
- 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Open House, Gr. K 6-6:40, Gr 5 6:50-7:30
- 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Fall fundraiser kickoff,  
Breakfast with Grandparents, K/1;  
Book Fair (11<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> in Media Center)
- 14<sup>th</sup>**  
All Pro Dad's, 7:30,
- 15<sup>th</sup>**  
PTA Back to School Night, 5:30
- 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Dairy Queen Spirit Night

## OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE



### September 1<sup>st</sup>

6:00-6:40pm - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade and Mrs. Grupczynski's class  
6:50-7:30pm - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

### September 3<sup>rd</sup>

6:00-6:40pm - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
6:50-7:30pm - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

### September 8<sup>th</sup>

6:00-6:40pm - Kindergarten  
6:50-7:30pm - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

## 2015-16 School T-Shirts \$8



New Seminole Elementary Hawks T-shirts. Youth sizes available and adult sizes available to order. Shirts are in sapphire blue and neon pink. **\$8**

## TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> PTA Back to School Night



### A free hot dog dinner for PTA members and their families

- Includes a hot dog, drinks, chips and dessert.
- Non-PTA members are welcome at a cost of \$2 per hot dog meal.
- PTA memberships will be available for \$6 per membership.

## Download the PCS Family Engagement Mobile APP!



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- Parent Portal
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- Parent Tips
- Resources
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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), 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

**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 Flavored or Skim Milk

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p><b>Featured Entrée * In Red*</b></p> <p>Welcome Back Wednesday Treat September 2 Only! Dixie &amp; Jane Cookie Free With Lunch</p>	<p>1 Scrambled Eggs, Bacon &amp; Biscuit (1M/1B)</p> <p><b>School Favorites Day</b></p> <p>Students Choose the Menu!</p>	<p>2 Pancake Minis (2B)</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> Chicken Nuggets Spaghetti &amp; Meatballs Farmer's Salad Ham &amp; Cheese Croissant <b>Choose:</b> Carrots/Sliced Cucumbers</p>	<p>3 Breakfast Pocket (Knish) (1M/1B)</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> Beef or Pork Tacos Giorgio Cheesy Bread Chicken Caesar Salad/Italian Sub <b>Choose:</b> Refried Fiesta Beans/Marinara Cup Mixed or Tossed Salad</p>	<p>4 Chicken Breakfast Bites (M/1B)</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> Pizza Baja Fish Sticks w/Hushpuppies Veggie Double Dipper Salad School Favorite Sandwich <b>Choose:</b> Wax Beans/Veggie Dippers</p>
<p>7 School Closed</p> <p><b>LABOR DAY</b></p>	<p>8 Bacon Egg &amp; Cheese Pizza (1M/1B)</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> *Korean BBQ Chicken &amp; Rice* Corn Dog Farmer's Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <b>Choose:</b> Baked Beans/Romaine Salad</p>	<p>9 Glazed WG Dunker (2B)</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> Popcorn Chicken Mac &amp; Cheese Fruit &amp; Yogurt Plate Ham &amp; Cheese Croissant <b>Choose:</b> Broccoli/Sliced Cucumbers</p>	<p>10 Chicken Biscuit (1M/1B)</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> BBQ Pork Bowl &amp; Roll Grilled Cheese Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub <b>Choose:</b> Tomato Soup/Mixed or Tossed Salad</p>	<p>11 Sausage Gravy Bkfst Toast (1M/1B)</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> Pizza Ocean Treasure Nuggets Chicken Popper Salad School Favorite Sandwich <b>Choose:</b> Corn/Veggie Dippers</p>
<p>14 Blueberry Bash Mini Waffles (2B)</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> Chicken Sandwich Cheesy Mac &amp; Beef w/Roll Farmer's Salad Turkey &amp; Cheese Hoagie <b>Choose:</b> Baked Beans/Veggie Dippers</p>	<p>15 Sausage Biscuit (1M/1B)</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> *Chicken Drumstick &amp; Corn Muffin* Mini Calzones Chef Salad/Chicken Caesar Wrap <b>Choose:</b> Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Marinara Cup/Romaine Salad</p>	<p>16 Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast (1M/1B)</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> Beef Dippers w/Rice Lasagna Roll Up Yogurt Parfait Ham &amp; Cheese Croissant <b>Choose:</b> Broccoli/Sliced Cucumbers</p>	<p>17 Ham &amp; Cheese Croissant (1M/1B)</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> Breakfast for Lunch Bean &amp; Cheese Burrito Chicken Caesar Salad/Italian Sub <b>Choose:</b> Deli Roasted Potatoes Mixed or Tossed Salad</p>	<p>18 Cinnamon Roll (2B)</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> Pizza Cheesy Fish Filet Sandwich Cobb Salad School Favorite Sandwich <b>Choose:</b> Green Beans/Veggie Dippers</p>
<p>21 Breakfast Sausage Bagel (1M/1B)</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> Max Sticks Teriyaki Chicken Rice Bowl w/Roll Chef Salad Turkey &amp; Cheese Hoagie <b>Choose:</b> Stir-Fry Vegetables Marinara Cup/Veggie Dippers</p>	<p>22 Scrambled Eggs Bacon &amp; Biscuit (1M/1B)</p> <p><b>School Favorites Day</b></p> <p>Students Choose the Menu!</p>	<p>23 Pancake Minis (2B)</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> Chicken Nuggets Spaghetti &amp; Meatballs Farmer's Salad Ham &amp; Cheese Croissant <b>Choose:</b> Carrots Sliced Cucumbers</p>	<p>24 Breakfast Pocket (Knish) (1M/1B)</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> Beef or Pork Tacos Giorgio Cheesy Bread Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub <b>Choose:</b> Refried Fiesta Beans/Marinara Cup Mixed or Tossed Salad</p>	<p>25 Chicken Breakfast Bites (1M/1B)</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> Pizza Baja Fish Sticks w/Hushpuppies Veggie Double Dipper Salad School Favorite Sandwich <b>Choose:</b> Wax Beans Veggie Dippers</p>
<p>28 Pancake Pup (1M/1B)</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> Hamburger/Cheeseburger Max Snax Quesadilla Chef Salad Turkey &amp; Cheese Hoagie <b>Choose:</b> Seasoned Curly Fries Salsa Cup/Veggie Dippers</p>	<p>29 Bacon Egg &amp; Cheese Pizza (1M/1B)</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> *Stuffed Crust Pepperoni Pizza* Corn Dog Farmer's Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <b>Choose:</b> Baked Beans/Romaine Salad</p>	<p>30 Glazed WG Dunker (2B)</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> Popcorn Chicken Mac &amp; Cheese Fruit &amp; Yogurt Plate Ham &amp; Cheese Croissant <b>Choose:</b> Broccoli Sliced Cucumbers</p>	<p>Visit <a href="http://nutrislice.com">nutrislice.com</a> for Menu &amp; Nutrition Information</p>	

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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!



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## 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](http://attendanceworks.org) and [reachoutandread.org](http://reachoutandread.org)

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