

THE SCOOP



60th SEMINOLE COUNTY PTA AWARDS CEREMONY

Wednesday, May 1, 2024
6:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Lake Mary Events Center
260 N Country Club Rd



Message from the President

Dear Seminole County PTA and PTSA Leaders,

As we step into the month of March, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt appreciation for each of you and the incredible work you do in our community. Your dedication to our students and schools is truly commendable, and I am continually inspired by your passion and commitment.

March is a time of transition, where we begin to see the promise of spring and the opportunities it brings for growth and renewal. As leaders within our PTA and PTSA chapters, I encourage each of you to embrace this spirit of renewal and innovation.

Let's use this month as an opportunity to explore new ideas and initiatives that will further enhance the educational experience for all our children. Whether it's finding innovative ways to engage parents, amplifying student voices, or supporting our teachers and staff, let's work together to make a positive impact.

I believe that by fostering a culture of collaboration and creativity, we can truly make a difference in the lives of our students and the future of our schools. Together, there is no limit to what we can achieve.

Thank you for your continued dedication and hard work. I am excited to see all that we will accomplish together in the month ahead.

And don't forget to find and click on Baby Groot in the newsletter to win a \$20 gift card for your PTA/PTSA!

Shelly Pedraza

president@sccpta.com

Seminole County PTA Awards Applications due March 18, 2024



Recognizing the dedication of PTA members is crucial. Awards highlight their achievements, inspiring others to get involved. Apply now for county, state, and national awards to honor your contributions and commitment to enriching education. Click below to begin.

www.sccpta.com/awards--recognition.html

UPCOMING DATES / DEADLINES



www.sccpta.com/running-your-ptaptsa.html

SHOULD PTA/ PTAS KEEP BOOKS AND RECORDS TO SHOW THEY COMPLY WITH IRS TAX REGULATIONS?

PTA RECORDS RETENTION:

THE PTA TREASURER AND PRESIDENT MUST KNOW THE LOCATION OF ALL UNIT RECORDS, INCLUDING OLDER OR PRIOR YEAR RECORDS. DUE TO FEDERAL REPORTING AND DOCUMENT RETENTION REQUIREMENTS AND THE LONGEVITY OF SOME PTAS, NUMEROUS BOXES OF PRIOR YEAR RECORDS MAY EXIST. IT'S ESSENTIAL TO RECORD THE LOCATION OF ALL PTA RECORDS IN THE MINUTES AT THE START OF EACH YEAR TO ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY AND COMPLIANCE.

MEETINGS AGENDAS AND MINUTES:

THE TREASURER MUST MAINTAIN A COPY OF MEETING AGENDAS AND MINUTES FOR ALL PTA BUSINESS MEETINGS (GENERAL, BOARD, AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE). A COPY OF THE TREASURERS REPORT, BUDGET OR OTHER FINANCIAL RELATED DATA SHARED OR DISTRIBUTED AT THE MEETING SHOULD BE ATTACHED WITH THESE RECORDS.

REQUIRED TREASURER'S REPORTS:

MONTHLY REPORTING, GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS AND ANNUAL MEETING REPORTING.

**LEARN MORE ON SECTION 3, PAGE 22 IN
SECTION 3 OF THE KIT OF MATERIALS.**

MARCH

18

SEMINOLE PTA AWARDS DUE

Click here for an overview of how and why to apply!

MARCH

27

SCCPTA SCHOLARSHIPS DUE

Share with high school seniors to submit their application.

APRIL

3

SCCPTA REFLECTIONS AWARDS

Ceremony to honor Seminole Reflections Entries

APRIL

6

TRAINING, GM, ELECTIONS

Last chance to get in your training compliance!

MAY

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SEMINOLE AWARDS

RSVP for the Seminole County PTA / PTSA awards ceremony!

MAY

1

FLORIDA PTA AWARDS DUE

All dues for memberships must be received by May 1st.

JUNE

27

NATIONAL PTA CONVENTION

This convention will be virtual (Jun 27-29)

JULY

18

FL LEADERSHIP CONVENTION

Mark your calendars to attend, and apply for a grant! Jul 18-21



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ADVOCACY MATTERS

The latest information on legislative issues impacting Seminole County Children.

