



Seminole County Council PTA

RISE UP

SEMINOLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Letter from the Board

JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

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Thank you all for a great 2022! The events and programs that are occurring in our local units are evidence of the compassion, commitment and passion that our Seminole County PTA leaders have for our students, teachers and schools.

As we look ahead to the second half of the school year, now is the time to vote on any budget adjustments that may be needed as well as regroup around your priorities through the end of the year so that your board can continue working together to support our students.

It is also time to begin the nominating process for 23-24. Over the next few months, we look forward to seeing your creative strategies to encourage our current leaders to continue volunteering while attracting new leaders to join the board. Our [Seminole PTA Leaders](#) Facebook group is a great place to share campaigns that have worked in the past and to seek best practices.

Speaking of best practices, our Presidents, Treasurers and Secretaries will receive critical information for their roles at our second SCCPTA Compliance Training on Saturday, January 28 at 9am. All are welcome and this training will complete the requirements for those three specific officers. There will be a third Compliance Training help in April.

Last, but not least, a BIG SHOUT OUT to our Reflections Chairs. Your dedication to recognizing students and the arts has been outstanding. You can get a first look at our Seminole County PTA Reflections winners in this issue!

Thank you for being a part of our amazing PTA leaders in Seminole County. Thank you for all you do to make a difference every day.

Thank you for keeping the mission at the front and center of your servant leadership.

#riseup

22-23 SCCPTA Board



School Board Meeting
5:30 p.m.

Educational Support Center
400 E. Lake Mary Blvd.,
Sanford, FL 32773
Tuesday, Jan. 17



Winter SCCPTA Virtual
Compliance Training

Completes requirement for
Presidents, Treasurers &
Secretaries
Saturday, Jan. 28 @ 9am



SCCPTA Reflections
Awards Ceremony

Award winners will receive
an invitation with details
about the event.
Tuesday, Jan. 31



School Board Meeting
5:30 p.m.

Educational Support Center
400 E. Lake Mary Blvd.,
Sanford, FL 32773
Tuesday, Feb. 7

REMINDERS



NATIONAL PTA® REFLECTIONS®

SCCPTA AWARD WINNERS

SCCPTA Reflections Winners Dance

Penelope Miller	Bear Lake Elementary PTA
Eeshika Arora	Wilson Elementary PTA
Aubrielle Bardsley	Bear Lake Elementary PTA
Kaitlyn N. Baez Garcia	Sabal Point Elementary PTA
Myaraa Gupta	Wilson Elementary PTA
Victoria Rice	Carillon Elementary PTA
Madison Ashby	Crystal Lake Elementary PTA
Bryn Crowell	Red Bug Elementary PTA
Cecilia Rice	Carillon Elementary PTA



SCCPTA Reflections Winners Film

Keshavi Dasararaju	Wilson Elementary PTA
Ishaan Borikar	Goldsboro Elementary PTA
Shivin Kapoor	Wilson Elementary PTA
Luke Staton	Laver Elementary PTA
Katelyn Vogel	Wilson Elementary PTA
Myaraa Gupta	Wilson Elementary PTA
Hannah Neyhart	Sabal Point Elementary PTA
Ryan Han	Lawton Chiles Middle School PTA
Nadhana Raghubala	Sanford Middle PTSA
Amelia King	Lake Howell High PTSA
Daniel Salinas	Hagerty High School PTSA
Joelle Jackson	Hagerty High School PTSA
Blake Ternasky	Lake Brantley High School PTSA
Paul Noorlander	Hagerty High School PTSA



