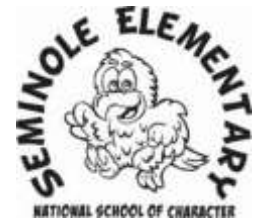




Seminole Times 2013-14



National School of Character

School Hours Monday through Friday 8:35 – 2:35

Earliest Drop off Time: 8:05

Breakfast is provided FREE for all students by Pinellas County Food Service.

Breakfast Service is from 8:05 – 8:30.

Students must be picked up from school no later than 3:00 as there is no adult supervision after that time. Once the car circle clears, students not picked up will be brought into the office. You will have to park and come to the office to sign out your child. For student before or after-care, please contact R-CLUB 397-5937.

CATO'S CORNER

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 other side of this time of year, however, is its importance for your child's progress. 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.

Hunter Hawk's Holiday Reading and Math Challenge was a great success! We had many students log time on ST Math and turn in completed reading logs. We celebrated our readers on Wednesday with an ice cream party and our ST Math classroom winners will be celebrated at a time of their choice with a pizza party, courtesy of PTA. Congratulations to the following classrooms who logged the most time on ST Math over the winter break, and thank you to the parents who encouraged them to do it!

Our winning classrooms are:

KG – Ms. Conde, Gr. 1 – Ms. Rudolph, Gr. 2 – Ms. Barto, Gr. 3 – Ms. Gispert, Gr. 4 – Ms. Tripp and Ms. Taylor (tied), Gr. 5 – Ms. Kopkau, ESE – Ms. Knellinger

The four students who logged the most time on ST Math and recipients of a \$10 gift certificate are: Shawn Cohn – 70 sessions logged; Amber Kopkau – 73 sessions logged; Mackenzie Poolson – 77 sessions logged, and Jenna Plathy with 91 sessions logged! Congratulations to these outstanding math students!

We will have another Hunter Hawk Holiday Challenge over spring break, so please encourage your child to participate.

FEBRUARY



- 2nd Groundhog Day
- 10-11th Reading Counts Parties
- 11th **Field Trip (Gifted students)** 9am-2:30pm
Weedon Island Grades 4-5
- 12th **Field Trip (Gifted Students)** 9am-2:30pm
Weedon Island Grades 1-3
- 14th Happy Valentine's
- 17th **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
Presidents Day
- 20th **FIELD TRIP (SCIENCE CENTER)**
Carlson/Poolson/Sadock
- 21st **SEMINOLE FUNFEST** 5-7:30pm
- 25-26 Florida Writes 4th grade
- 26th Character Kid Assembly – PE Court 8:30-9am
- 27th **Spring Pictures -Class & Group Pictures**

MARCH

SAT 10 TESTING

March 11-14th grades 1-2

March 17-19th grades 1-2

- 2nd Dr. Seuss's Day
- 11th Astro Skate Party
- 12th Report cards go home
- 13th Academic Black belt Assembly 8:30-9am
- 19th Character Kid Assembly – PE Court 8:30-9am
- SPRING BREAK SCHOOL CLOSED MARCH 23RD-30TH**

Donations for Staff Appreciation Week

Staff Appreciation Week will be here before we know it! The week of May 5th, we would like to make the staff of Seminole Elementary feel appreciated for all they do for our students. If you own a business or know of a business owner that would be willing to donate goods or services to our school, please contact, Amanda deVega at deVega@pcsb.org.



Seminole Elementary is going to be working with those crazy Mad Scientists again this semester to offer an after school Mad Scientist's club enrichment program for students in grades K-thru 5th. Only those that want to have a lot of FUN need apply. Dates: Tuesdays, Feb 11th- March 18th
Time: 2:45 – 3:45PM.

This semester we will discover how a detective solves a crime and how science is critical to your favorite toys! We will find out what cool science we can do in our own kitchens, build simple machines, explore the world of telecommunications, and make a phone call through a radio...? We will investigate the science behind special movie effects, and delve into the amazing world of robotics. Each session will be filled with hands-on experiments and amazing take-home projects. For questions and registration online visit their website at WSTampabay.madscience.org - After School Programs

Pinellas County Schools offers new parent workshops

The district has launched Parent Academy Workshops, a series of classes to help parents and caregivers advocate for their children, promote academic success, and explore opportunities for personal growth. Upcoming workshops will cover a variety of topics, including how to improve communication with your child, support learning at home and apply for colleges and scholarships. The workshops, called P2ACC (Preparing Parents to Advocate for their Children and Community), are part of a district wide initiative aimed at providing families with the tools they need to support students.

