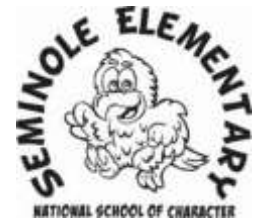




# Seminole Times 2013-14



## 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.

### MARCH

#### **SAT 10 TESTING**

**March 11-14<sup>th</sup> grades 1-2**  
**March 17-19<sup>th</sup> grades 1-2**

2<sup>nd</sup> Dr. Seuss's Day  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Kindergarten & New Registration begins  
 Seminole Bowling – Principals list  
 Centennial committee meeting 3:15pm  
 7<sup>th</sup> All Children's Walk-a-thon



Day Light Savings Time



9<sup>th</sup> Astro Skate Party  
 11<sup>th</sup> Report cards go home  
 12<sup>th</sup> Summer Bridge Registration begins  
 13<sup>th</sup> Academic Black belt Assembly 8:30-9am



17<sup>th</sup> Happy St. Patrick's Day  
 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> **FIELD DAY DURING PE ALL WEEK**  
 21<sup>st</sup> Field Day Fun Day  
 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> **SPRING BREAK SCHOOL CLOSED**

### APRIL

**FCAT April 14<sup>th</sup> – May 5<sup>th</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> Principal's bowling – Seminole Lanes 10-12:30  
 Character Kid Assembly – PE Court 8:30-9am  
 7<sup>th</sup> Pride Award Ceremony-Ruth Eckerd Hall 6:30-9:00pm  
 18<sup>th</sup> **No School for students**

### REGISTRATION FOR 2014 – 2015 SCHOOL YEAR

To reserve a seat at a zoned school, use the online Student Reservation System (SRS) located on the district website, [www.pcsb.org](http://www.pcsb.org).

You can use any computer, including a school computer, to reserve a seat.

### Donations for Staff Appreciation Week

Staff Appreciation Week will be here before we know it! The week of May 5<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:deVega@pcsb.org).

### **CATO'S CORNER**

Congratulations and kudos to our fourth grade students who wrote their hearts out on the Florida Writes test 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 graders have surely risen to the challenge of giving their all.

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!

### **Be a Part of the Centennial Celebration!**

Seminole Elementary School will be 100 years old in 2015. The original school opened in August of 2015 in the building that now houses the R'Club. We are now the longest continuously operating school under the same name in Pinellas County! On Saturday, May 2, 2015, we will celebrate the centennial of our school. If you are interested in being a part of planning this event, please come to the Centennial Celebration Committee meeting on Monday, March 3, in Ms. Soto's portable. If you cannot attend but are interested, please let your child's teacher know. We are looking forward to this great event in 2015 celebrating 100 Years of Excellence at Seminole Elementary!

### **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

Good Job Seminole Elementary!

We collected over 3500 box tops:  
The top two classes are:

#### January

**Mrs. Fugate's Class 1653**  
**Mrs. Conde's Class 517**

#### February

Over 5300 box tops collected  
**Mrs. Halpern's Class 2090**  
**Mrs. Taylor's Class 746**

Remember to keep clipping to earn money for our school and a Popcorn Party for your class.

For more information visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)

**Eileen Hartog**  
 Box Top Coordinator

**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](http://www.seminole-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us)

# February 2014 Character Kids



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

## Kindergarten

Hanna Cohn  
Sean Harr  
Adelina Padro  
Karsyn Sanford  
Nanos Peyton  
Madison Dunn  
Lillian Meredith  
Adrianna Perez  
William Brickey  
Nathea Hudock  
Derek Fritz

## 1st Grade

Ana Recendiz  
Haley Meredith  
Micah Gutillo  
Aydan Dickman  
Jaylanies Rivera  
Taya Wells  
Raymond Goren  
Melanie Beard  
Thomas Gluchowski  
Ryan Minor  
Addison Morrison  
Eliza DaSilva

## 2nd Grade

Frank Rosello  
Joshua Seenaught  
Colin Lemons  
Evan Smith  
Jeremiah Collins-Gavin  
Samantha Meals  
Joshua Johnson  
Cassandra Grassi  
Dylan Peacoe  
Chloe Tisdale  
Jeremy Sakacsi  
Carolena Brooks

## 3rd Grade

Sierra Wiggington  
Jesse Morales  
Jan Hanzal  
Janaja Ross  
Jacob Hall  
Austin Ziniel  
Charles Ladjimi  
Fred Furchi  
Madison Rodrigues  
Aryanna Grassi  
Daria Green  
Makel Dozois