SCCPTA Reflections Winners Literature

McKayla Dempsey	Carillon Elementary PTA
Keshavi Dasararaju	Wilson Elementary PTA
Heidi Wang	Joan Walker Elementary PTA
Navya Jha	Wilson Elementary PTA
Anria Fernando	Goldsboro Elementary PTA
Isabelle Hodge	Heathrow Elementary PTA
Camila Botens	Laver Elementary PTA
Jacob Rideman	Wilson Elementary PTA
Hannah Seth	Sanford Middle PTSA
Preston Hong	Lawton Chiles Middle School PTA
Divya Mishra	Sanford Middle PTSA
Isabelle Poissant	Lawton Chiles Middle School PTA
Julissa Ojeda	Hagerty High School PTSA
Julia Bochkarev	Hagerty High School PTSA





NATIONAL PTA® REFLECTIONS®

SCCPTA AWARD WINNERS

SCCPTA Reflections Winners Music Composition

Aisiri Bhat	Midway Elementary PTA
Keshavi Dasararaju	Wilson Elementary PTA
Sanjay Prakash	Heathrow Elementary PTA
Navya Jha	Wilson Elementary PTA
Aidan VanTuyt	Heathrow Elementary PTA
Anthony Perez	L ayer Elementary PTA
Amiya Chin	Bear Lake Elementary PTA
Keira Sheehy	Heathrow Elementary PTA
Anika Banerjee	Carillon Elementary PTA
Dhruv Nunna	Wilson Elementary PTA
Calvin Aleson	Milwee Middle PTSA
Nainika Teegavarapu	Sanford Middle PTSA
Nitya Duddella	Sanford Middle PTSA
Vaughn Pedersen	Galileo Skyway PTSA
Hansini Nunna	Sanford Middle PTSA
Anshul Kapur	Seminole High School PTSA



SCCPTA Reflections Winners Photography

Keshavi Dasararaju	Wilson Elementary PTA
Charlotte Liddy-Rios	Woodland Elementary PTA
Emmett Homan	Woodland Elementary PTA
Ishaan Borikar	Goldsboro Elementary PTA
Vera Holmes	Geneva Elementary PTA
Tiffany Krummick	Heathrow Elementary PTA
Owen Franz	Red Bug Elementary PTA
Ansh Borikar	Goldsboro Elementary PTA
Ian McCloud	Sabal Point Elementary PTA
Brody Wunder	Joan Walker Elementary PTA
Adalyn Gobrecht	Geneva Elementary PTA
Ansh Gandhi	Milwee Middle PTSA
Darren Ambrosi	Lawton Chiles Middle School PTA
Ryan Han	Lawton Chiles Middle School PTA
Prerona Sarkar	Jackson Heights Middle PTSA
Kimaya Jain	Lawton Chiles Middle School PTA
Amaya Tyler	Lake Howell High PTSA
Paige Rosenblatt	Lake Brantley High School PTSA
Lilia Wilken-Yoder	Hagerty High School PTSA
Anshul Kapur	Seminole High School PTSA
Maeryn Jacob	Hagerty High School PTSA



SCCPTA Reflections Winners Visual Arts

Alessandra Mejia	Eastbrook Elementary PTA
Wyatt Franz	Red Bug Elementary PTA
Heidi Wang	Joan Walker Elementary PTA
McKenna O'Rear	Wekiva Elementary PTA
Rubab Husain	Wilson Elementary PTA
Lan Nhi Tran	Joan Walker Elementary PTA
Siya Rathj	Wilson Elementary PTA
Riley Deabreu	Midway Elementary PTA
Hayley Miller	Wekiva Elementary PTA
Elijah Wade	Joan Walker Elementary PTA
Chloe Cartledge	L ayer Elementary PTA
Clay Tyree	Woodland Elementary PTA
Sasha Cherukuri	Sanford Middle PTSA
Nikitha Giddipati	Sanford Middle PTSA
Caroline Conway	Teague Middle School PTSA
Hansini Nunna	Sanford Middle PTSA
Anuva Gandhi	Milwee Middle PTSA
Amna Malik	Lawton Chiles Middle School PTA
Julia Bochkarev	Hagerty High School PTSA
Ruby Feng	Seminole High School PTSA
Alyssa Xiong	Hagerty High School PTSA
Isabella DeCosmo	Lake Brantley High School PTSA
Paige Rosenblatt	Lake Brantley High School PTSA
Megan Hamilton	Lake Howell High PTSA
Elijah Bramble	L ayer Elementary PTA
Logan Curtiss	L ayer Elementary PTA
Zander Buddle	Hagerty High School PTSA
Ethan Edwards	Red Bug Elementary PTA
Kennedy Hildebrandt	Hagerty High School PTSA
Alyssa Abraham	Hagerty High School PTSA