To register or learn more, contact the Office of Strategic Partnerships at (727) 588-6405, visit www.pcsb.org/parentacademy or email parentacademyworkshops@pcsb.org.

Mrs. Diane Cato, Principal / Miss Reva Faust, Assistant Principal

Phone: 727-547-7668 Fax: 727-545-6585

Mr. Ward Kennedy, Area 3 Associate Superintendent, 588-5023

Newsletter Coordinators: Mrs. Vainis & Mrs. Pope-Oriol

Website: www.seminole-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us

**January
2014
Character
Kids**



Kids have a group picture taken and put in the newsletter each month. Erica Martin of Authentic Martial Arts hands out bracelets

Kindergarten

Mya Ficocelli
Domenico Pellegrino
William Howery
David Lehnerz
Landon Myers
Shae Nichols
Arabella Bethell
Karen Mullins
Kelsey Harper
Giavona Stanzione
Maddox Newton
Liana Leili

1st Grade

Brooke Vidito
Hunter Matthews
Molly Mancuso
Mariah Bentley
Michael Wyandt
Troy Blankenship
Callie O'Brien
Jalynn Hazlett
Desiree McIver
Joseph Venech

2nd Grade

Aspen Burke
Maxum Boeve
Cassie Powers
Trinitey Harrell
Derek Lowman
Ava Spano
Savanna Chicarell
Domenic Foglio
Ella Dollins
Cohen Messer
Jasmine Villagomez
Kailee Vanover

3rd Grade

Kai Devega
Hailey Kennicutt
Ben Luz
Destiny Walker
Chase Hoyt
Angel Seenaught
Madison Rodriguez
Jasmyne Soto
Samuel Kaufmann
Joshua Carter

4th Grade

Sydney Cox
Eden Johnson
Tasa Vukovic
Allison Yost
Mitchell Clark
Malie Love
Daniel Romano
Mackenzie Henderson
Emily Ashmore
Makale Dozois

5th Grade

Adria Hasty
Zaedee Christie
Adreona Pounds
Chandler Shelley
Rebecca Davis
Kaiden Walpole
Kendal Vance
Shane Wall O'Connor
Zachary Ashmore
Bethany Morgan

Our school is turning 100 years old during the 2014-2015 school years!

We are having a fundraiser to help support the Centennial Celebration that is planned in May of 2015.



Square 1 Art is an exciting program, as you will have the opportunity to buy products featuring your child's artwork and they will make great gifts for Mother's Day, Father's Day, or other gifts for those special relatives and friends: key chains, mugs, pot holders, phone covers, tote bags. Students can order free stickers of their artwork.

Visit seminolepta.wordpress.com for more information.

STUDENT COUNCIL CORNER



Congratulations to the winners for Student Council Officers!

**President
Martin Martinez
Vice-President
Torie Fancher/Zadee Christie
Secretary
Braxton Wacker
Treasurer
Sofia Dang**

Student Council is a very important part of Seminole Elementary.

In Student Council, student representatives from grades 3rd-5th come together in order to brainstorm on how to make Seminole Elementary a better place.

There are some really important events happening in February. February 3rd through the 13th is our Valentine's Day Candy Gram Sale and also in the month of February we will be having a shoe drive please donate your new or gently worn shoes in any size.

We look forward to having more events this year so stay tuned!

Good Health Habits- Staying Healthy

FAST FACTS

Approximately 1/5 of the U.S. population attends or works in schools. (U.S. Department of Education 1999). Some viruses and bacteria can live from 20 minutes up to 2 hours or more on surfaces like cafeteria tables, doorknobs, and desks. (Ansari, 1988; Scott and Bloomfield, 1989)

Nearly 22 million school days are lost annually due to the common cold alone. (CDC, 1996)

Addressing the spread of germs in schools is essential to the health of our youth, our schools, and our nation. Students need to get plenty of sleep and physical activity, drink water, and eat good food to help them stay healthy in the winter and all year.

Stop the Spread of Germs

Healthy habits can protect everyone from getting germs or spreading germs at home, work, or school.

What is influenza (flu)?

Influenza, commonly called "the flu," is caused by the influenza virus, which infects the respiratory tract (nose, throat, lungs). It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death.

How does the flu spread?

