Seminole County Council PTA
RISE UP

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Letter from the President

Hello there! I can't believe that we are already back to school, I hope this school year we will all stay safe & well, find joy and discover lifelong friendships.

Your Seminole County Council of PTA's, SCCPTA. has a new theme this school year, **#Riseup**

What does it mean to us? This is how we serve with: **R**espect; **I**ntegrity; **S**ervant Leadership; **E**quity; **U**nited as One, and with **P**ositive Intent

What can our school communities expect?

Advocates: A team of advocates, delivering on the values in our theme, whilst working hard for all of our children. If you want to join our team please fill out the interest form or email me.

Celebration: It is the 50th year of our Dividend program in Seminole County!!! Where would we be without our terrific volunteers? Dividend breakfasts are starting and we hope to see you out there getting to know your local PTA leaders who work so hard for students and teachers! If you are willing to help out, even just for one hour the whole year, please get your dividend application in.

A NOTE ABOUT DIVIDENDS

There are many reasons that individuals may not be eligible to be a registered Dividend on campus. If you know of someone unable to register who has a passion to help, please reach out to SCCPTA to find out other ways to be involved.

Engagement: We will be attending events all over Seminole County this year to help drive awareness and engagement You may have seen us at the Seminole Mall on Aug 6th! We are also looking to start new PTSA's this year, you will receive more information in the coming months.

Partnership: Partner with SCPS leadership and support staff as well as many other community groups to best serve our school communities

Resources: We will be sharing what we know, and working to attract new resources to support our school communities

Have a great year!!
Michelle Pettinger

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WEBSITE
www.sccpta.com

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Facebook.com/sccpta

INSTAGRAM
Instagram.com/sccpta1/

REMINDERS

First Fridays @ 6:30pm
Leadership Development Virtual Training
September 2, October 7
November 4, December 2

Officer Training
Fulfills President, Secretary & Treasurer Requirements
Saturday, September 10

Presidents & Principals Meeting
Thursday, October 20

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 visit so far:

At Lily's Ice & Dairy Bar to support Markham Woods Middle School PTSA.

GREENWOOD LAKES MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSA

We visited Greenwood Lakes PTSA at their first General Meeting for 2022-2023.

Michelle Jones and Michelle Pettinger representing local units at The Children's Cabinet of Seminole County Family Resource Fair at Seminole Town Center.

Secretary's Report

As Secretary (and a retired teacher) I am honored to represent SCCPTA on several community committees and organizations. I keep a running list of resources for program presentations and services that can help with our advocating for children. Please contact me if you have any questions or need more information. Katie Murphy, secretary@sccpta.com

Embrace Families

901 N Lake Destiny Rd. Suite 400, Maitland, FL 32751
Morgan Donovan, Director, Community Services 407-234-4476
This program works with families that can serve as foster families and children in need of foster care.

Our impact

34,412 Children Served

4,582 Children reunified with their families

2,542 Adoptions facilitated

895 New foster homes

Since 2011

The Children's Cabinet of Seminole County

Advocates and service providers joined together to provide the best services for children of Seminole County. Click Here for more information. We will share flyers from our SCCPTA account as they are available.

Their Seminole County Resource Directory is a living document of services and agencies that provide help for children in Seminole County. It is a great one to have quick access to on your phones for when someone asks "Where can I get help for…."

Coming Soon… Alternative Education PTA

Alternative Education is a wonderful branch of SCPS. The four locations provide educational opportunities for our students who have made some poor choices and need our help to get back on the right track. SCCPTA has recognized the need for a PTA for this program. We will be creating a community PTA to provide learning opportunities for adults and students, positive community support, and ADVOCATE for ALL CHILDREN.

Please watch for the organizational meeting happening soon. We hope that many of you and our community members will support the work of this new group with membership. When you join, you show support for the program. We then will send out blasts when we offer learning opportunities and when there is a need you might be able to fill.

We will be looking for officers. If you know someone who is not actively with a PTA at this time and would like to be a President, Treasurer, Secretary or committee chair/member, give them a shout out. For more information contact Katie Murphy at Secretary@ssccpta.com.

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 by raising funds for three priorities:

- Remove barriers that keep children from coming to school ready to learn.
- Provide resources in classrooms and enhance student performance.
- Help maintain our high performing school district by providing for professional development and recognition of our high performing educators and support staff.