**Interested in having an SCCPTA
Board Member Attend a PTA/PTSA
Meeting, Spirit Night or Program?**



**Invite us to visit by submitting a
request on the Google Form**

SCCPTA on the Road! **We want to visit your local unit!**

Seminole County Council PTA wants support to PTA/PTSA in person or virtually! We would love to come to you General meeting or special events. Our goal is to visit each local unit this year.

- You can [click here to submit a visit request](#)
- The Select the "Question" option on the form
- Enter the Event Information or copy the link to the event invite under the question "Please document your question...here".
- Be sure to let us know if it is in person or virtual.



Addressing Cyberbullying and Unwise Social Media Use:

The Role of Parents, Youth, and the Community

FREE family event for all SCPS families!

Please join us for this in-depth look at a very important topic - Cyberbullying and Unwise Social Media Use.

Register today to attend the Winter Springs High location event on 1/24/23 from 6 pm - 7:30 pm by clicking here: [Addressing Cyberbullying & Unwise Social Media Use \(Location: WSHS\) Tickets, Tue, Jan 24, 2023 at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Register today to attend the Lake Mary High location event on 1/25/23 from 6 pm to 7:30 pm by clicking here: [Addressing Cyberbullying & Unwise Social Media Use \(Location: LMHS\) Tickets, Wed, Jan 25, 2023 at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

About the presenter: Dr. Sameer Hinduja is a Professor in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Florida Atlantic University, Co-Director of the Cyberbullying Research Center, Faculty Associate at the Berkman Klein Center at Harvard University, and a proud graduate of Seminole County Public Schools. He is recognized internationally for his groundbreaking work on the subjects of cyberbullying, sexting, and social media and gaming abuse. As a noted researcher and speaker on youth and social media issues for the last 20 years, Dr. Hinduja trains technologists, educators, mental health professionals, youth specialists, parents, and students around the world on how to promote the positive use of technology & build healthy online communities.



"Don't Say" Education

How Recent Legislation Will Affect the Classroom

WEDNESDAY | JANUARY 11 | 7:30PM | ON ZOOM

sign up and learn more at christchurchfl.org/anti-racism

The Education Committee and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force of League of Women Voters of Broward County and Anti-Racism Task Force of Christ Church United Methodist present a Zoom panel discussion "Don't Say" Education: How Recent Legislation Will Affect the Classroom on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 7:30 pm.

Learn about new laws, standards and guidelines for teaching history and civics, handling library and media material and addressing parental rights in education. Discover the pitfalls of not talking about history, racism and gender identity. Listen to experiences in classrooms and libraries and effects on educators and students.

Hear from and engage in Q&A with panelists:

Florida State Sen Shevrin Jones, District 34, Senate Education and Appropriation committees

Michelle Jarrett, President of the Florida Association for Media in Education

Roberto Fernandez III, Historian-in-Residence at History Fort Lauderdale and History Adjunct Instructor at Florida International University

Barbara Segal, US Government, History and Politics teacher at Fort Lauderdale High School

Moderated by Monica Elliott, President of League of Women Voters of Broward County and

Nathan Adams, Lead Pastor of Christ Church United Methodist

Discover some tangible and practical ways we can advocate and take action to promote full and accurate presentation of material.

SCAN TO REGISTER



OUR COLLABORATORS



Got questions? Email artf@christchurchfl.org

SEMINOLE COUNTY FARM BUREAU AG EDUCATION MINI-GRANT

Who is eligible?