The main way that influenza viruses are spread is from person to person in respiratory droplets of coughs and sneezes. (This is called "droplet spread.") This can happen when droplets from a cough or sneeze of an infected person are propelled (generally up to 3 feet) through the air and deposited on the mouth or nose of people nearby. Though much less frequent, the viruses also can be spread when a person touches respiratory droplets on another person or an object and then touches their own mouth or nose (or someone else's mouth or nose) before washing their hands.

How long is a person with flu virus contagious?

The period when an infected person is contagious depends on the age and health of the person. Studies show that most healthy adults may be able to infect others from 1 day prior to becoming sick and for 5 days after they first develop symptoms. Some young children people with weakened immune systems may be contagious for longer than a week.

What is the difference between a cold and the flu?

The flu and the common cold are both respiratory illnesses but they are caused by different viruses. Because these two types of illnesses have similar flu-like symptoms, it can be difficult to tell the difference between them based on symptoms alone. In general, the flu is worse than the common cold, and symptoms such as fever, body aches, extreme tiredness, and dry cough are more common and intense. Colds are usually milder than the flu. People with colds are more likely to have a runny or stuffy nose. Colds generally do not result in serious health problems, such as pneumonia, bacterial infections, or hospitalizations.

How can you tell the difference between a cold and the flu?

Because colds and flu share many symptoms, it can be difficult (or even impossible) to tell the difference between them based on symptoms alone. Special tests that usually must be done within the first few days of illness can be carried out, when needed to tell if a person has the flu.

What are the symptoms of the flu versus the symptoms of a cold?

In general, the flu is worse than the common cold, and symptoms such as fever, body aches, extreme tiredness, and dry cough are more common and intense. Colds are usually milder than the flu. People with colds are more likely to have a runny or stuffy nose. Colds generally do not result in serious health problems, such as pneumonia, bacterial infections, or hospitalizations.

What can I do?

Avoid close contact.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.

Stay home when you are sick.

If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness.

Cover your mouth and nose.

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.

Clean your hands.

Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

Remember: Healthy children learn best!

Reference: information from www.cdc.gov

NEWS FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT CONGRATULATIONS

**Michael Kaufmann
Gary Shikoski
Maya Hager
Tristen Faulk**

Their work was accepted into the 2014 Word and Image Show at Morean Art Gallery

719 Central Ave. St. Petersburg.
This show combined literature, music, writing and visual arts.

Their work will be on display December 23rd-Feb. 9th

The reception for the show is Feb. 8th between 3-5pm with awards presented at 4p.m

Way to go kids!
Mrs. Gravelle and Mrs. Lees

CONGRATULATIONS

Kaitlyn Lowe

Kaitlyn's painting will be on display, very soon at Hospice. Thank you Miss Lowe.

Mrs. Gravelle

PTA REFLECTIONS WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS

To the following students for winning The PTA County Reflections Awards.

**RANDI TUBBS
YAIR DEZHA
NATHAN BRITT**



Their entries will be advancing to the PTA State

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



Remember that any shopping you do online can earn your school box tops so before you shop check out the website for participating locations.

www.btfec.com

Don't forget to get the family involved in collecting Box Tops.

Tell your, Aunts, Uncles, Grandparents, friends and neighbors that they can be a part of the fun too.

Keep on Clippin'!!!

Eileen Hartog
Box Top Coordinator

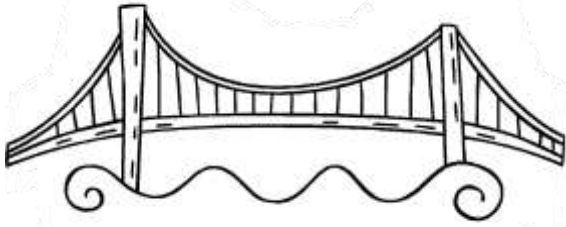


The Jewelry Making SEM Cluster decided to make Jewelry to donate to All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg. We wanted to show the kids at the hospital that we are thinking of them in "HOPES OF BRINGING A SMILE TO THEIR FACES"! They made over 200 beaded rainbow loom, and recycled t-shirt bracelets and necklaces.