NEWS ZONE



“Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world”

Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela

FLORIDA LEADS NATION IN CHILD DROWNINGS. LAWMAKERS TAKE AIM AT FIXING THAT

ONE PROPOSED BILL WOULD GIVE FREE SWIM LESSON VOUCHERS TO KIDS 4 AND UNDER IN LOW-INCOME FAMILIES

- This continues a trend years in the making: 2022 saw 93 kids drown, 99 in 2021, 69 in 2020, 65 in 2019, 88 in 2018, and 82 in 2017. Four drowned in Orange County, one in Lake, four in Osceola and five in Seminole.
- Legislators have proposed many fixes to this crisis over the years. This year, the issue has renewed attention, and Central Florida experts on swim safety say they believe several bills could help cut down on drowning deaths in the state.
- One proposed bill that would be a “game changer” for Central Florida, Moore said, would give free swim lesson vouchers to kids 4 and under in families below 200% of the federal poverty level – about \$60,000 for a family of four. The bill, SB 544, has unanimously passed several Senate committees already.
- The bill leaves much of the specifics of the program up to the Florida Department of Health and calls for the health department to try to secure at least one swim lesson vendor in each Florida county.
- Swim lessons may seem relatively inexpensive – the city of Orlando offers eight-session summer courses at \$40 for residents, \$50 for nonresidents
- “We would love for that bill to get passed,” Moore said. “About 72% of the children who drowned to death last year in Florida were 3 and under, according to DCF data.
- Swim lessons are just one factor in drowning prevention, however, and not every family lives near a public pool.

LOCAL UNIT CORNER

These grants are still open and taking applications!

**SEMINOLE COUNTY FARM BUREAU
AG EDUCATION MINI-GRANT**

2023-2024 School Year

Who is eligible? Seminole County teachers, educators and Parent Teacher Associations

What? Agriculture Education \$500 Mini Grants

Why? Annually, the Seminole County Farm Bureau offers mini-grant funds to support agriculture education in Seminole County, FL. These mini-grants have been named in honor of Ms. Imogene Yarborough who devoted much of her life to the agriculture community and ag education. She was recognized by many awards in leadership, service and contributions to the agriculture community throughout her life, far too many to count. Of her most recent awards, in 2019, she was honored with the Florida Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award and the Seminole County Farm Bureau honored her with a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2022 for all her accomplishments here locally in Seminole County. These mini-grants strive to honor her memory by helping fund projects that teach Seminole County youth about agriculture.

How to apply? Scan QR code or go to <https://forms.gle/uZ9VFuBJXfQX3K73A>

We encourage applicants to be creative with their ideas and programs to educate Seminole County youth on agriculture. Depending on availability of funds, applications will open at the start of the school year in the fall with a rolling selection process. Applications close when all available funds have been used or at the end of the school year, whichever occurs first.

For more information and the application, visit:



2024 LEADERSHIP CONVENTION

This Event Will Be Held On:
18-24 July, 2024
Omni Orlando Resort
ChampionsGate

The grant can help over registration fees / lodging expenses



floridapta.org/leadership-convention

APPLY NOW!

PROGRAM GRANT

MINI-GRANT TO SUPPORT HEALTH, WELLNESS, AND SAFETY INITIATIVES

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FUNDED BY THE SEMINOLE PREVENTION COALITION



**SCCPTA
REFLECTIONS CELEBRATION
2024**

**APRIL 3, 2024
6:00PM
LYMAN HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
865 S. RONALD REAGAN BLVD.
LONGWOOD, FL 32750**

**COME CELEBRATE THE REFLECTIONS WINNERS
FROM SEMINOLE COUNTY'S SCHOOLS!**

**IF YOU ARE THE REFLECTIONS
CHAIR FOR YOUR PTA OR THE
PARENT/GUARDIAN OF AN
ARTIST WHO ADVANCED TO
THE COUNTY, YOU ARE
INVITED TO JOIN US! PLEASE
RSVP BY MARCH 20:
[BIT.LY/SCCPTAREFLECTIONSRSPV](https://bit.ly/sccptareflectionsrsvp)**

