

Seminole Elementary Times 2014-15

National School of Character



Character Kids for January 2015

Mrs. Cato's Corner

February is an important month in a student's school year. This is the time of year that students may hit the 'doldrums'. Winter break is over, we have been back in school for several weeks, and there are two months before another break. The months of January, February and March are critical to a child's success. Please encourage your child to continue to put forth the necessary effort to make the academic gains they want and need to make. You might want to provide an incentive for your child to complete classwork and homework, to focus on learning, and to pay close attention in class.

The new Florida State Assessments (FSA) will also begin in March with the writing assessment for grades 4 and 5, followed by the reading and math assessment for grades 3 and 4. Grade 5 will take their FSAs in April. If you would like more information on the FSA for writing, reading and math, plan to attend our FSA Parent Information Session on Thursday, February 26, at 5:30 p.m. in the media center. The session will be immediately followed by our first annual Multicultural Festival in the cafeteria and on the P.E. Court stage.

A big congratulations to over 100 students who completed the Hunter Hawk Holiday Challenge for Winter Break! We will be scheduling our celebration soon. Hunter Hawk will be hosting our final Holiday Challenge for the school year over Spring Break.

A Call for Mentors!

Seminole Elementary is in need of mentors – particularly male mentors. Our mentors meet one-on-one with a student on a consistent day each week for 30 minutes during the student's lunchtime. Mentors make a BIG difference in a child's life by showing them attention, encouraging them to make good choices, and being a positive role model in their life. Prior to starting, new mentors need to attend a two hour mentor workshop where they will be given valuable information regarding our mentoring program. The following website gives more information about the upcoming workshops - <http://www.pcsb.org/Page/461>

If you have any interest in becoming a mentor, would like more information about our mentoring program, or if you know of anyone else that would be interested in becoming a mentor, please feel free to contact Melanie Blanchard, Family & Community Liaison at 727-547-7668 ext. 2103 or blanchardmel@pcs.org

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Character Kids for January

Kindergarten	Davis	Dylan Rowland	Marielle Acevedo
	Schuler	Amelia Wood	Ian Dunn
	Conde	Addison Gabbard	Maxwell Blasquez
	Gamble	Mark Brandes	Kayla Robb
	Barlow	Jackie Weng	Ruilin Ma
	Westerfield	Stevie Hylan	Dylan Crosby
1st			
	Smith	Elijah Feguson	Logan Taber
	Mucerino	Jacob Maye	William Brickey
	Holwerda	Dylan Baylor	Carson Gutillo
	Hooper	Gage Decius	Dava Tavano
	Luczaj	Julian Nguyen	Serenity Kirshhoefer
	Dupre	Jaden Edwards	Caira Willingham
2nd			
	Barto	Thomas Pagano	Hunter Matthews
	Swartz	Hannah Hayden	Stormie Anderson
	Kappler	Miranda Rollins	Carmen Morales
	Patterson	Ryley Williams	Kahne Kneuppel
	Kopkau	Bailey Bacon	Landon Whitenton
	Blanchet	Natalie Marek	Belaynesh Zahra Shubin
	Powers	Joshua Johnson	
3rd			
	Leonard	Brook Wythe	Corinne Milot
	Croze	Isabel Mahoney	Alexes Traverso
	Gispert	Natalie Pozo	Trevor Wilson
	Carlson	Aidan Reagle	Taylor Kemmitzer
	Rudolph	Danielle Goettsch	Trinity Harrell
	Poolson	Cohen Messer	Aden Griffin
4th			
	Miller	Joshua Zukowski	
	Taylor	Logan Mercado	Madison Rodriguez
	Blackburn	Allie Dodd	Aayusha Giri
	Grimm	Farrah Ciafone	Bernard Yost
	Fugate	Connor Houff	
5th			
	Henkel	Sophie Bostick	Jacob Canaynay
	Lentz	Cole Wright	Landon Knighton
	Sadock		
	Stebbins	Elyse Wheeler	Grace Kurus
	Tripp	Elijah Keldo	Lilyana Mozambique
	Halpern	Makale Dozois	

Centennial Celebration Sponsorship Opportunities

Seminole Elementary is seeking sponsors for our Centennial Celebration which is to be held on Saturday, May 2nd. If you own a business or know someone that owns a business, we would love to have that business become a sponsor! There are various sponsorship levels available. Flyers have been sent home that include all sponsorship opportunity information; however, if you would like any additional flyers please contact the front office. Businesses and families can also buy customized bricks that will be put at the school. The bricks are \$30. All money donated will be used to help with the celebration and used to provide technology items to benefit our students and school. For more information, you can go to the following Save The Date link - <http://eepurl.com/QaSP> or to our Facebook Event Page - www.facebook.com/seminoleelementary.

