



# Seminole Elementary Times 2014-15

## National School of Character



Character Kids for October 2014

### Special Events and Dates

#### November

- November 19<sup>th</sup> Great American Teach-In
- November 20<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Grade St. Augustine Trip
- November 21<sup>st</sup> Kindergarten Pow-Wow
- November 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Break



Don't Forget to Set Your Clocks Back an Hour on Sunday November 2<sup>nd</sup>

"We are thankful for wonderful students, families, and staff members here at Seminole Elementary."



### Buena Snacks for Tutoring

Seminole Elementary Teachers will be offering free tutoring to students who live at Buena Vista Apartments. Our Multicultural Committee is collecting "Buena Snacks". They are asking for snack donations for this program. Please send the items to school front office attention PMAC. Snacks could be, but not limited to: Fruits, vegetables, chips, pretzels, crackers, raisins, popcorn, cereal bars, cookies, snack cakes, juice, or fruit snacks.

### Mrs. Cato's Corner

November marks the beginning of the holiday season for many of our Seminole families. The students and staff of Seminole Elementary take the time to celebrate the season of thanksgiving that November brings to each of us. The month of November also brings us the chance to learn from many of you as you take part in the Great America Teach In. Students who can relate learning to real life careers are often more motivated to learn. We appreciate each of you who take the time to come and share with students your interesting careers and hobbies. You never know when what you share might spark an interest in a child that lights a lifelong passion. If you are interested in coming and sharing your career or hobby, please contact Melanie Blanchard at the school office.

From all of us at Seminole Elementary School, we would like to extend our warm thoughts and wishes for a great month of November and a very special upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday.

### New District Security Policy

Beginning on Monday, November 3, all visitors and parents wishing to gain access to the Seminole Elementary campus will need to have a specific reason in order to enter the campus, such as a scheduled teacher conference, lunch with your child, a special event or scheduled volunteer times. Badges and/or stickers will allow visitors access to the specified areas for their visit. All visitors and parents will need to sign in and out at the front office and have appropriate badges or stickers. This is a district policy and provides for additional security and safety for your children as well as increased instructional momentum and time. If you have concerns or questions about this policy, please call Dan Dluznieski, Coordinator of Emergency Management, Safety and Security, at 727-547-7205, or Ward Kennedy, Area 3 Superintendent, at 727 - 588-5023. Thank you for your help in ensuring a safe learning environment for your children.

### Discounted Computers & Internet

Pinellas County Schools proudly supports Connect2Complete. This program gives more families access to online educational resources. Eligible families get Internet service just for \$9.95 a month plus taxes. Families with students eligible for free or reduced lunch attending a Connect2Complete Pinellas County School may receive this low through December 31, 2014. To receive call 855-877-4909 C2C offer code: PCSC2C. Power 2014 computers bought to you by PC Rebuilders & Recyclers starting at \$162 call 800-939-6000 for more information.

### Character Kids for October

#### KINDERGARTEN

Davis	Isabella Zuzek	Aabrianna Scropio
Schuler	Olivia Chen	Daniel Williams
Conde	Brooke Lucas	Erik Abbott
Gamble	Angelina Calderon	Mauricio Lemus-Martinez
Barlow	Patrick Grinde	Joselyn Badillo
Westerfield	Maddux Belcaster	Zayta Williams

#### 1st

Smith	Darcus Coley	Liahna Walpole
Mucirino	Braden Potts	Nicholas Talbot
Holwerda	Dani-Marie Blydenburgh	Adrian Munoz
Hooper	Jaxon Smith	Aubrielle Stone-Plauche
Luczaj	Karen Mullins	Peyton Graham
Dupre	Sara Henkel	Jonathan Rizo

#### 2nd

Barto	Ana Recendiz	Raymond Goren
Wartz	Hana Weeks	Alexis Laramie
Appler	Paris Gutillo	Dallas Burke
Interson	Kimber Hooper	Maya Harrington
Kpau	Jackson Gleaton	Tamara Vukovic
Blanchet	Brandon Lucas	Kelli Kelesyan
Powers	Joshua Johnson	

#### 3rd

Croze	Henry Johnson	Tori Abbott
Gispert	Evan Smith	Angelena Markova
Carlson	Owen Carnahan	Paris Porter
Rudolph	Taylor Tuhakaraina-Hughes	Jakob Robinson
Poolson	Deja Maciejewski	Joshua Seenaught

