

Seminole Elementary Times 2014-15

National School of Character



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Mrs. Cato's Corner

As the holiday season is upon us, Seminole Elementary has some upcoming special events. Next week on Dec. 9, our Kindergarten and first grades and the fourth and fifth grade chorus will present their winter concerts at Seminole High. Second and third grade and chorus will present spring concerts in May. Our Holiday Skating Party will take place on Dec. 16. Our Character Kids assembly is also coming up. Please note dates for these events on the sidebar on the left.

Thank you to all of you who helped your children participate in Hunter Hawk's Holiday Reading and Math contest over the Thanksgiving break. Students who brought back their logs with five days completed for both reading and math will receive an invitation to Hunter Hawk's Celebration to be held prior to Winter Break. We will have another Holiday Contest over winter break. Please encourage your child to participate in these 'contests'. Children who read and practice math over vacations continue to grow in achievement. Children who do not can lose ground even over two weeks.

The holidays are always a magical time for children. Please take time in the next few weeks to enjoy family and friends and, especially, enjoy your children. Time spent with children is always time well spent! We wish each of you a peaceful and family filled holiday creating memories for a lifetime. From all of us at Seminole Elementary, we would like to extend to you our wishes for a very special holiday season.

November Character Kids

Kindergarten		
Davis	Alessandro Piamba	Jaelynn Seymour
Schuler	Emily Huntoon	Tathan Friedle
Conde	Sophia Mulet-Johnson	Avery Hazlett
Gamble	Audrina Tatman	Keegan Wooland
Barlow	Yasmine Oropeza-Canjay	Chloe Buschlen
Westerfield	Jordan Hall	Madalyn Siniff
1st		
Smith	Troy Blankenship	Corina Candelaria
Mucerino	Jada Fortner	Faith Ranck
Holwerda	Alexis Eaton	Zachary Berry
Hooper	Nicholas Pozo	Irish Gildner
Luczaj	Fernando Padilla-Vasquez	
Dupre	Christian Rodriguez	Liana Leili
2nd		
Barto	Amelia Longboat	Jay Padovan
Swartz	Briannah Seper	Morgin Burton
Kappler	Santos Ferrer	Dylan Anderson
Patterson	Chloe McNutt	Nathan Onley
Kopkau	Leslie Finck	Joseph Venech
Blanchet	Ethan Nadeau	
Powers	Ryder Gage	
3rd		
Leonard	Cooper Moore	Ella Dollins
Crose	Sienna Gonzales	Nathan Yankovich
Gispert	Layette Vega	Arwen Meyler
Carlson	Tyler Sherman	Alma Lemus-Martinez
Rudolph	Kya Atchley	Zoey Hartog
Poolson	Aiden Striba	Savannah Drygal
4th		
Miller	Charles Ladjimi	
Taylor	Kathryn Kelesyan	Silas Shubin
Blackburn	Yale Psalm Bruce	Caden Berry
Grimm	Jeremiah Duncan	Destiny Walker
Fugate	Royce Zabel	Eric Coffman
5th		
Henkel	Taylor Ruehling	Aaron Mascarenas
Lentz	Cole Wright	Mailey Love
Sadock	Jessica Daly	Kayley Williamson
Stebbins	Sydney Cox	Anthony Kimbrell
Tripp	Jesse Schultz	Caden Richardson



Happy Holidays

Celebrating Our Veterans

On November 11th Veteran's Day Students at Seminole Elementary were invited next door to VFW 9272 to participate in the annual Veteran's Day Celebration. Hundreds of students watched a gun salute and speeches in honor of people who have served in all armed forces. The VFW donated flags to each student who attended the celebration. Many classes made cards and banners that were presented to members of the VFW.



Recognizing Our Students

Our students here at Seminole Elementary have accomplished many things over the past month. Students who have earned all "A's" for the first grading period had the opportunity to attend the Principal's List bowling party. During this celebration students bowled 2 games at Seminole Lanes and enjoyed pizza and hot dogs.

Students in our gifted classes won 2nd place in the Gifted Creative Olympics. There were 14 schools who participated in the Olympics.



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2nd Place County Winners for the Gifted Creative Olympics. Isabel Mahoney, David Morey, Ava Spano, and Graci Tubbs participated in the Olympics. Students construct items out various materials to complete tasks. The task included building bridges, roller coasters, and pulley systems. These students placed 2nd out of 14 schools.