Special Events and Dates

FEBRUARY

February 2nd

- iMom – Media Center 7:30am
- Centennial Meeting Office 3:15pm

February 9th

All Pro Dads Media Center 7:30am

February 10th

- Astro Skate Skating Party (3:00-5:30pm)

February 16th

- PRO-ED (No school for students)

February 20th

- PASTA Support Group Office 10:00am

February 25th

- Character Assembly PE Court 8:30am

February 26th

- Class and Spring Pictures
- FSA Parent Info Session 5:30pm
- Multicultural Festival 6:00pm
- PTA Meeting 6:00pm

February 27th

- School-wide Battle of the Books Media Center 12:40pm

March 2nd

- iMoms Media Center 7:30am

Thank You For Supporting Our School

We would like to thank the following companies who generously donated report card incentives for our first and second quarter report cards –

- Chick-fil-A - Seminole Plaza Location
- Wendy's - Seminole Location
- DQ Grill & Chill - Seminole Location
- Treasure Island Fun Center
- Seminole Lanes
- Smuggler's Cove Adventure Golf
- Golden Corral

THANK YOU SEMINOLE GARDEN FLORIST FOR DONATING POPCORN AND POPCORN MACHINE FOR READING COUNTS PARTY

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.

Box Top Winners:

- K-Conde
 - 1-Mucerino
 - 2-Blanchet
 - 3-Gispert
 - 4-Grimm
 - 5-tripp
 - EBD-Fugate
- The top classes receive a popcorn party



The 100th Day of School

The 100th day of school was Thursday January 29th. Many classes turned this day into a wonderful math day full of grouping and counting to 100. Some students were able to a 100 breakfast. We all celebrate as we have less than 80 days until the last Day of School.



Reading Counts 2nd Semester Goals



Kindergarten –	4 points
1 st Grade	20 points
2 nd Grade	40 points
3 rd Grade	60 points
4 th Grade	80 points
5 th Grade	100 points

Our 2nd semester **Reading Counts Celebration will be held Friday May 29th** in the Media Center. The 2nd semester celebration will be a drum circle presentation by Giving Tree drumming. This is sure to be a fun-filled way to wrap up the end of the year. The celebrations will be between 30-45 minutes long.

Deadlines to earn point for second

First Responders Thank SEM Card Making Cluster



On January 30, 2015 Corporal and Deputy Came to Seminole Elementary to thank our Card Making SEM for making personalized cards to First Responders during First Responders week

Congratulations Jordan and Alexis



Jordan Pope and Alexis G Reflection Awards won the school and County PTA Reflections Award. Their work will be advancing to the PTA State Reflections Competitions. We are so very proud of both of our students

All College Day at St. Petersburg College



Battle of the Books

We would like to congratulate the following classes who will be advancing to the school-wide Battle of the Books being held Friday February 27, 2015 @12:45pm in the Media Center.

3rd Grade Winners



Mrs. Rudolph and Mrs. Poolson's Girl Zone

Ava Spano
Graci Tubbs
Freya Tversky



Mrs. Crose Purple Power Pandas

Gabby Leili
Isabel Mahoney
Cameron Robb
Aspen Burke

4th Grade Winners



Ms. Taylor Blue Ribbon Readers

Lindsey Keim
Olivia Rudd
Kai Devega
Kayla Franklin

Mrs. Millers Minecrafters

McKenna Ott
Hailey Kennicutt
Haliee Papen
Keiran Davis

5th Grade Winner



Mrs. Henkel's Undefeatable Unstoppable Readers

Sophia Bostick
Amber Kopkau
Matthew Campbell
Riley Hillriegel



Mrs. Lentz Book Guardians

Samantha Cullen
Alex Cullen
Gavin Williams
Cole Wright

Thank you Hungry Howie's for Sponsoring our Peer Mediators



Fun Fact!

Did You Know ???

2/1 Super bowl Sunday
 2/8/1910 The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated
 2/12 Lincoln's Birthday
 2/14 Valentines Day



2/16/1968 The 1st 911 Call
 2/19 Chinese New Year
 2/22 Washington's Birthday
 2/28 National Chili Day