Hunter Hawks Holiday Reading Party



Students who completed and turned in their Reading Logs celebrated with an ice cream party.
Courtesy of PTA

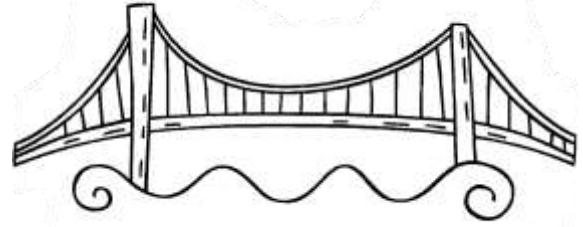


SUMMER BRIDGE

Pinellas County Schools will once again offer Summer Bridge summer learning programs for elementary, middle and high school students.

Summer Bridge programs are aimed at preventing summer learning losses and preparing students for success at the next grade level. Core Summer Bridge programs for elementary, middle and high school students will be offered Monday through Thursday, from June 17- July 24. Elementary school program hours will be 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Middle school program hours will be 8 a.m. to noon. And high school program hours will be 8 to 11 a.m.

The programs, which include enrichment activities, are especially important for students who are performing below grade level in reading or math. They are also beneficial for students who are performing at grade level but need extra support to stay on track. In mid-March, parents of students who are performing below grade level will begin receiving invitations for their children to participate. Please talk with your child's teacher if you don't receive an invitation and think your child will benefit from Summer Bridge. Some details and locations are still being finalized. Check out the district's Summer Bridge website, www.pcsb.org/summerbridge, for the latest information about Summer Bridge programs.



SUMMER BRIDGE

El Condado Escolar de Pinellas ofrecerá nuevamente los programas de Puente de verano para los estudiantes de la escuela primaria, intermedia y secundaria.

Los programas de aprendizaje extendido del Puente de verano están enfocados en la prevención de la pérdida del aprendizaje y en preparar a los estudiantes para el próximo grado. Los programas de Puente de verano básicos para los estudiantes de la escuela primaria, intermedia y secundaria serán ofrecidos de lunes a jueves, desde el 17 de junio hasta el 24 de julio. El horario para los programas de primaria es de 8:00 AM a 1:00 PM. El horario para los programas de la escuela intermedia es de 8:00 AM a 12:00 PM y el horario para los programas de secundaria es de 8:00 AM a 11:00 PM.

Los programas, que incluyen actividades de enriquecimiento, son especialmente importantes para los estudiantes que se estén desempeñando por debajo de su nivel de acuerdo al grado en lectura y matemática. También son beneficiosos para los estudiantes que se desempeñan al nivel de su grado pero que necesitan apoyo adicional para mantenerse en el camino adecuado. A mediados de marzo, los padres de los estudiantes que se estén desempeñando por debajo de su nivel de acuerdo al grado, comenzarán a recibir invitaciones para que sus hijos participen. Por favor hable con el maestro de su hijo si usted no recibe una invitación y piensa que su niño se beneficiaría del Puente de verano. Algunos detalles y ubicaciones están siendo finalizados. Chequee la página web del Puente de verano, www.pcsb.org/summerbridge, para estar al tanto de la última información relacionada con los programas del Puente de verano.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

Mrs. Conde would like to thank to all my wonderful, dedicated parents who helped out with snacks, snow day and 100 day donations. I appreciate your support!

Jessica Soto would like to extend a "BIG THANK YOU", to all of our SEM Enrichment Cluster volunteers. This program wouldn't be a success without you!

Mrs. Robinson; Mrs. Marasco; Mrs. Lancaster; Mrs. Witcher; Devon Blackburn; Jessica Dang; Mr. Radbone; Mrs. Schreier; Mrs. Vidito; Keith Wilkins; Kadi Tubbs; Verlinda Magnuson; Nancy Wright; Joanna Haught; Chrissie Kaufmann; Mrs. Houff; Cherry Sachs; Alyssa Parks

Mrs. Cordisco-Gravelle, would like to extend a "HUGE THANK YOU" to the **Seminole Jr. Woman's Club** for their generous donation to the Art Department.

Omphalocele Awareness

On January 31st, students and staff wore black and white to help spread awareness of Omphalocele, (an abdominal defect which affects 1 in every 5000 babies born each year). Here at Seminole Elementary one of our students was born with this defect and having survived 21 surgeries to date. **She is a true "O" Warrior!**



SEM Cluster Night



Fun Fact!

More than 36 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolate will be sold for Valentine's Day.



