

# Seminole Elementary Times 2014-15

National School of Character



## Character Kids for February



## Mrs. Cato's Corner

Congratulations and kudos to our fourth and fifth grade students who wrote their hearts out on the Florida Standards Assessment Writing portion on Tuesday! Regardless of the 'score' they get, the effort they put into their writing is an A+ in our book! We emphasize to students that success in school and in life happens because of effort and hard work, and our fourth and fifth graders have surely risen to the challenge of giving their all. And a huge thank you to parents and families for getting their fourth and fifth graders to school on time and well fed!

First and second graders will be taking the SAT 10 national normed assessment on March 10, 11, and 12, and again on March 17, 18, and 19. These tests are fairly short each day. Half of the days are for reading assessments and half for math assessments. Third and fourth graders will be taking the Florida Standards Reading Assessment on March 24 and 25. They will complete the FSA Math Assessment following spring break, on April 7 and 8. Fifth graders will be taking the FSA Reading Assessment on computers sometime between April 13 and 21 and the FSA Math between April 22 and 30. FCAT Science for fifth grade will be May 4 and 5.

Although this sounds like a lot of testing, it is not that much when you consider the actual days of testing your child will have. In addition, the assessments are spread over time to allow some 'down time' between assessments. Our teachers have prepared your children well for these assessments and we are confident they will be successful.

Sometimes children think that others do well in school because they are 'smart'. It is critical for them to understand that the key to success is effort. Research has shown that children's intelligence grows because of effort they put into learning. Einstein said that "genius is 90% perspiration and 10% inspiration". Your support and encouragement of your child's efforts and work at learning will pay off for them in big ways. Holding them accountable for completing their classwork and homework is a huge gift you can give your child. They will learn that the more effort they give, the better they get. What a huge life lesson that is for them!

## Seminole Elem. in Pow Wow Parade



Seminole Elementary is planning to participate this year in Seminole's Pow Wow Parade occurring on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am. The parade will run from Seminole Mall to the Seminole Rec Center. We will have more details in the upcoming weeks regarding specific parade information. We are also currently seeking candy and bead donations that we can use to hand out during the parade. Please keep us in mind if you have any leftover, unwanted Valentine's Day candy or Gasparilla beads, as we would love to take both off your hands! All candy donations can be dropped off to Melanie Blanchard, Family & Community Liaison, in the front office. Thank you for your support!

## Character Kids for February

### Kindergarten

<b>Davis Schuler Conde Gamble Barlow Westerfield</b>	Alexis McGarvey Adrian Traverso Kendall Landt Brody Morse Ezra Osborne Shawna Elliot	Russell Dunfee Savannah Venech Bryson Wacker Ethen Little Ryan Abbott Kayleigh Richmond
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### 1st

<b>Smith Mucerino Holwerda Hooper Luczaj Dupre</b>	Mason Abbott Carmella Adams Keegan McLean Sean Harr Scott Rowland Maddox Newton	Jeremiah Williams Mason Finical Jason Yaslik Kylie Cascarelle Maya Devega
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### 2nd

<b>Barlo Swartz Kappler Patterson Kopkau Blanchet Powers</b>	Kennedy Porter Desiree McIver Jenna Miller Micah Guffilo Haley Meredith Zachary Fisher Brandon Hanson	Jake Kyllis Sergio Boeving Zian Williams Justin Miller Krissa Whalen Asher Mozombite
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### 3rd

<b>Leonard Crose Gispert Carlson Rudolph Poolson</b>	Juniper Keiler Jeremiah Collins-Gavin Ariel Gray Shawn Cohn Mackenzie Poolson Mackenzie Dunn	Derek Lowman Wiktorja Kepka Kelvin Franklin Aubrey Kopkau Frank Rosello Anna Yu
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### 4th

<b>Miller Taylor Blackburn Grimm Fugate</b>	Bree Brickey Kamryn Lewis Desmon Ahedo Daria Green Eric Coffman - 3r	Janae Pope Ethan Butts Justin Bedoya
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### 5th

<b>Henkel Lentz Sadock Stebbins Tripp Halpern</b>	Arianna Ritzie Gayin Williams Daniel Casey Kristiana Hartman Aaleah Noppert Luther Pringle	Sofia Dang Alexandra Verschatte Allison Yost Shon Kinlaw Braxton Wacker
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## Buy a Centennial Brick



As a part of our centennial celebration Seminole Elementary would like to offer you the chance to be a permanent part of the school by purchasing a 4x8 brick that will be placed near the centennial building. Bricks can be purchased for \$35. To order a brick online, please visit: <http://thatsmybrick.com/sesfl>

## Seminole Elementary 100 Years of Educating Students

We are very excited about the upcoming Centennial Celebration of Seminole Elementary. In 2015, Seminole Elementary will celebrate its one hundredth year as a continuously operating Pinellas County School. Seminole is now the oldest elementary in Pinellas County! We are making plans for a big celebration on May 2, 2015. If you would like to help with planning the celebration or if you have pictures or stories of the history of our wonderful school you would like to share, please contact me. We are working with the City of Seminole and other Seminole organizations to plan a city wide celebration. Make plans now to attend on May 2, 2015! Spread the word and like us on face book. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Seminole-Elementary-School-Centennial-Celebration/138461502849511?ref=bookmarks>