## 4th Grade

Cayman Sills  
Elizabeth Herr  
Courtney Pucci  
Anthony Kimbrell  
Emily Sherman  
Hayden Madigan  
Samantha Cullen  
Ariana Ritzie  
Braydon Lovett  
Link Carpenter-Perrine

## 5th Grade

Arianna Burch  
Devin Hall  
Cameron Travis  
Fatima Elias  
Casey Magee  
Kylie Milligan  
Haley Lange  
Joshua Santiago  
Trevor Dalpe

## Seminole Elementary Student Council



### 100 Can Challenge

The Mayor of Seminole has challenged the city of Seminole to donate non-perishable items to the Food Pantry that serves Seminole. The Student Council has accepted the challenge! Beginning March 3<sup>rd</sup> through March 20<sup>th</sup> each grade level is challenged to bring in 100 canned food or non-perishable items. The Grade Level that brings in the most items will receive an ice-cream party!



### We're sweet on MOM

Once again we will be selling Mother's Day cakes. Even better, kids can show Mom they love her and help their school at the same time! Watch for flyers that are being sent home to purchase a Publix Bakery heart-shaped Mother's Day cakes. The cost is \$8.00 per cake and our school will receive \$1.50 for every cake sold.

It doesn't get any sweeter than that!

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

**Mrs. Conde:** Thank you **parents** for helping our Kindergarteners have such super cute Valentine boxes and for your help with the 100th Day of School! I truly appreciate your on-going support and dedication!

**Amanda deVega:** I would like to thank the NHS volunteers from Seminole High School that helped man the spin art booth at Funfest, the parent volunteers that helped with the Reading Counts party, Funfest, and Picture day. You all are awesome!



## **A Note From Your School Nurse**

The Center for Disease Control reports that keeping your hands clean is the **single most important step** we can take to avoid getting sick and spreading illness to others.

Proper hand washing prevents most disease and illness.

- Use soap & water to scrub all surfaces of the hands (soap and water is preferred to waterless hand cleaner, but hand cleaner is better than not cleaning your hands!)
- Key areas: in-between fingers, under fingernails, around & under jewelry
- Older children & adults should scrub for 20 seconds. Try singing the "Happy Birthday" song (you can sing it silently if you are not ready for "American Idol".....)
- Avoid touching the faucet and door after washing; if possible, use a paper towel to turn off the faucets and open the door
- Hand sanitizers can be used if soap and water are not available

Additionally, cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing. Or, the CDC now recommends "**Sneeze in your Sleeve**" to keep your hands free of contamination. Keep your hands away from your eyes, nose and mouth. Keep your child home if they are sick or have had a fever in the last 24 hours. And remember, just because you can't see germs don't mean they are not there!

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.

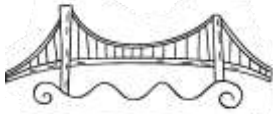
Visit [seminolepta.wordpress.com](http://seminolepta.wordpress.com) for more information.

# Jack Hartmann Visits Seminole Elementary

Jack Hartmann, a local children's song writer came to Seminole on Tuesday. He has written hundreds of songs for school children to learn. He performed for over an hour singing new and old favorites. We had a wonderful time. Thank you PTA and Jack Hartmann. Check him out on You Tube!



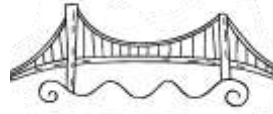




### SUMMER BRIDGE

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](http://www.pcsb.org/summerbridge), for the latest information about Summer Bridge programs.



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,



Students had a wonderful time participating in this year's Jump Rope for Heart. The donation forms are still being processed and Thank You gifts will be distributed in the following weeks. Thank you all for your support and donations for this wonderful cause!



# Funfest

Thank you to all who came out and supported this year's Funfest, in spite of the weather! Although we had some bad weather and the bounce houses and other inflatables had to be canceled, we had plenty of other activities for the kids to enjoy! The PTA would like to thank Ident-a-kid for coming out and processing identification kits for the children. Thanks to Kim Jackson Martial Arts and her students for their martial arts demonstrations. The Seminole Kiwanis generously donated the cotton candy machine and Seminole Garden Florist always supports our events with their popcorn machine, which is greatly appreciated. Seminole High School National Honor Society members volunteered at the spin art machine and are always great with that activity. Thank you to all the teachers, staff, parents, and kids that helped coordinate the games, the prizes and volunteer that night. A special thanks to Amanda Devega and Ron Moses and his staff to help get this organized and the events set up for Funfest! We rescheduled the bounce houses and inflatables for March 21, 2014, to be part of field week



# Fun Fact!

Pineapples are an international sign of welcome and are a symbolic way of saying 'you are perfect' when presented to someone.



