



Seminole County Council PTA

**RISE UP**

# SEMINOLE COUNTY COUNCIL

## OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

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## Letter from the President

Some children slept in closets, some were watched over by anxious grown-ups, others left for safer locations and worried about what they might find on their return. Whatever actions your family took to get through the storm, know that those actions were the right thing for your family. I want to encourage you to stand firm in your leadership for your family during these difficult times. SCCPTA is here for you, and we support you!

Lake Monroe has finally crested and while the waters hopefully will start to recede for some, others in our county are still underwater without a clear picture of when they can start to work on recovery. Some families are searching for rental homes. And some continue to face struggle and sacrifice with high priced housing and other costs of living.

### So what can we do?

We practice self-care.  
We take care of our families.  
We serve others.  
We progress the PTA mission.

The mobilization of our PTA/PTSA leaders in helping their neighbors, and school communities, is awe inspiring. It might be delivering hot food and providing the chance of a hot shower. It might be a smile and a treat for teachers and staff, it might be food pantry drives, it might be helping the students experience a little normality after a traumatic event.

Thank you for all you do in making a difference every day.

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

#riseup

*Michelle Pettinger*



### Presidents & Principals Meeting

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

[Thursday, October 20](#)



### School Board Meetings 5:30 p.m.

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

Tuesday, Oct. 25, Nov. 15



### First Saturdays @ 10am

Leadership Development  
Virtual Training

[November 5, December 3](#)



### SCCPTA Reflections County Deadline

This is the due date for local  
PTA units to submit entries  
for County-Level Judging

November 30

REMINDERS

**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.

## Here are a few of the local unit visits and events this past month:

**REFLECTIONS 101**

Do you have questions about Reflections?  
Interested in starting a program this year?

Are you a new or returning Reflections chair and want to know more?

Join the SCCPTA Reflections Committee during one of these informational training sessions to get answers to your Reflections questions.

Two virtual Reflections Sessions for unit leaders!



Midway Elementary PTA  
Virtual General Meeting



Awesome 2<sup>nd</sup> session of virtual Leadership Training on October 8 at 10:00am



SCCPTA Secretary, Katie Murphy, is recognized for over 9,000 Dividend hours with SCPS schools!



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**what's missing?**

**U R**

**U**'ve been waiting for the right time to volunteer... this is **U R** opportunity. Seminole County Council is looking to fill these important roles.

**It's your Council. Rise Up!  
Make your impact.  
SCCPTA.com**



## Join our SCCPTA Team!

In just **a couple hours** a week, you can make a **big impact**! All SCCPTA Board members help local leaders **RISE-UP** by supporting PTA/PTSA's and coordinating County-level Programs in the following areas:

**Cultural Arts & Reflections**

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

**Grants**

**Health & Wellness**

**Partners & Sponsorships**

**Seminole Outreach**

**Senior Scholarships**

**Click Here to Help!**

## Virtual Leadership Training Continue! Two Trainings Remain this Fall!



**November 5 @ 10am**

Deep Dive into YOUR Bylaws  
Wellness: Practice Breathing

**December 3 @ 10am**

Being a Servant Leader  
Wellness: Guest Fitness Leader

These 60-minute sessions are geared toward helping VP's understand their role, responsibility and wellness within their local unit. All are welcome!

PLEASE NOTE: This is leadership development focused and is a separate event series from Officer Training required for Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers.

### Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/kff-jryr-nrz>

Or dial: (US) +1 415-862-0603 PIN: 249 914 574#

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/kff-jryr-nrz?pin=3051905546451>

For additional information or assistance during this training, email Angela Fleming at [vp2@sccpta.com](mailto:vp2@sccpta.com).