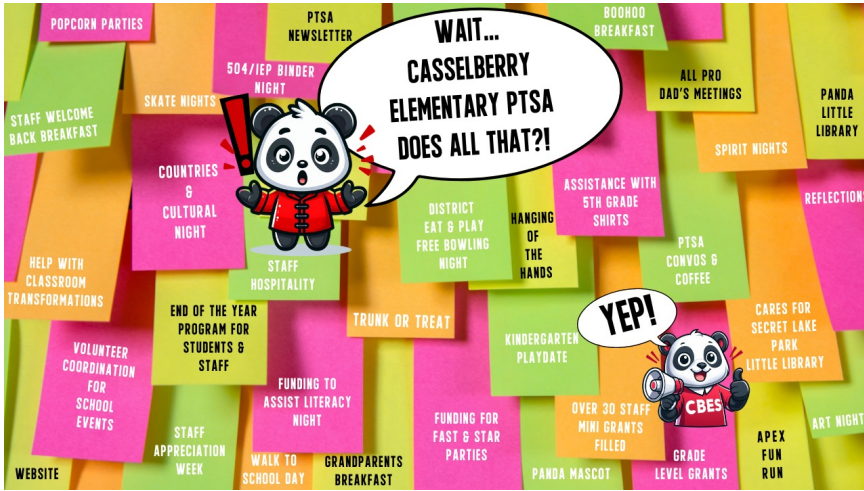




CASSELBERRY ELEMENTARY PTSA

PTA/PTSA OF THE MONTH

Casselberry Elementary PTSA deserves commendation for their exceptional efforts throughout the year, with a special highlight on the second semester. Returning from a break can be challenging, but their PTSA has managed to maintain above-average communication, participate in events such as Hanging of the Hands, engage in advocacy work through a 504/IEP binder event, recognize staff members, host a Countries and Cultures Night allowing families to share their cultural traditions, and organize a Coffee with the PTSA Q&A session to recruit new board members for the upcoming year. These are just a few examples of the remarkable accomplishments of their small but mighty team, and they are planning to do many more fundraisers in the future.



JOIN OUR 2024 - 2025 PTSA BOARD!



CASSELBERRY ELEMENTARY PTSA

Casselberry Elementary PTSA holds the distinction of being one of the oldest PTAs in Seminole County, having been chartered on March 26, 1973. Through annual fundraising efforts, they bring in vital funds that support numerous projects on campus. This year, their dedication has been evident in their unwavering support for the school, teachers, and the wider community. This PTSA has won many awards and recognitions over the years as well as received many grants to further their amazing work for the children of Casselberry Elementary.

Join Today!



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FROM FL PTA



Registration is now open for the Florida PTA Leadership Convention. Local PTA's / PTSA's should plan their interim budget to fund people to attend on behalf of your PTA. You can also inquire about being a presenter! Click the image to the right to learn more.



Introducing Dear Pat. Looking for advice for your PTA? Email secretary@sccpta.com for your question to be featured.



Dear Pat



What do we do if something goes wrong at an event and someone gets hurt?

Even with the guidance and support of SCPS Risk Management and the most organized plans, accidents happen. When they do, respond quickly and kindly to the family involved and call your PTA insurance provider! Do not assume personal guilt or blame - any number of factors contribute to accidents - that's why they are called accidents. Share concern and empathy for those involved and get information to resolve questions and move the resolution along as quickly as possible. Your goal is to ensure that the family involved is acknowledged and cared for with the support available from your PTA insurance provider. And SCCPTA is here to help!

Here's how to respond in case of accident at a PTA/PTSA event:

1) Make an incident report. Your incident report form needs to include:

- Date and Time of Incident
- Name of person(s) involved - person impacted and witnesses
- Description of the Incident
- Contact information for the Family parent/guardian (insurance may contact directly)

2) Tell the family that you will be contacting insurance and reach out when you have more information.

3) Contact your PTA Insurance. Typically the Treasurer or President will contact the insurance company and tell them about the incident.

4) Proceed as advised by PTA Insurance. They will let you know who will be following up with the family - you or insurance.

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NOTES FROM THE BACKPACK
A PTA Podcast

Our Guest: Aylon Samouha

THIS WEEK'S TOPIC:
Reimagining What Schools Look Like

Did you know that Seminole County Council PTA supports all children in Seminole County? Each year, we also provide a scholarship to graduating seniors. Click the image on the right to donate to our general support or directly to the scholarship fund.

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COLLEGE AND CAREER



2024 Scholarship

Now Accepting Applicants

Deadline: March 27, 2024

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Submission Period: January 2-March 31, 2024

VIDEO contest

win \$2000

BEGINS
JANUARY 2
2024

1st Place: \$2,000 Scholarship
2nd Place: \$1,000 Scholarship
3rd Place: \$500 Scholarship



www.districtsmakethedifference.org/video-contest

www.sccpta.com/college-resources.html



Cecil Tucker Scholarship

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Don't miss this opportunity
<https://nces.google.com/edu/scholarship>

- OBJECTIVE - ENCOURAGE THE PURSUIT OF A CAREER IN SOME WAY CONNECTED TO THE DIVERSE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY
- FOUR \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED
- SEMINOLE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS OR COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY
- APPLICATION DEADLINE

EXTENDED TO 3/24/2024

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& MORE

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

For Seminole HS Seniors!