Visit nutrislice.com for menu & nutrition information



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 meal

February

Pinellas Elementary School Menu














Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 Egg & Cheese Pita Choose One: **New Entrée** Korean BBQ Chicken w/Rice & Roll Giorgio Cheesy Bread w/Marinara Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap Choose: Seasoned Black Beans Tossed or Romaine Side Salad	3 Sausage Biscuit Student Involvement Day  Menu to be chosen by a group of students at each individual school	4 Pancake Minis Choose One: **New Entrée** Potato Turbate w/Roll Chicken Nuggets w/ Dip Fruit N Yogurt Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant Choose: Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Romaine Side Salad	5 Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast Choose One: **New Entrée** Lasagna Roll-up w/Garlic Toast Breakfast for Lunch Chicken Caesar Salad Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Choose: Deli Roasted Potatoes Veggie Dippers	6 Cinnamon Roll Choose One: Pizza Variety Cheesy Fish Filet Sandwich **New Entrée** Chicken Cobb Salad School Favorite Sandwich Choose: Steamed Broccoli Mixed or Romaine Side Salad
9 Egg, Ham & Cheese Croissant Choose One: **Feature Entrée** Pizza Turkey Burger Macaroni & Cheese w/ Roll Farmers Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap Choose: Baby Green Peas Tossed or Romaine Side Salad	10 Breakfast Sausage Bagel Choose One: Mini Calzones w/Marinara Bar B Q Pork on a Bun Chef Salad Italian Twist Combo Choose: Oven Baked Beans Veggie Dippers	11 Pumpkin Bread Choose One: Chicken Tenders & Dip Spaghetti & Meatballs Fruit and Yogurt Plate Ham & Cheese Croissant Choose: *New* Prince Charles Blend Romaine Side Salad	12 Scrambled Eggs, Bacon & Biscuit Choose One: Teriyaki Beef Dippers w/Rice & Roll Max Snax Quesadilla w/Salsa Chicken Caesar Salad Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Choose: Creamed Spinach Veggie Dippers	13 Chicken Sausage Breakfast Bites Choose One: Pizza Variety Baja Fish Sticks w/Hush Puppies Chicken Dipper Salad School Favorite Sandwich Choose: Sliced Carrots Coins Mixed or Romaine Side Salad
16 Professional Development Day No School for Students 	17 Chicken Biscuit Choose One: **Feature Entrée** Gilardi Cheesy Breadsticks w Marinara Sauce Tacos: Seasoned Beef or Pork Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Twist Combo Choose: Refried Fiesta Beans, Veggie Dippers	18 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Pizza Choose One: Beef Ravioli w/Roll or Macaroni & Beef Popcorn Chicken Bowl Hummus Salad Plate Ham & Cheese Croissant Choose: Corn / Romaine Side Salad	19 Sausage Gravy Breakfast Toast Choose One: Toasted Cheese Sandwich Hot Dog on Bun Chef Salad Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Choose: Tomato Soup Veggie Dippers	20 Apple Cinnamon Muffin Top Choose One: Pizza Variety Ocean Treasure Fish Nuggets Veggie Double Dipper Salad School Favorite Sandwich Choose: Steamed Broccoli Mixed or Romaine Side Salad
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February Birthdays Celebration Wednesday February 4th 		February 2nd is Groundhog Day! It's also known as a woodchuck, whistle pig or marmot. If the groundhog comes out of his burrow and sees his shadow, he will turn around and go back in and there will be 6 more weeks of winter! Groundhog Day came about because of a German superstition		 <p>All menus are subject to change. We do our best to provide our customers with all of our planned options, however, occasionally weather, crops and supplies have other ideas!</p>

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 328-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.

FEBRUARY 2015

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR-Elementary School



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Download the NEW Family Engagement APP to get PCS information at your fingertips!	 <p>Will we have 6 more weeks of winter????</p>	When your child asks for help, provide guidance, not answers.	Involved children need involved parents! What is your child interested in these days?	Make it a habit to review and discuss homework <i>every day</i> .	Curl up on the couch and read to each other. 	Family Movie Night! Pop some popcorn and watch your family's favorite movie together.
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Children learn by watching & imitating. Be aware of your words and actions.	Find out when the next PTA/PTSA meeting is being held and plan to attend.	<i>Make the time</i> to play and laugh with your child. You're making memories. 	Tell your child that you recognize their hard work and reward their efforts.	Before getting to the end of a story, ask your child what he/she thinks will happen next and why.	Make a map of your neighborhood or town with your child. Highlight the important locations.	<i>Happy Valentine's Day!</i> Tell your child that you love them <i>unconditionally!</i>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Eat dinner together tonight and talk about the events of the week! 	President's Day  Discuss the role of leadership.	When your child asks you a question, stop what you're doing, listen, and then answer.	Give your child a hug and let them know how much they mean to you. 	Chinese New Year. It's the year 4713! 	Visit your child's school website & explore the many ways to use a computer together.	Go shopping together and have your child use the calculator to add up the cost of the food.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Make sure that your child is in school and on time every day.	Be encouraging. 	Share your positive memories or learning experiences from school with your child.	Listen to and discuss different types of music. 	Help your child break large tasks into smaller steps so they are manageable.	Take a walk together and talk about their week at school.	Head to the bowling alley for a couple of games of fun! 
LEAP Day! <i>Not this year, not until 2016!</i>						

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Award Winners

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Friend's Name
Street Address
City, State Zip Code