## Special Events and Dates

- **March 2nd**  
iMoms 7:30am Media Center
- **March 9th**  
A Pro Dad's 7:30am Media Center Dairy Queen Spirit Night (5pm-7pm)
- **March 11th**  
Square 1 Art Orders Due
- **March 13th**  
End of Marking Period
- **March 14th**  
Seminole Pow Wow Parade 10am
- **March 16th**  
PRO-ED (No school for students)
- **March 25th**  
Report Cards Go Home
- **March 27th**  
Field Day
- **March 30th – April 3rd**  
Spring Break

## Kindergarten Registration in Full Swing



Start your child's education off on a solid foundation with Pinellas County Schools. Kindergarten registration is underway for the 2015-16 school year. If you have a child who will be five years old prior to Sept. 1, 2015, be sure to register your child before June 2, 2015 for the upcoming school year. Visit [www.pcsb.org/KG](http://www.pcsb.org/KG) for details.

## Pinellas Virtual School Part-Time Enrollment in Full Swing



Pinellas Virtual School part-time enrollment for fall and spring courses for the 2015-16 school year is underway through March 27. Enrollment in Pinellas Virtual School is one way students can meet the state's online credit requirement. Under Florida's Digital Learning Act, students are required to complete an online course as part of the state's 24-credit minimum needed to graduate. [www.virtualschool.pcsb.org](http://www.virtualschool.pcsb.org)

## Artwork of Seminole ES students













who won recognition in the Clearwater Arts Alliance Art Show! The students are:  
**Juniper Keiler (TOP award!) from Leonard's class**  
**Makayla Jackson from Sadock's class**  
The opening reception and awards ceremony is Sunday, March 8, 2015 from 2-4 pm with awards presentation at 2:30 pm at the Clearwater Main Library, 100 N. Osceola Ave., Clearwater, FL. The artwork will be on display in the galleries from March 1-30, 2015

# MARCH 2015

## FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR – Elementary School



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
In 1961, President John Kennedy established the Peace Corps to promote world peace and friendship. Talk about how to be a good friend.	Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss! Read your child's favorite Dr. Seuss book to celebrate! 	Download the <b>FREE PCS Family Engagement APP</b> to have information at your fingertips on your iPhone or Android phone!	When reading to your child, be expressive and use different voices for each character.	<b>Homework Help Line</b> 5-8 pm Monday-Thursday 727-547-7223	Ask open-ended questions that require more than a one word answer. Instead of "How was school?" say "Tell me about your day."	Make time to play and laugh with your child. Have FUN with your child. 
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
 <b>Spring forward!</b> Daylight Savings Time begins! Remember to turn your clock ahead one hour.	For information and practice exercises on the Florida State Standards, visit <a href="http://www.flstandards.org">www.flstandards.org</a> .	Teach financial responsibility. Help your child to learn to manage money.	Talk to your child about how to handle anger and problems with others.	Limit Screen Time. Turn off all electronics and talk, read, and play with your children.	Make eye contact with your child during conversations so they know that you are tuned into them at that moment.	Go grocery shopping together. Have your child find items and estimate or calculate the cost of the purchase.
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Make sure that your child is in school, on time, every day!	To increase vocabulary, have your child replace one word in a sentence. "The girl walked to class." (i.e. skipped, jogged, raced, etc.)		Talk about why a nutritious diet and regular exercise are important for staying healthy.	Encourage your child to read to younger siblings, cousins, pets, and even stuffed animals!	Today is the first day of spring! 	Spring has sprung! Spend the afternoon outside enjoying the spring weather!
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Take time to unwind as a family. Make a list of the things for which you are grateful.	Stay informed. Read school newsletters, flyers, bulletins, and regularly visit the school's website.	Encourage independent problem solving. When children learn how to solve their own problems, they become more confident.	Be aware of how, and for what purpose, your child is using their cell phone or computer.	Look for and respond positively to what your child has done well on a writing assignment before correcting mistakes.	Make time to have dinner together throughout the week.	Do a little spring cleaning. Have the kids help with the clean-up. 
29	30	31				
Spending 30 minutes a day with your child can help them achieve better grades in school. It's true!	Encourage your child not to procrastinate.	Teach your children that it is okay to ask questions – of you and the teacher. This is how they learn and expand their knowledge.		 PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS		 PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS
<b>Spring Break (March 30- April 3)</b>						

**Fun Fact!**

# March Pinellas Elementary School Menu



3/2-3/6 National School Breakfast Week  
 3/3 Dr. Seuss Birthday  
 Read Across America Day



3/8 Daylight Savings Time



3/20 Spring Begins



**DAILY BREAKFAST CHOICES**  
 Choose up to 2 Grain Choices such as cereal (=1), toast (=1), pancakes (=2), cinnamon Texas toast (=2)