Since 1987, The Foundation has raised over $50 million to support this mission, with 90% of all funds raised going directly to Foundation programs. We also fund more than 20 SCPS programs and initiatives that support our "A"-rated school district and have established the school district as a leader in Florida. Click here For more information on these and other programs.

Annual Events for Budget Consideration

As you develop your budgets for the coming year, we encourage local unit PTAs to consider donating a silent auction basket or funds to enhance other baskets for **A Night of Impact** and/or **Golf Fore Education**. Your donations, personal or from your school PTA, will be noted in the event materials.

- Our premier event, Arts Alive, is renamed and redesigned to A Night of Impact on November 12, 2022.
- Our Golf Fore Education event will be a golf course-based event again this year.

Grants for Great Ideas

Each year, the Foundation for Seminole County Public School awards grants to innovative teachers for STEM, Literacy, and Arts projects through our Grants for Great Ideas program. Grant awards are up to $1,000 for classroom projects and up to $2,500 for grade-level or school-wide projects. Grant applications open at the beginning of each school year. Encourage your teachers to apply. We are looking for innovative programs!

Tools 4 Seminole Schools

The SCPS back-to-school supply drive welcomes donations at any time. Flyers are available here.

Take Stock in Children Mentors

We're excited to welcome 27 new freshmen to the Take Stock in Children program for the 22-23 school year but we need your help! Take Stock promises our students scholarships, mentors and hope for a bright future. By becoming a mentor you can make a difference in a student's life, in just 30 minutes. Our dedicated mentors help guide deserving SCPS students through our program during their high school journey. Consider joining the program - Complete the Mentor Application or email riningsj@scps.k12.fl.us or ask Katie Murphy about this great opportunity. Her mentee is a senior this year.

Scholarship Information for seniors

will be available in 2023.

Florida PTA Leadership Conference in Brief!
Thursday July 21, 2022 – Sunday July 24, 2022

Thanks to all who joined us for our 2022 Florida PTA Leadership Convention at our new location, the Omni Orlando Resort at Champions Gate! It was a great weekend of learning, networking, collaborating, and fun. Please enjoy our re-cap video, and be sure to make plans to join us next year – July 13-16, same place – for our 2023 Leadership Convention!

Click Here for the Convention Brief from Michelle Jones, 1st VP
Click Here for The Closing video from the conference

This year's convention included:

- New FL PTA Boarded voted into office
- Resolutions approved related to poverty and clean energy
- Over 55 Working sessions
- General Sessions with Keynote Speakers
- Networking
- Awards
- Exhibitor Hall, Council Gatherings and Fun!

First Fridays @ 6:30pm: Leadership Development VP Virtual Training Modules

Save-the-Date for the following 60-minute sessions geared toward helping VP's understand their role, responsibility and wellness within their local unit. ***All are welcome!***

September 2	October 7	November 4	December 2
Owning YOUR VP Role (Leadership Assessment) *30min*	General Board Structure & Roberts Rules of Order *30min*	Deep Dive into YOUR Bylaws *30min*	Being a Servant Leader *30min*
Wellness: Meditation Exercise *30min*	Wellness: Guest Fitness Leader *30min*	Wellness: Practice Breathing *30min*	Wellness: Guest Fitness Leader *30min*

Calling ALL Seniors!!!
Seminole County Council PTA Scholarships

Each year SCCPTA awards college scholarships to graduating high school seniors. These scholarships are awarded based on financial need and academic performance. Scholarships are awarded to students attending the following Florida schools:

- A Four-year College or University (public or private)
- A Two-year State, Junior, or Community College
- A Vocational/Technical School

Scholarships are one year (non-renewable), and will be sent directly to the University, College, or Vocational-Technical school you will be attending.

Eligibility: To be eligible to apply for a scholarship, an applicant must:

- Be a graduating senior of a Seminole County Public high school.
- Be a current resident of Seminole County.
- Be a member of your school PTSA (include copy of PTSA Card from MemberHub).
- Meet GPA requirements of 2.0 unweighted.
- Enroll as a full-time student for the 2023-2024 school year (include proof of college acceptance or processing).
- Show financial need. Since tax returns are no longer required, financial need should be expressed in detail under "Special Family Circumstances" and/or in your essay

Questions can be addressed to Angela Fleming, SCCPTA Scholarship Chair, at scholarships@sccpta.com or vp2@sccpta.com.