#### 4th

Miller	Joshua Zukowski	Sophia Giuliano
Taylor	Arleen Rivera	Elijah Willette
Blackburn	Cameron Rollins	Bryce Haines
Grimm	Luna Whitcer	Brandon Pham

#### 5th

Henkel	Amber Kopkau	Matthew Campbell
Lentz	Kayla Gerard	Gavin Williams
Sadock	Jolie Fullington	Jessica Daly
Stebbins	Natalie Conde	Eric Koehler
Tripp	Bryan Rivera	Emily Sherman
Halpern	Tristan Landt	Brandon Reed

### Great American Teach In Your Opportunity to Share

The Great American Teach In is a one day November 19<sup>th</sup>. This is an opportunity for you to come to our school and share about your career, hobbies, or life experiences. Presentations should be about 10-15 minutes. You can speak to one class or multiple classes. If you are interested in participating, it's not too late. Please contact Melanie Blanchard at 547-7668 or [blanchardmel@pcsb.org](mailto:blanchardmel@pcsb.org) for more information.

# McDonald's Spirit Night



*We Are Thankful...*

*I am thankful for family because they help me with things like my homework...Sofia Dang*

*I'm thankful for having food because many people do not have enough to eat...Sophie Bostick*

*I'm thankful for my aunt because she's helping me in the situation I am in...Carmen Caraballo*

*I'm thankful for my family because they are really nice to me...Tristen Faulk*

*I am thankful for my grandma, grandpa, and family because they love me and take care of you...Katelyn Tallbacka*

*I am thankful for me dog, because we always play together...Gage Coloso*

*I am thankful for my parents because they love me... Jay Padovan*

*I am thankful for my sisters, brothers, and aunts because they love me and they take of me when I am hurt... Amelia Longboat*



Back by popular demand, Seminole Elementary has McDonald's Spirit Nights. This is an opportunity for staff, students and families to spend time together at McDonalds while supporting our school. A portion of proceeds made during spirit night will go to Seminole Elementary .



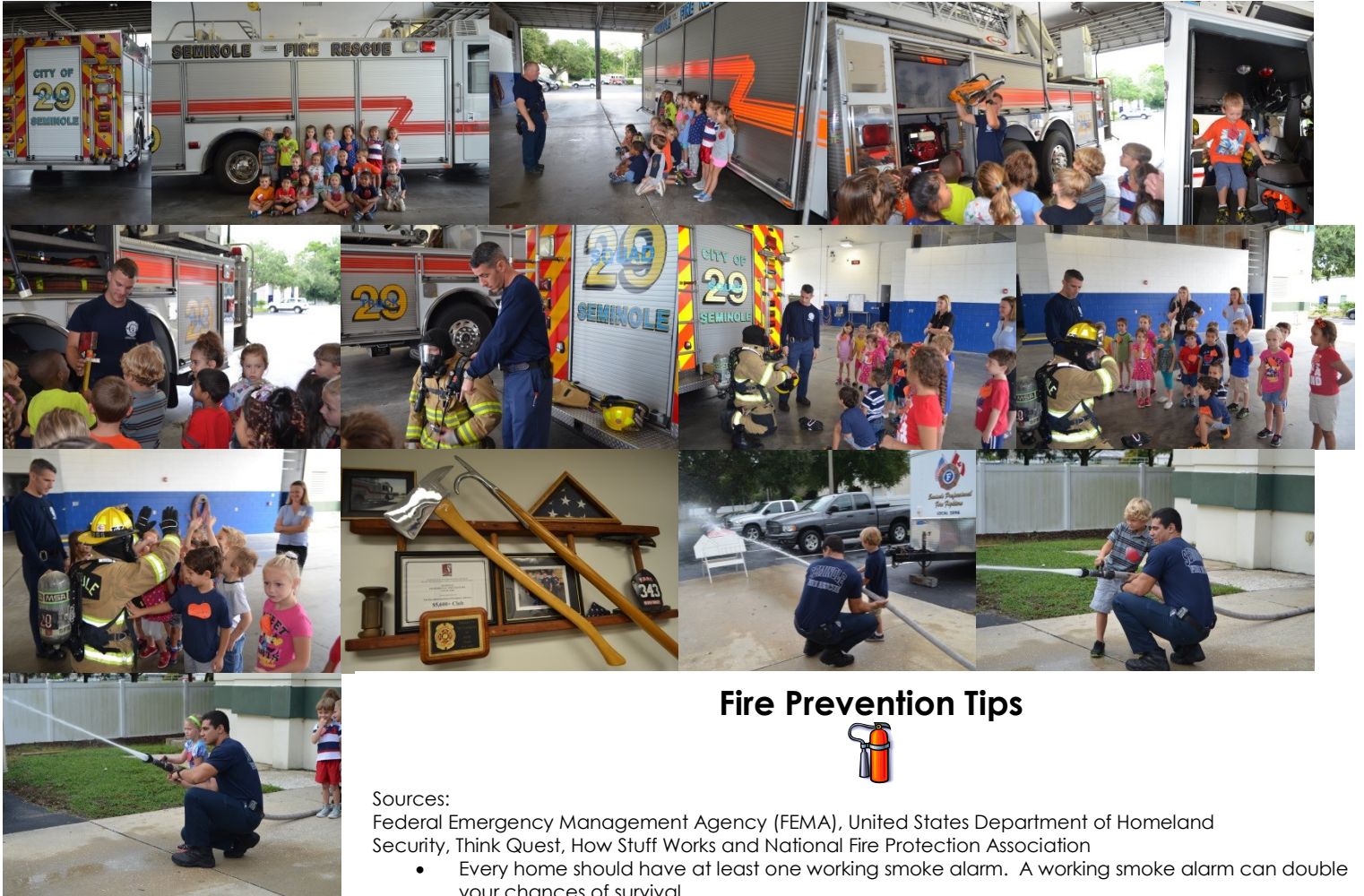
## SEM Clusters in Motion – Changing the World One Cluster at a Time