Seminole county teachers, educators, and Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs).

What?

Mini-grants of up to \$500 to support an educational program on agriculture during the 2022-23 school year.

Why?

Agriculture is another word for farming. It is the science, art, and practice of cultivating the soil and crop plants and raising livestock. The role of agriculture is to provide the food, raw materials and other products humans need to survive. Basically, farmers help feed the world, cloth the world, shelter the world, and their plants help clean the air. Agriculture is important to everyone's daily life. In 2021, the Seminole County Farm Bureau developed an Education Committee to focus on education of youth on agricultural topics.



2022-2023 School Year



For more information and the application, visit:



<http://form.gle/TjjYvakNoooUHGV8>

SCCPTA SHOUT OUT! To Florida PTA Resources and Training

We encourage all local unit leaders and future leaders to check out the resources published by Florida PTA. Content includes videos and live sessions on topics that all PTA/PTSA leaders encounter. The SCCPTA Board has found the programs below especially useful this month.



LOCAL UNIT OPEN MIC NITE | ONLINE WEBINAR

Join Us

Local unit leaders here's your opportunity to socialize with Florida PTA leaders from across the state.

Join us to share information and ideas that focus on local unit PTAs. Our aim is to encourage dialogue and spread awareness by providing a platform on which ideas, thoughts and questions can be expressed and tackled in an open environment.

Register in Advance.

September 23, 2022
7:00 pm

Topics include: Share your ideas, Small business in schools, Share your ideas, Start and end of year, To learn more



MY CHILD YOUR CHILD, OUR CHILDREN
Florida PTA

Wednesdays!

Please join us each Wednesday as we discuss topics related to PTA. These informative and engaging discussions will help you become a better leader, and allow you to network with other leaders across the state.

Road to Success

Register Today!
zoom

Registration is required!

www.floridapta.org

Follow the [Florida PTA Facebook page](#) to find out when the next Open Mic night is scheduled.

Road to Success Information is on the [Florida PTA website](#). [Click Here for Past Recordings](#)

SIGN UP TODAY TO JOIN US APRIL 3, 2023!



