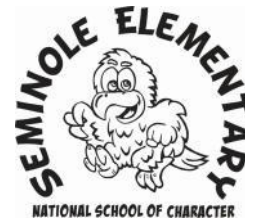




Seminole Times 2013-14



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.

If you require before or after-care for your student, please contact R-CLUB at 397-5937.

Cato's Corner

Welcome back to another great year at Seminole Elementary! We are excited to begin another year of learning with your children. Teachers have been busy attending trainings, planning lessons and preparing classrooms. We will begin implementing the new Common Core State Standards (CCSS) throughout all grades this year. Teachers will be sharing more with you about the CCSS at Open House on Tuesday, August 20, and at parent curriculum workshops in October.

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST

19th 1st Day of School
20th Open house – all grade levels
Session I: 5:30 – 6:20
Session II: 6:30 – 7:20
Both sessions will present identical information.

SEPTEMBER

2nd NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
9th PTA Hot Dog Welcome Back Dinner 5:30
PTA General Meeting, 6:15
Science Show, 6:45
12th Cookie Dough Fundraiser
13th NO SCHOOL – STUDENTS
20th Reading with Relatives, 8:05

OCTOBER

7th Book Fair Begins
8th Family Dinner and Curriculum Night

NEW STAFF MEMBERS WELCOME TO SES!

Chelsea Gamble, KG
Melissa Barlow, KG
Kathy Patterson, Gr. 2
Kevin Arnett, PE
Brandi Jessop, Speech

We are excited to offer Enrichment Clusters again this year for all students beginning in October. You will receive more information about this at Open House along with information about opportunities for you to get involved with Enrichment Clusters. Students spend one hour a week learning together with cross grade level peers about a topic in which they are interested.

Seminole Elementary welcomes volunteers who are able to give some time to help students achieve. We will provide training to volunteers who are willing to spend an hour or more a week with students particularly in primary grades. If you are interested, please contact Amanda DeVega, Family / Community Liaison, at 547- 7668.

I look forward to meeting each of you in the coming weeks. I maintain an open door policy so please feel free to drop by if you have any concerns or questions or just want to chat!

SEMINOLE ELEMENTARY NEARS 100 YEARS!

We are very excited about the upcoming Centennial Celebration of Seminole Elementary. In 2015, Seminole Elementary will celebrate its one hundredth year as a continuously operating Pinellas County School. Seminole is now the oldest elementary in Pinellas County! We are making plans for a big celebration on May 2, 2015. If you would like to help with planning the celebration or if you have pictures or stories of the history of our wonderful school you would like to share, please contact me. We are working with the City of Seminole and other Seminole organizations to plan a city wide celebration. Make plans now to attend on May 2, 2015!

Parking Reminders

The **VFW** has been kind enough to allow parents to park in their lot and walk their children into our school. The VFW parking lot is **NOT** a car circle. **You MUST park your car and walk your child up to or through the gate.**

It is not safe for children to walk in the parking lot without an adult.

The VFW will revoke their permission for parents to park there if we do not adhere to their rules. If you need to drop off your child without getting out of your car, please use the car circle off of 70th Avenue. In the mornings the car circle is very quick. Thank you for your compliance with these rules so that we may continue to use the VFW parking lot.

You may also park in the south parking lot between the portables and the car circle and walk your child to the student entrance by the office for arrival. At dismissal, you may park and walk to the front entrance to pick up your child from the car circle seating areas. Students may not exit through the gate directly into the south parking lot.

Seminole Elementary East Parking lot off of Park Blvd. is closed from 8am to 8:40am and 2:05pm to 2:45 pm.

STUDENTS MAY NOT BE DROPPED OFF AT ANY TIME IN THIS PARKING LOT.

You may use the **First Baptist Church parking lot** and cross your child with the crossing guard to enter school for drop off and pick up.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY VERIZON THAT YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO DROP YOUR CHILD OFF OR PARK YOUR CAR IN THEIR PARKING LOT.

VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED!

CAR CIRCLE

If you are picking your child up in the car circle, please pull up to the next vacant sign. Students will be called to sign at which you are waiting. Please make sure to have your car tag hanging from your mirror with your child's first and last name and grade written on it in large black letters. If you did not receive a car tag at Meet the Teacher or Open House, you may get one for free in the office.

REMINDER: RIGHT TURN ONLY



The City of Seminole has a **traffic pattern on 70th Avenue** Which is enforced during school drop off and pick up times. All school traffic will flow from East to West. This means that you will only be permitted to enter the school driveway by coming from Seminole Blvd and turning right. Then, when you exit the school driveway, you will be required to turn right toward 113th Street. This is to prevent emergency vehicles from being blocked by traffic in both directions. The school has been told that this traffic pattern will be strictly enforced by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department. **The traffic fine could be as much as \$200 or more.** Safety is the main concern and we can certainly deal with a little detour in the name of safety!!

Resource for Families:



Clothes To Kids is an excellent program that provides new and nicely used clothing to school-aged children in Pinellas County free of charge. Any student that receives free and reduced lunch at school is eligible to benefit from this program. All a guardian needs to do is call Clothes to Kids to schedule an appointment and bring with you a copy of your child's free and reduced lunch approval letter. Contact Clothes To Kids at: 3251 3rd Ave. N. Suite 145, St. Petersburg, FL 33713 or call 727-327-7100.

School Health Services for 2013-14



School nurses identify and assist students with health-care needs during the school day. Every school has a school nurse assigned either full or part time. A clinic card is sent home with each student at the beginning of every school year. Please complete the cards promptly with the important health and contact information and update the information as often as needed.

Medications should be taken at home whenever possible. If medications (both prescription and over the counter) are required at school, a medication card (available from your school) must be completed each year. No student may transport medications to or from school.

The Pinellas County School District, in accordance with Florida State Statutes (s.381.0056 (6) (e), FS, provides health services and screenings for students in the public schools. The services may include medication administration (in accordance with district policy), and first aid for illness or injury. The screenings may include, vision, hearing, BMI (Body mass index- height and weight), scoliosis (gr 6 only), and any appropriate follow-up. If you do not want your child to participate in any of these services and/or screenings and be exempted, please notify your school/school nurse in writing.

Our school's screening day is scheduled for December 6, 2013. If you do not want your child to participate in these screenings, you must notify the school/ school nurse in writing, and specify which screenings you want to "opt-out" of.

Please have this written notification to the school at least 1 week prior to the scheduled screening.

For any question regarding nursing services, please contact School Health Services at 727-588-6320.