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 full lunch meal

February

Pinellas Elementary School Menu



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 Chicken Biscuit (1M/1B)	4 Breakfast Sausage Bagel (1M/1B)	5 Scrambled Eggs, Bacon & Biscuit	6 Banana Bread (2B)	7 Yogurt (1M), Blueberry Muffin (1B)
<u>Choose One:</u> **New Entrée** Loaded Potato Skins w/Roll Chicken Sandwich Farmers Salad <u>Choose:</u> Mixed Greens Tossed Salad or Romaine Salad	<u>Choose One:</u> Tacos Pizza Crunchers Chicken Caesar Salad <u>Choose:</u> Fiesta Beans Veggie Dippers	<u>Choose One:</u> **New Entrée** Dill Bite Chicken Nuggets Potato Turbate w/Roll Fruit N Yogurt Plate <u>Choose:</u> Sunshine Carrots Romaine Salad	<u>Choose One:</u> Cheeseburger **New Entrée** Stuffed Shells w/Garlic Breadstick Chicken Dipper Salad <u>Choose:</u> Oven Fries Veggie Dippers	<u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Popcorn Shrimp w/Hush Puppy Chef Salad <u>Choose:</u> Mixed Vegetables Mixed Salad or Romaine Salad
10 Eggo French Toast Minis (2B)	11 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Pizza (1M/1B)	12 Steak Biscuit (1M/1B)	13 Grits w/sausage links (1M/1B)	14 Cinnamon Roll (1B)
<u>Choose One:</u> Meatball Sub **New Entrée** Chicken Egg Rolls Farmers Salad <u>Choose:</u> Oriental Vegetables Tossed or Romaine Salad	<u>Choose one:</u> Enchiladas or Calzones or Tortellini Alfredo or Veggie Burgers W/ cheese or Chicken Caesar Salad <u>Choose:</u> Broccoli Veggie Dippers	<u>Choose One:</u> Beef Dippers w/Rice **New Entrée** Orange Chipotle Chicken w/Rice Yogurt Parfait <u>Choose:</u> Seasoned Black Beans Romaine Salad	<u>Choose One:</u> Breakfast for Lunch Cheese Quesadilla w/salsa Chicken Caesar Salad <u>Choose:</u> Deli Roasted Potatoes Veggie Dippers	<u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Ocean Treasure Nuggets Veggie Double Dipper <u>Choose:</u> Sunshine Carrots Mixed Salad or Romaine Salad
17 Professional Development Day No School for Students 	18 Breakfast Burrito (1M/1B)	19 Chicken Biscuit (1M/1B)	20 Dunkin Stick (2B)	21 Breakfast Flatbread (1M/1B)
	<u>Choose One:</u> Grilled Cheese **New Entrée** Mini Chicken Tacos w/Sour Crm Chicken Caesar Salad <u>Choose:</u> Tomato Soup Veggie Dippers	<u>Choose One:</u> **New Entrée** Beefy Mac a Roni or Ravioli & Roll Chicken Nuggets w/Dipping Sauce Fruit and Yogurt Plate <u>Choose:</u> Corn Romaine Salad	<u>Choose One:</u> **New Entrée** Pepperoni Stromboli w/Marinara Cheeseburger Sliders Farmers Salad <u>Choose:</u> Baked Beans Veggie Dippers	<u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Fish Hoagie Sub Chicken Dipper Salad <u>Choose:</u> Mixed Vegetables Mixed Salad or Romaine Salad
24 Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast	25 Sausage Biscuit (1M/1B)	26 Eggo Pancake Minis (2B)	27 Egg, Ham & Cheese Croissant	28 Cinnamon Roll (1B)
<u>Choose One:</u> Popcorn Chicken Bowl w/Biscuit **Featured Entrée** Gilardi's Stuffed Crust Pizza Chef Salad <u>Choose:</u> Sweet Potato Fries Tossed or Romaine Salad	<u>Choose One:</u> Rib-B-Que Sandwich Cherry Blossom Chicken w/Rice & Roll Farmers Salad <u>Choose:</u> Steamed Peas Veggie Dippers	<u>Choose One:</u> Dogs in Dough Macaroni & Cheese Yogurt Parfait <u>Choose:</u> Baked Beans Romaine Salad	<u>Choose One:</u> Chili Cheese and Chips **Featured Entrée** Aloha Turkey Burger Veggie Double Dipper <u>Choose:</u> Broccoli Veggie Dippers	<u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Cheesy Fish Filet Sandwich Chicken Caesar Salad <u>Choose:</u> Green Beans Mixed Salad or Romaine Salad

A variety of fruits and juice are available daily!
Students may choose as many different fruits & vegetables as they'd like with their meal!

February 2nd is Groundhog Day!
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!