BUD LAYER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- Graduating seniors at Seminole HS.
- Submit an essay.

FOUNDATION CAREER / PSI HIGH SCHOLARSHIP

- Graduating seniors at Seminole HS.
- Currently be enrolled in PSI High.
- Possess a minimum of 2.5 GPA.
- Submit an essay.

JOE TRAMELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- Graduating seniors at Seminole HS.
- Plan to pursue a degree in Engineering or an Engineering related field.
- Possess a minimum 3.0 GPA.
- Submit an essay.

MICKEY YASKO ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP

- Graduating seniors at Seminole HS.
- Must participate in high school athletics.
- Possess a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Submit an essay.

JOHN MERCER / SANFORD ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

- Graduating seniors at Seminole HS.
- Have minimum 25 hours of community service.
- Submit an essay.



HOSPITALITY & CULINARY STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

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Scholarship Eligibility

- Open to Full Time and Part Time Students
- Applied / Accepted / or Enrolled at an accredited Central Florida College or University
- Open to Hospitality & Culinary related Minors, Majors, and Certificates

SCAN QR Code to get your application started today!

APPLICATIONS DUE BY APRIL 26, 2024



CFHLA Foundation Mission Statement:
To enrich an environment where the hospitality community in Central Florida can grow and thrive.

For more information, please contact 407-313-5022 or CFHLAFoundation@cfhla.org
Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association | 6675 Westwood Blvd., Suite 210 | Orlando, FL 32821

FROM THE COMMUNITY

Have you registered to be a Dividend? Anyone who wishes to volunteer on campus / during school hours must be approved by SCPS.

Click [HERE](#) to apply now. Once approved, don't forget to **log all of your hours**, including your PTA hours. They all count!

Check out the latest [news](#) from Seminole County Public Schools - the School Board of Seminole County and the Seminole Education Association, Inc. are pleased to announce that the parties have tentatively agreed to contract language and compensation

Everything in One Place. Comprehensive content covering topics that matter most to families: high school, college planning, affording college, career action plans, life skills, financial literacy, state-specific resources, and so much more. FREE with your membership in a Seminole County PTA!

Are you looking to give back to your community this year? Consider being a [Take Stock in Children](#) mentor! Do YOU want to sign up to become a mentor to one of these deserving students? As a mentor, you'll spend just 30 minutes a week with your student, but the difference you make will last a lifetime! Email Shannon Rininger for more information at riningsj@scps.k12.fl.us



10 Minutes to PTA the Transformative Way is dedicated to helping leaders make their family engagement more transformative! Tune in to learn from PTA leaders and experts in the field!

Make sure to subscribe and turn on notifications so you know when new episodes arrive!

After watching each week's video of 10 Minutes to PTA the Transformative Way, be sure to check out the reflection questions and related resources attached to each episode.

Leadership Development Opportunities

Development Opportunities for All Leaders

5 Ways to Build a Better LinkedIn Profile

<https://pll.harvard.edu/course/exercising-leadership-foundational-principles?delta=1>

Build a Professional Resume using Canva

https://www.coursera.org/learn/leadership-collaboration?tm_source=northwestern&utm_medium=institutions&utm_campaign=Nonsocial-NorthwesternWebsite-OLSM1

The Workplace and Personal Wellness Foundations

<https://mooc.academiacentral.org/courses/course-v1:ACAD+ACAD2100+1000/about>

Inclusive and Ethical Leadership

<https://mooc.academiacentral.org/courses>

Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt Certificate

<https://mooc.academiacentral.org/courses/course-v1:USF+SS101+2022/about>

Resilient Leadership in an Anxious World

<https://mooc.academiacentral.org/courses/course-v1:USF+RL101+1001/about>

Cross - Cultural Leadership

<https://mooc.academiacentral.org/courses/course-v1:USF+CCL101+001/about>

Assessments:

16 Personalities

<https://www.16personalities.com/>

National PTA Thrive Learning Community:

Five Steps to Reach Your Goals

<https://thrive.pta.org/courses/leadership-module-five-steps-to-reach-your-goals>