SEM Clusters have started. Students are enjoying being a part of clusters. The clusters range from photography, soap creations, inventions, CSI, yoga, gardening, color guard, cheerleading, solar powered engineering, trash to treasures, clay making, jewelry making, yarn art, and so much more. We are changing the world one cluster at a time.



# Seminole Ladder 29 Opens Its Doors to Kindergarteners

October is Fire Prevention Month. Seminole Fire Department opened up the fire station to all of our Kindergarten Classes. During the field trip Kindergarteners learned the difference between fire trucks and ladder trucks. Students also observed various tools used to rescue people. Students walked through the fire truck, toured the fire house and workout facility. After the tour students were able to use a fire hose to extinguish a mock fire.



## Fire Prevention Tips



Sources:

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), United States Department of Homeland Security, Think Quest, How Stuff Works and National Fire Protection Association

- Every home should have at least one working smoke alarm. A working smoke alarm can double your chances of survival
- Never overload circuits or extension cords. Do not place cords and wires under rugs, over nails or high-traffic areas. Immediately shut off and unplug appliances that sputter, spark or emit an unusual smell. Have them professionally repaired or replaced.
- When using electric or gas appliances, follow the manufacturer's safety precautions
- Portable heaters need their space. Keep anything combustible at least three feet away
- Keep fire in the fireplace. Use fire screens and have your chimney cleaned annually
- Always use a flashlight-not a candle-for emergency lighting
- Install fire alarms outside bedrooms on every level of your home.
- Make an escape plan with 2 ways out of every room and practice it with your family



## Congratulations 2014-15 Multicultural Committee Leadership Team Winners



President – Emily Sherman  
Vice President – Ava Spano  
Treasurer – MacKenzie Poolson  
Secretary - Zoe Hartog

## Kindergarten Trash to Treasure SEM Cluster Creations



## Kids Learn the Art of Pizza Making in the Kid's Café

### Did You Know...



- Every Friday students can buy pizza from the cafeteria
- There are specialty pizzas made each Friday for adults ranging from meat lovers, spinach, and supreme

All students at Seminole Elementary can receive breakfast free of charge each day?