Fundraiser Top Sellers Enjoy a Limo Ride and McDonalds



Great American Teach-In

We would like to thank all of the following speakers and organizations for their participation in the Great American Teach-In! It was a wonderful day of sharing and learning, and we are very appreciative of their willingness to speak to our students!

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| Allen Brooks | Jeanne Siegel & her SPC |
| All Children's Hospital - Fit4Allkids | Nursing Students |
| Arlein Chamikles | Jennifer Williams |
| Becky Johnson | Jill Ott |
| Bill Burnside | Joe Corbin |
| Brian Keim | John Berry |
| Carol Perry | Jon Tedford |
| Cashel Mack | Joshua Torres |
| Champion Tae Kwon Do | Kadi Tubbs |
| Chelsea Crose | Kelly Richmond |
| Chinese Martial Arts Center of Seminole | Kerstin Ritzie |
| City of Seminole Fire Rescue - Station #29 | Lauri Green |
| Dana Witkowski | Lee Araujo |
| Dennis Stone - Publix | Lt. Lance Volpe |
| Deputy Dan DiFrancesco | Mackenzie Osborne |
| Deputy Claudio Dimundo | Marj Nye |
| Deputy Kevin Andress | Nate Mitchell |
| Donna Cardeilhac | Rick Rollins |
| Dorota Kepka | Roxana Reyes |
| Jack Freeman | Wendy Christie |
| Jake Blanchard | Wildlife Rescue & Rehab |
| James Christie | |



4th Grade St. Augustine Trip

On November 20th and 21st 4th Grade students travelled to St. Augustine to learn about Florida History. During the trip students toured the lighthouse, visited the Spanish hospital, drank from the fountain of youth, watched a cannon fire, toured the old jail, visited Ripley's Believe it or Not, and walked a ghost tour. Students also participated in hands on museum where they reenacted life as Indian warrior and Spanish Military officers. They dipped candles, and learned how people lived many years ago. Students also toured the Castillo de San Marco (fort) and much more.





A Christmas joke:
 What do you call a
 person who is afraid
 of Santa Claus?
 Claustrophobic!



Thank You for Your Support

We would like to thank Publix Super Markets, Inc. and Winn-Dixie Store #607 on Park Blvd. for sponsoring all of the refreshments for our speakers during the Great American Teach-In event.

DECEMBER 2014



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR- Elementary School

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Download the NEW Family Engagement APP to get PCS information at your fingertips!	Did you know that the biggest factor in the lack of time for homework is TV? Make sure homework comes first.	Monitor your child's school work and applaud their efforts.	Whip up a batch of cookies in honor of National Cookie Day .	Make sure your child knows basic social behaviors – saying please and thank you, not interrupting, and being helpful.	Host a book swap. Invite your child's friends to bring a favorite book to swap. It's a fun way to get new books to read.
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Pearl Harbor Day- a day that changed the lives of all Americans. Go online to learn more about this historical day.	Make it a habit to review and discuss homework every day.	If your child is having difficulties at school, talk to their teachers. They might not be aware of the problem.	NO-EL Night No electronics tonight!	Establish a quiet place and regular schedule for doing homework.	Attend a PCS Parent Academy workshop. Go to www.pcsb.org/parentacademy for details.	National Cocoa Day Share a cup of cocoa and talk about the events of the week at school.
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Encourage a healthy lifestyle. Have nutritious food at home and exercise daily.	Make sure your child is in school, on time, every day.	Hanukkah begins at sundown today with the lighting of the first candle of the menorah.	Stay informed – visit www.pcsb.org or your child's school website for information.	Have a scavenger hunt. Make it educational by having your child find items that start with certain letters.	Family Movie Night! Pop some corn and watch your family's favorite movie together!	Go for a walk after dinner and look at the holiday decorations in your neighborhood.
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
It's the first Day of <i>winter!</i> Celebrate Florida style!	Work on a puzzle together. It's a fun way to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills.	Cook together tonight. Measuring is a great way to learn math. Reading directions is great for literacy.	Many traditions take place in December. Explain how your family's traditions began.	Christmas Day Enjoy the day with family and friends.	Kwanza begins today. No matter your background, help your child learn about other cultures.	FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Bring out the cards or games and play your child's favorite.
28	29	30	31			
Watch your child's favorite TV show and discuss the characters, plot, and outcome.	Help your child be better organized for the remainder of the school year.	Look up how to say <i>hello & goodbye</i> in different languages. Adios 2014!	It's New Year's Eve! Ask your child what their resolutions are for the new year.			