**There is still time to participate in National PTA Reflections Program.**

**Click Here to Sign Up**

**The due date for Reflections Winners to be submitted for  
County judging is November 30th.**

**Here are useful links for Reflections Committees:**

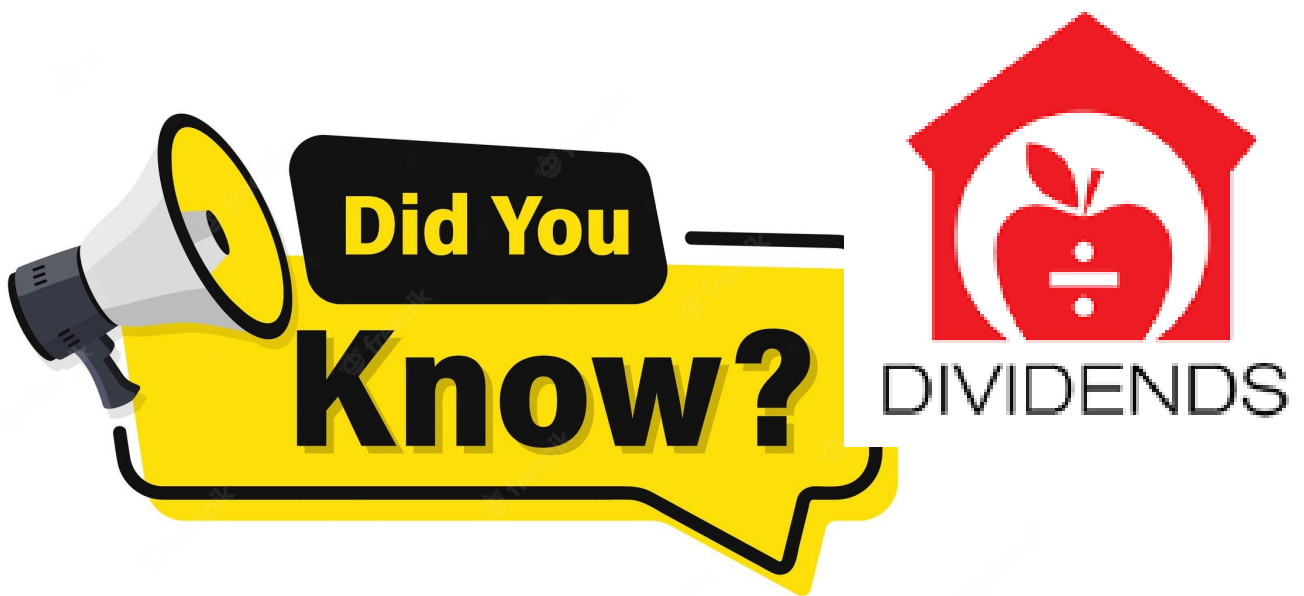
- [SCCPTA Reflections 101 Training](#)
- [Folder with guidelines and materials](#)
- [Replay of our Reflections Information Session II on YouTube](#)

#### **Important Links**

- [National PTA Reflections](#) - including branded materials for promotion and the PTA shop where you can buy recognition materials (certificates, ribbons etc)
- [Florida PTA Reflections](#) - including links to the fillable forms
- [Seminole County Council PTA Reflections](#) - where the portal will be available in November to upload the winners from your school
- [Register your PTA/PTSA Reflections program](#)

**One question we have received is about the student entry form.**

For the Region and Division fields. These can be left blank



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](mailto: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](mailto: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 screenshots show the Raptor Technologies interface. The first screenshot shows the login page with fields for Username and Password, and a 'Log In' button. The second screenshot shows the 'My Profile' page with various personal information fields. The third screenshot shows the 'My Hours History' page with a table of logged hours. The fourth screenshot shows the 'Add Hours' form with fields for Building, Function, Start Date/Time, End Date/Time, Organization, and Notes. Red boxes and numbers 1-6 highlight the steps described in the instructions.



# 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 story, Social media in PTA, Parenting tips and strategies, and 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.

[Register Today!](#) **zoom**

**Registration is required!**

[www.floridapta.org](http://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](#)

The **FOUNDATION**  
For Seminole County Public Schools

The Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with a mission to improve student achievement in Seminole County Public Schools. Since 1987, The Foundation has raised over \$50 million to support this mission, with 90% of all funds raised going directly to Foundation programs.