## 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

# March 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)
<p><b>Choose One:</b>  <b>**Featured Entrée**</b>                      Stuffed Baked Potato w/Roll                      Chicken Sandwich                      Farmers Salad</p> <p><b>Choose:</b>                      Mixed Greens                      Tossed Salad or Romaine Salad</p>	<p><b>Choose One:</b>                      Tacos                      Pizza Crunchers                      Chicken Caesar Salad</p> <p><b>Choose:</b>                      Fiesta Beans                      Veggie Dippers</p>	<p><b>Choose One:</b>                      Dill Bite Chicken Nuggets                      Potato Turbato w/Roll                      Fruit N Yogurt Plate</p> <p><b>Choose:</b>                      Sunshine Carrots                      Romaine Salad</p>	<p><b>Choose One:</b>                      Cheeseburger</p> <p><b>**Featured Entrée**</b>                      Burrito w/Mexican Fiesta Rice</p> <p><b>Choose:</b>                      Chicken Dipper Salad                      Oven Fries                      Veggie Dippers</p>	<p><b>Choose One:</b>                      Pizza                      Popcorn Shrimp w/Hush Puppy                      Chef Salad</p> <p><b>Choose:</b>                      Mixed Vegetables                      Mixed Salad or Romaine Salad</p>
10 Ezzo French Toast (2B)	11 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Pizza	12 Steak Biscuit (1M/1B)	13 Grits w/Sausage Links (1M/1B)	14 Cinnamon Roll (1B)
<p><b>Choose One:</b>                      Meatball Sub                      Chicken Egg Rolls                      Farmers Salad</p> <p><b>Choose:</b>                      Oriental Vegetables                      Tossed or Romaine Salad</p>	<p><b>Choose One:</b>                      Corn Dog Nuggets                      Max Sticks W Marinara                      Chef Salad                      Choose                      Broccoli                      Veggie Dippers</p>	<p><b>Choose One:</b>                      Beef Dippers w/Rice</p> <p><b>**Featured Entrée**</b>                      Sweet n Sour Chicken over Rice</p> <p><b>Choose:</b>                      Yogurt Parfait                      Seasoned Black Beans                      Romaine Salad</p>	<p><b>Choose One:</b>                      Breakfast for Lunch                      Cheese Quesadilla w/Salsa                      Chicken Caesar Salad</p> <p><b>Choose:</b>                      Deli Roasted Potatoes                      Veggie Dippers</p>	<p><b>Choose One:</b>                      Pizza                      Ocean Treasure Nuggets                      Veggie Double Dipper</p> <p><b>Choose:</b>                      Sunshine Carrots                      Mixed Salad or Romaine Salad</p>
17 Sausage Biscuit Slider (1B/1M)	18 Breakfast Burrito (1M/1B)	19 Chicken Biscuit (1M/1B)	20 Dunkin Stick (2B)	21 Breakfast Flatbread (1M/1B)
<p><b>Choose One:</b>                      Pizza Calzonettes w/Marinara                      Philly Cheesesteak Sub                      Chef Salad</p> <p><b>Choose:</b>                      Seasoned Waffle Fries                      Tossed Salad or Romaine Salad</p>	<p><b>Choose One:</b>                      Grilled Cheese</p> <p><b>**Featured Entrée**</b>                      Tyson Breaded Chicken Drumstick w/Roll</p> <p><b>Choose:</b>                      Chicken Caesar Salad                      Tomato Soup / Veggie Dippers</p>	<p><b>Choose One:</b>                      Beefy Mac n Roni or Ravioli &amp; Roll                      Chicken Nuggets w/Dip                      Fruit and Yogurt Plate</p> <p><b>Choose:</b>                      Corn                      Romaine Salad</p>	<p><b>Choose One:</b>                      Pepperoni Stromboli w/Marinara                      Cheeseburger Sliders                      Farmers Salad</p> <p><b>Choose:</b>                      Baked Beans                      Veggie Dippers</p>	<p><b>Choose One:</b>                      Pizza                      Fish Hoagie Sub                      Chicken Dipper Salad</p> <p><b>Choose:</b>                      Mixed Vegetables                      Mixed Salad or Romaine Salad</p>
24	25	26	27	28
<h1>Spring Break</h1>				
31 Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast (2B)	<p>A variety of fruits and juice are available daily!                      Students may choose as many different fruits &amp; vegetables as they'd like with their meal!</p>			
<p><b>Choose One:</b>                      Popcorn Chicken Bowl w/Biscuit                      Max Sticks w/Marinara                      Chef Salad</p> <p><b>Choose:</b>                      Sweet Potato Fries                      Tossed or Romaine Salad</p>				