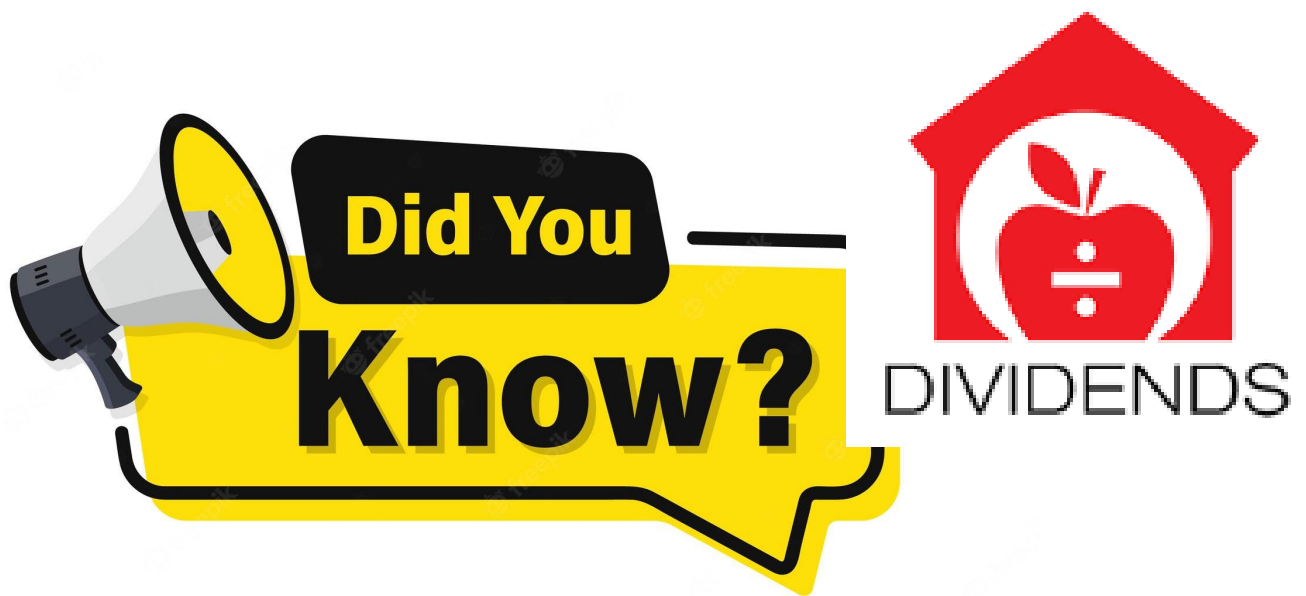
SCPS Golf "Fore" Education

Want to spend the day on the golf course while supporting our students and teachers of SCPS!? We are having our annual Golf FORE Education Tournament on Monday, April 3rd.

This annual event, presented by [Insurance Office of America](#), is a fun way to support the students and teachers of Seminole County Public Schools! Spend the day on the golf course a while enjoying delicious food, drinks and prizes!

All funds raised through the Tournament support The Foundation's many programs. These include Tools 4 Seminole Schools, Take Stock in Children Seminole, Grants for Great Ideas, as well as student scholarships.

View the [Golf FORE Education Tournament 2023 Sponsor Packet](#) or sign up online below. If you can't swing a foursome, please consider a donation of a prize to our drawings and auction, or a cash contribution. Dining and retail gift cards, wine and liquor, golf equipment and clothing are all welcome. Contact [Racheal Colburn](#) if you would like to donate. For additional information, contact Tournament Coordinator Racheal Colburn at 407.320.0170 or fernanz1@scps.k12.fl.us



The Dividends Program is the SCPS Volunteer Program for anyone who would like to volunteer with our schools. Every potential volunteer needs to apply and receive their approval prior to volunteering in-person. And, of course, each volunteer must complete a new Dividend application each school year.

The Dividends Program ensures our students are safe and that volunteers check-in when they are on campus. SCPS keeps a record of volunteer hours that helps with eligibility for grants and other programs.

And... Did You Know?

Dividends can (and should!) log hours spent volunteering from home. Dividends can log hours spent in PTSA/PTSA meetings, Board meetings, making posters and decorations, prepping budget reports (we see you Treasurers!), and so much more! When we log our off-campus hours, we will increase our eligibility for grants and educational programs for our students.

Here's how to log volunteer hours completed off campus:

1. Go to [Raptor](#) and Login using the ID and password provided by your Dividend registration. *First time Dividends will set this up once their Dividend application has been processed.* If you need assistance with your login, email misa_mills@scps.k12.fl.us
2. Upon login, you are directed to your Personal Information. If PTA/PTSA Event is not listed under Function, email misa_mills@scps.k12.fl.us to have it added to your profile.
3. Click on Hours at the top of the screen
4. Click on Add Hours
5. Enter the following:
 - a. Past Event – Event Not Listed Here
 - b. Building – Your School
 - c. Function – PTA/PTSA Event
 - d. Select the Start Date/Time and End Date/Time
 - e. Organization – None
 - f. Notes – optional such as the title of meeting or type of volunteer work.
6. Click Save

The image shows two screenshots of the Raptor Technologies web application. The top screenshot shows the login page with fields for Username and Password, and a 'Log In' button. The bottom screenshot shows the 'My Profile' page with various personal information fields. A red box highlights the 'Hours' tab in the top navigation bar, and another red box highlights the 'Add Hours' button. The bottom screenshot also shows the 'My Hours History' table with columns for Details, Function, Building, Start Date/Time, End Date/Time, Total Time, Self Extended, and Options. A red box highlights the 'Add Hours' button in the top right corner of the 'My Hours History' section.