**OR**  
 Choose a 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  
 Low Fat White Milk, Fat Free Flavored or Skim Milk, Variety of Fruit & Juice  
 May Choose: 1 Milk  
 8 oz. water is also available at no extra charge with a full lunch

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	
<b>March 2 - 6 • National School Breakfast Week</b>					
2 Ham, Egg & Cheese Croissant  <u>Choose One:</u> ↳ Featured Entrée ↳ Loaded Potato Skins w/ Pretzel Crispy Chicken Sandwich Farmers Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <u>Choose:</u> Baby Green Peas Tossed or Romaine Side Salad	3 Breakfast Sausage Bagel  <u>Choose One:</u> Mini Calzones w/Marinara Bar B Q Pork on a Bun Chef Salad Italian Twist Combo <u>Choose:</u> Oven Baked Beans Veggie Dippers	4 Scrambled Eggs, Bacon & Biscuit  <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Tenders & Dip Spaghetti & Meatballs Fruit and Yogurt Plate Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose:</u> Prince Charles Blend Romaine Side Salad	5 Pumpkin Bread  <u>Choose One:</u> Teriyaki Beef Dippers w/Rice & Roll Max Snax Quesadilla w/Salsa Chicken Caesar Salad Turkey & Cheese Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Creamed Spinach Veggie Dippers	6 Chicken Breakfast Bites w/Gravy  <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Variety Baja Fish Sticks w/Hush Puppies Chicken Dipper Salad School Favorite Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Sliced Carrots Coins Mixed or Romaine Side Salad	
9 Pancake Sausage Wrap  <u>Choose One:</u> Hamburg/Cheeseburger Bean & Cheese Burrito Farmer's Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <u>Choose:</u> Tator Tots Tossed or Romaine Side Salad	10 Chicken Biscuit  <u>Choose One:</u> Cheese Max Sticks w Marinara Sauce Tacos: Seasoned Beef or Pork Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Twist Combo <u>Choose:</u> Refried Fiesta Beans, Veggie Dippers	11 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Pizza  <u>Choose One:</u> ↳ Featured Entrée ↳ Turkey Pot Pie w/ Biscuit Beef Ravioli w Roll / Macaroni & Beef Hummus Salad Plate Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose:</u> Corn Romaine Side Salad	12 Sausage Gravy Breakfast Toast  <u>Choose One:</u> Toasted Cheese Sandwich Hot Dog on Bun Chef Salad Turkey & Cheese Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Tomato Soup Veggie Dippers	13 Apple Cinnamon Muffin Top  <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Variety Ocean Treasure Nuggets Veggie Double Dipper Salad School Favorite Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Steamed Broccoli Mixed or Romaine Side Salad	
16 Pro-Ed Day  	17 Sausage Biscuit  <u>Choose One:</u> Corn Dog Bean Burrito Chef Salad Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Green Peas, Veggie Dippers	18 Maple Pancake Minis  <u>Choose One:</u> Potato Turbate w/Roll Chicken Nuggets w/ Dip Yogurt Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose:</u> Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Romaine Side Salad	19 Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast  <u>Choose One:</u> ↳ Featured Entrée ↳ Gilardi Stuffed Crust Pizza Breakfast for Lunch Chicken Caesar Salad Turkey & Cheese Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Deli Roasted Potatoes Veggie Dippers	20 Rich's Cinnamon Roll  <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Variety Cheesy Fish Filet Sandwich Chicken Cobb Salad School Favorite Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Steamed Broccoli Mixed or Romaine Side Salad	
23 Ham, Egg & Cheese Croissant  <u>Choose One:</u> Macaroni & Cheese w/ Roll Crispy Chicken Sandwich Farmers Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <u>Choose:</u> Baby Green Peas Tossed or Romaine Side Salad	24 Breakfast Sausage Bagel  <u>Choose One:</u> Mini Calzones w/Marinara Bar B Q Pork on a Bun Chef Salad Italian Twist Combo <u>Choose:</u> Oven Baked Beans Veggie Dippers	25 Scrambled Eggs, Bacon & Biscuit  <u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Tenders & Dip Spaghetti & Meatballs Fruit and Yogurt Plate Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose:</u> Prince Charles Blend Romaine Side Salad	26 Pumpkin Bread  <u>Choose One:</u> Teriyaki Beef Dippers w/Rice & Roll Max Snax Quesadilla w/Salsa Chicken Caesar Salad Turkey & Cheese Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Creamed Spinach Veggie Dippers	27 Chicken Breakfast Bites w/Gravy  <u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Variety Baja Fish Sticks w/Hush Puppies Chicken Dipper Salad School Favorite Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Sliced Carrots Coins Mixed or Romaine Side Salad	
<b>Spring Break</b>				<b>Monthly Birthday Celebration Wednesday March 4th</b>	
Visit <a href="http://nutrislice.com">nutrislice.com</a> for Menu & Nutrition Information 					

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