Mrs. Dunn and the other lunch ladies opened up the kitchen to allow Kindergarteners to experience the art of pizza making. The Kindergarten students came dressed in hair nets and gloves ready to learn how to make pizza for over 400 students, parents, and staff by Chef Cathy. The students learned that one pizza can feed 8 students. Chef Cathy explained to the students that it takes 8 ounces of specially made pizza sauce, 12.5 ounces of mozzarella, and 21 pepperonis, to make 1 pizza. Students watched as a pizza was created and placed in the pizza oven. They were even able to try a piece of pizza. In their classrooms the Kindergarteners created their own special pizza.



## Buena Vista Tutoring

Mondays & Wednesdays from 4-5 pm, Ms. Westerfield, Ms. Hooper, Mrs. Mucerino, & Mrs. Barlow tutor K-5 at the Buena Vista's club house. 20 students are registered to receive free tutoring and homework help for all residents of Buena Vista. Mrs. Martinez is there to assist Spanish speaking students and parents. Snacks are given to students who participate in this program. The multicultural club is assisting in asking for donations of snacks. If you are a resident of Buena Vista Apartments and would like to participate in tutoring, please contact your teacher and ask for a form.



## Thank you Ms. Barbara Kovac – We Will Miss You



Mrs. Barbara Kovac – Employee And Volunteer of Seminole Elem.



Ms. Barbara's neighbors Rita Vickerman and Becky Becker bring books and donations to Mrs. Cato in honor of Ms. Barbara



Display of books donated to Seminole Elementary Media Center in honor of Ms. Barbara

Ms. Barbara worked at Seminole Elementary School for many years. After retiring Ms. Barbara continued assisting students by volunteering in classrooms and assisting students in Reading. Ms. Barbara loved working with teachers and molding the minds of our youth. She would often donate items and money to classrooms and students in need. Most of all, Ms. Barbara donated her time. Recently Ms. Barbara fell ill and passed away. Her neighbors donated funds in Ms. Barbara's honor and donated books to the Seminole Elementary Library. The books ranged from Disney Classics to the full set of 31 Clues series. Labels have been placed in the books in loving memory of Ms. Barbara.

Ms. Barbara will be missed. Her memory will live on through the students with the donation of books.

## PTA Astro Skate Skating Party










# Kindergarten Character Parade



# NOVEMBER 2014

## FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR-Elementary School



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
						Spend one-on-one time with your child doing something you both enjoy.
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>Daylight Savings Time ends today.</b> Turn your clock back 1 hour.	Set up a homework schedule for each day of the week. Kids thrive with routines.	<b>Election Day!</b> Take your child with you to vote and talk about the why it's important.	Don't have more rules than your child can remember.	Praise your child for their efforts in school and at home.	Monitor what your child is watching on TV, and if possible, watch the programs together.	Apples are in season! Try a treat made with apples – apple crisp or caramel apples. YUM!
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Discuss your weekly family activities to make the week go smoothly.	Sesame Street debuted in 1969. Ask your child who their favorite character is and what they learned from the show.	<b>Veteran's Day</b> Discuss the meaning of Veteran's Day.	With busy family schedules – school, work, activities – make sure that education is still the priority.	Check your child's school website regularly to find out important information.	<b>Family Engagement in Education Day!</b> Talk about the importance of education with your child.	<b>America Recycles Day</b> Have the kids help separate trash to be recycled.
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Are your children getting enough sleep? Children need between 8-10 hours each night.	Help your child regularly set short-term and long-term goals.	Leave a motivational note where your child is sure to see it. "Great job!"	Listen to your child carefully when they are talking to you.	Talk with your child daily about homework, classroom activities, and events.	Go for a walk or run with your child and talk about the importance of fitness.	<b>Family Game Night!</b> Play favorite board or card games. Don't forget to keep it fun!
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Take time as a family to reflect on the people and things for which you are grateful.	Choose words that <i>encourage</i> your child.	Family history is important. Talk with your child about their ancestry.	Let your child help make <i>their</i> favorite dish for Thanksgiving dinner.		Take an early walk together to work off yesterday's meal.	Make doing household chores opportunities to support learning.
30						
Daily school attendance is important to your child's learning.						