Communications

<https://thrive.pta.org/courses/leadership-module-communications>

Intentional meeting

<https://thrive.pta.org/courses/planning-for-meetings>

Past National PTA eLearning courses

https://www.pta.org/home/run-your-pta/elearning_

March Month

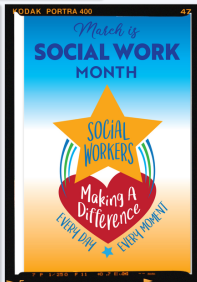
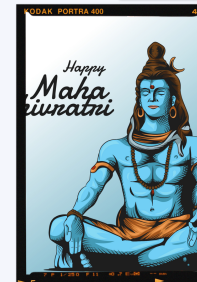
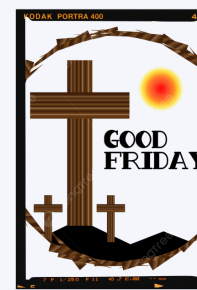
- Mar 10 – Apr 9 Ramadan
- Developmental Disabilities Month
- Irish-American Heritage Month
- Social Work Month
- Women's History Month
- Cheerleading Safety Month

March weeks

- 3-9 Teen Tech Week
- 3-9 No More Week
- 3-9 School Social Work Week
- 4-8 National School Breakfast Week
- 21-27 Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling Against Racism and Racial Discrimination

March Day

- 1 Self Injury Awareness Day
- 1 National Speech and Debate Education Day
- 2 World Teen Mental Wellness Day
- 2 National Read Across America Day
- 4 World Obesity Day
- 4 National Grammar Day
- 4 National Sons Day
- 8 Maha Shivaratri
- 8 International Women's Day
- 10 Daylight Savings Time
- 10 National Pack Your Lunch Day
- 14 Pi Day
- 14 Children's Craft Day
- 15 Shri Ramakrishna Jayanti
- 17 St Patricks Day
- 18 Global Recycling Days
- 19 International Read to Me Day
- 20 World Oral health Day
- 20 World Storytelling Day
- 21 World Down Syndrome Day
- 21 National Single Parents Day
- 21 Absolutly Incredible Kid Day
- 23-24 Purim
- 24 Palm Sunday
- 25 Holi
- 25 International Day of Remembrance / Victims of Slavery
- 29 Good Friday
- 30 National Pencil Day
- 30 Take a Walk in the Park Day
- 31 Easter
- 31 International Transgender Day of Visibility
- 31 National Crayon Day
- 31 National Prom Day



2024

NATIONAL PTA

CALENDAR

Visit [PTA.org](https://www.pta.org) for solutions, resources and program opportunities to help you be here for the students and families in your community this school year!

MARCH 2024
National Reading Month—Get families in your community excited about literacy.
[PTA.org/FamilyReading](https://pta.org/FamilyReading)

5-7 National PTA
Legislative Conference (LegCon) Grow your advocacy skills and speak with your members of Congress about issues important to you and your community.
[PTA.org/LegCon](https://pta.org/LegCon)



Proposed Officer Slate 2024-2025

PRESIDENT
Steven Young

GOLDSBORO ELEMENTARY PTA



1ST VICE PRESIDENT
Beverly Gutierrez-Santiago

BENTLEY ELEMENTARY PTA



2ND VICE PRESIDENT
Yadi Soto

CARILLON ELEMENTARY PTA



SECRETARY
Jantzen Young

GOLDSBORO ELEMENTARY PTA



TREASURER
Amy Jennings

SANFORD MIDDLE PTSA



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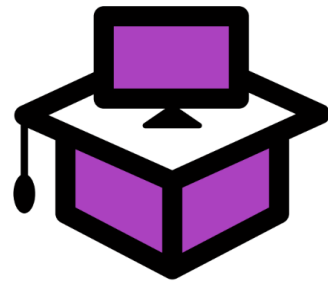


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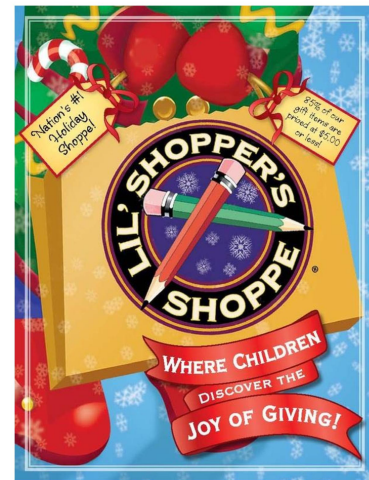
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