[Click here For more information on these and other programs.](#)

A Night of Impact is our brand-new Foundation gala replacing our historic Arts Alive event. The inaugural event will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2022. Funds raised are used to support school and district programs in the areas of STEM, scholarships, visual and performing arts, essential supplies and more.

We are looking for unique experiences, tickets to sporting events, gift baskets, certificates for services and more. No donation is too large or too small.

Click below for additional Information if your local unit, or someone you know, is interested in providing a basket or item for the silent auction.

[Sponsorship Packet](#)  
[Auction Donation Form](#)



The **FOUNDATION**  
For Seminole County Public Schools

**A NIGHT OF IMPACT**

Presented By:  
**ORLANDO HEALTH**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2022  
6 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.**

A Night of Impact gives guests the red-carpet treatment while raising funds to support amazing programs in Seminole County Public Schools. The evening includes an exciting auction, dinner, a look into programs within our schools and much more. We invite you to join over 300 community leaders and school district leadership in making a positive impact to our students.

WESTIN LAKE MARY | 2974 INTERNATIONAL PARKWAY, LAKE MARY, FL 32746



Requests for the 2022 AAA Florida Traffic Safety Grant Program are now being accepted. Please read below for the exciting details and online at [AAA.com/Grants](https://www.aaa.com/Grants) for more information.

### **Overview**

For over 100 years, AAA has worked with schools, first responders, and other organizations to keep those in our communities safe. Safety has always been at the heart of what we do and we continue that tradition today by offering a grant program to help support the activities of Florida schools, first responders and other interested 501(c)(3) organizations.

### **Purpose**

This program provides schools, first responders and nonprofit organizations an opportunity to submit requests for monetary assistance with traffic safety programs, campaigns, equipment and initiatives. The overriding goal is to reduce traffic injuries and fatalities on our Florida roadways.

### **Grants will be given out to the following priority areas:**

- **Drug Impaired Driving**
- **Slow Down Move Over Law (Equipment and Education)**
- **Driver Safety Programs that address access and disparities as it relates to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**
- **AV/EV/Mobility Education and Sustainability**
- **Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety Education**
- **Local Traffic Safety Needs**

**How to Apply:** To submit an online application for a 2022 AAA Florida Traffic Safety Grant visit [AAA.com/Grants](https://www.aaa.com/Grants). Applications will be accepted until **Monday, October 31, 2022**.

**Questions:** A Frequently Asked Questions page is available on [AAA.com/Grants](https://www.aaa.com/Grants) or please email [AAAFFloridaPublicAffairs@acg.aaa.com](mailto:AAAFFloridaPublicAffairs@acg.aaa.com).



# **Trixie Rogers**

## **Fall 2022 Spotlight**

Each month the SCCPTA Media Team identifies three local PTA leaders who have been active in local or county programs and then the SCCPTA Board selected a monthly spotlight from those three leaders.

The goal is to spotlight why we PTA, share about our experiences and inspire others.

### **About Trixie Rogers, Keeth Elementary PTA**

**Member of PTA/PTSA Since:** 2017

**Why do you volunteer with PTA/PTSA?**

I genuinely have a heart for service and helping others; there's no better place for me to give my time and energy than at my children's school.

**What is your current PTA/PTSA?**

Keeth Elementary PTA in Winter Springs...Go Cougars!

**In what ways are you currently volunteering in PTA/PTSA?**

This is my first year in the President role.

**In what ways have you volunteered with PTA/PTSA in the past?**

VP of Programs, Grant Writing, Social Media, Art-See. The programs that I'm most proud of are hosting our first Glow Family Dance (black lights, glow sticks and so much fun!) and facilitating a Social and Emotional Wellness program with a focus on self-regulation, thanks to a \$5,000 National PTA grant.

**What would you tell others about PTA/PTSA?**

I would say that anyone who has an interest in bettering the lives of children has a place with PTA.