# Fun Fact!

**\*\*Daylight Saving Time ends 11/2. The first Sunday in November.**

**\*\*National Sandwich Day 11/3 Birthday of John Montague- the Earl of Sandwich**



**\*\*Election Day is the 1st Tuesday of the month after the 1st Monday.**

**\*\*Veteran's Day 11/11 was Invented 11/18/1963**

## 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

# November

## Pinellas Elementary School Lunch Menu



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 Chocolate Chip French Toast Minis	4 Chicken Biscuit	5 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Pizz	6 Sausage & Gravy Breakfast Toast	7 Dunk'n Stick
<b>Choose One:</b> Hamburger/Cheeseburger Popcorn Chicken w/ Biscuit Farmer's Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <b>Choose:</b> Curly Fries Tossed or Romaine Salad	<b>Choose One:</b> Seasoned Beef or Pork Tacos Max Cheese Sticks w/ Marinara Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub <b>Choose:</b> Refried Fiesta Beans, Veggie Dippers	<b>Choose One:</b> BBQ Roasted Chicken w/ Corn Muffin Macaroni & Cheese Hummus Salad Plate Ham & Cheese Croissant <b>Choose:</b> Corn Nibblits Romaine Salad	<b>Choose One:</b> <b>**Featured Entrée**</b> <b>Texas Turkey Burger Sandwich w/ Cheese &amp; Bacon</b> Cheesy Quesadilla w/Salsa Chicken Dipper Salad Turkey & Cheese Sandwich <b>Choose:</b> Broccoli, Veggie Dippers	<b>Choose One:</b> Pizza Ocean Treasure Fish Nuggets Veggie Double Dipper Salad School Favorite Sandwich <b>Choose:</b> Sliced Carrots Mixed or Romaine Salad
10 Pizza Pocket	11 Sausage Biscuit	12 Maple Pancake Minis	13 Egg, Ham & Cheese Croissant	14 Rich's Cinnamon Roll
<b>Choose One:</b> Teriyaki Chicken & Rice Bowl w/Roll <b>**Featured Entrée**</b> <b>Giard's Cheese Filled Breadsticks w/ Marinara Sauce</b> Chef Salad, Chicken Caesar Wrap <b>Choose:</b> Stir Fry Vegetables Tossed or Romaine Salad	<b>Choose One:</b> Rib-B-Que Sandwich <b>**Featured Entrée**</b> <b>Vegetable Lasagna Roll up w/ Alfredo Sauce &amp; Garlic Toast</b> Farmer's Salad, Italian Sub <b>Choose:</b> Baked Beans, Veggie Dippers	<b>Choose One:</b> Chicken Nuggets w/ Dip Spaghetti & Meatballs Yogurt Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <b>Choose:</b> Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Romaine Salad	<b>Choose One:</b> Breakfast for Lunch Mini Calzones w/Marinara Chicken Caesar Salad Turkey & Cheese Sandwich <b>Choose:</b> Del' Roasted Potatoes Veggie Dippers	<b>Choose One:</b> Pizza Cheeseburger Sliders Tuna Chef Salad School Favorite Sandwich <b>Choose:</b> Spinach or Collard Greens Mixed or Romaine Salad
17 Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast	18 Breakfast Sausage Bagel	19 Scrambled Egg, Bacon & Biscuit	20 Banana Bread	21 Breakfast Burrito
<b>Choose One:</b> Stuffed Shells w/ Garlic Toast Chicken Sandwich Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <b>Choose:</b> Sliced Carrots Tossed or Romaine Salad	Teriyaki Beef Dippers w/Rice & Roll Chicken & Chili Crisпитos w/Salsa Farmer's Salad Turkey & Cheese Sandwich <b>Choose:</b> Broccoli Veggie Dippers	<b>Choose One:</b> Chicken Drumstick w/Hush Puppy Loaded Potato Skins w/Baked Pretzel Fruit N Yogurt Plate Ham & Cheese Croissant <b>Choose:</b> Baked Beans Romaine Salad	<b>Choose One:</b> Roast Turkey w/Dressing or Burrito Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Veggie Dippers, Fruits, Juice, Roll	<b>Choose One:</b> Pizza Cheesy Fish Filet Sandwich Chicken Caesar Salad School Favorite Sandwich <b>Choose:</b> Green Beans Mixed or Romaine Salad
24		26		28



# November 24-28 Thanksgiving Break



The Thanksgiving Menu will be served during the week prior to the holiday break. The day will be determined by the individual school schedule.

### Thanksgiving Menu

Roast Turkey with Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Fruit or Juice, Roll & Milk

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