Fun Facts!

December Pinellas Elementary School Lunch Menu



On December 17, 1903 At Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, the Wright Brothers flew the first powered airplane. Built from spruce and ash, a 12 horsepower, 4 cylinder water-cooled inline engine.

Bill of Rights Day is celebrated December 15th



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
May Choose: 1 Milk
Must choose at least 1: Fruit or Vegetable (may choose as many different fruits & veggies as student would like)

Available Daily: Meatless Entrée, Entrée Salads, Cold Sandwiches
Low Fat White Milk, Fat Free Flavored or Skim Milk, Variety of Fruit & Juice

8 oz. water is also available at no extra charge with a complete lunch meal

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Eggo Mini Waffles or Pancakes	2 Chicken Biscuit	3 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Pizza	4 Sausage Gravy Toast	5 Dunk'n Stick
<u>Choose One:</u> Hamburger/Cheeseburger Popcorn Chicken w/ Biscuit Farmer's Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <u>Choose:</u> Curly Fries, Tossed or Romaine Salad	<u>Choose One:</u> Tacos: Seasoned Beef or Pork Max Cheese Sticks w/ Marinara Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Twist Combo <u>Choose:</u> Refried Fiesta Beans, Veggie Dippers	<u>Choose One:</u> **Feature Item** Mini Pizza Bagels Macaroni & Cheese Hummus Salad Plate Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose:</u> Corn Nibbles, Romaine Salad	<u>Choose One:</u> Corn Dog Nuggets Fernando's Cheesy Quesadilla w/Salsa Chicken Dipper Salad Turkey & Cheese Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Broccoli, Veggie Dippers	<u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Variety Ocean Treasure Fish Nuggets Veggie Double Dipper Salad School Favorite Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Sliced Carrots, Mixed or Romaine Salad
8 Pizza Pocket	9 Sausage Biscuit	10 Maple Pancake Minis	11 Egg, Ham & Cheese Croissant	12 Rich's Cinnamon Roll
<u>Choose One:</u> Teriyaki Chicken & Rice Bowl w/Roll Giorgio Cheesy Bread w/Marinara Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <u>Choose:</u> Stir Fry Vegetables, Tossed or Romaine Salad	<u>Choose One:</u> **Feature Item** Gilardi Stuffed Crust Pepperoni Pizza Rib B Que Sandwich Farmer's Salad Italian Twist Combo <u>Choose:</u> Baked Beans, Veggie Dippers	<u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Nuggets w/Dip Spaghetti & Meatballs Yogurt Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose:</u> Sweet Potato Waffle Fries, Romaine Salad	<u>Choose One:</u> Breakfast for Lunch Mini Calzones w/Marinara Chicken Caesar Salad Turkey & Cheese Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Deli Roasted Potatoes, Veggie Dippers	<u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Variety Cheeseburger Sliders Tuna Chef Salad School Favorite Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Spinach or Collard Greens, Mixed or Romaine Salad
15 Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast	16 Breakfast Sausage Bagel	17 Scrambled Egg, Bacon & Biscuit	18 Banana Bread	19 Breakfast Burrito
<u>Choose One:</u> Stuffed Shells w/ Coles Garlic Toast Crispy Chicken Sandwich Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <u>Choose:</u> Sliced Carrots, Tossed or Romaine Salad	<u>Choose One:</u> Hot Dog on Bun, or Bar B Que Pork on Bun Farmer's Salad Bologna and Cheese Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Waffle Fries or Veggie Dippers	<u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Drumstick w/Hush Puppy Loaded Potato Skins w/Baked Pretzel Fruit N Yogurt Plate Ham & Cheese Croissant <u>Choose:</u> Baked Beans, Romaine Salad	<u>Choose One:</u> **Feature Item** Turkey BLT Club Burger Teriyaki Beef Dippers w/Rice & Roll Farmer's Salad Turkey & Cheese Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Broccoli, Veggie Dippers	<u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Variety Cheesy Fish Filet Sandwich Chicken Caesar Salad School Favorite Sandwich <u>Choose:</u> Green Beans, Mixed or Romaine Salad
22	23	24	25	
<h1>Winter Holidays</h1> <p>A seasonal variety of fresh fruits, canned fruits and 100% fruit juice are available daily!</p>				
<p>29 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>		<h2>Season's Greetings</h2> <p>December Birthdays Celebration Wednesday December 3rd.</p>		
			<p>School begins Tuesday January 6, 2015</p>	