Let's Talk About It! Seminole County PTA Leaders Group on Facebook

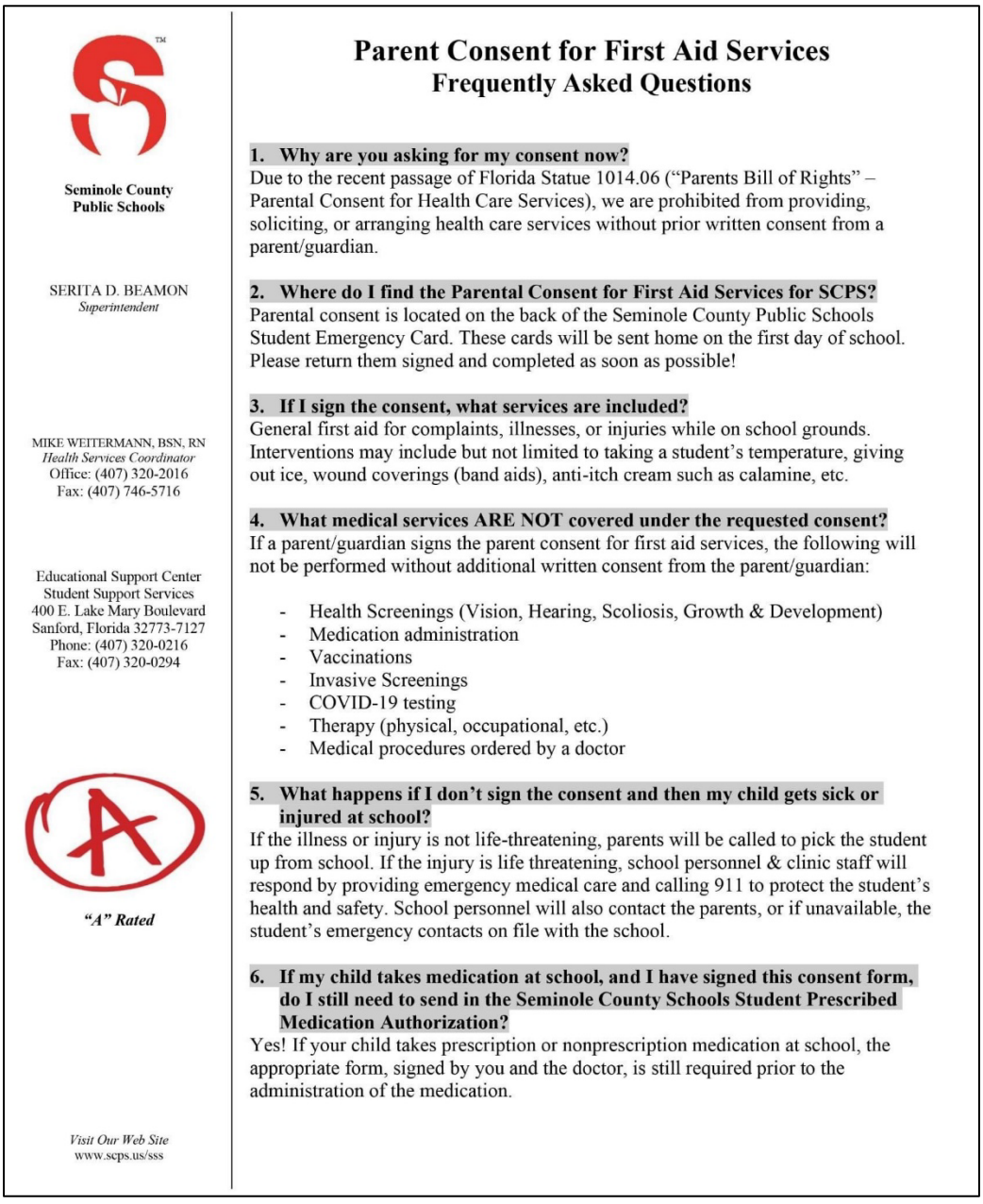
ATTN Presidents and Officers! Please ensure you have joined the private Facebook Group for our local Seminole County Unit Leaders. This groups is *the place* to ask questions and get answers from other PTA/PTSA leaders. (You will LOVE it!) New this year, we want to hear from you… share your stories with us on Tell Us Tuesday and Thankful Thursday. **We are stronger when we #Riseup together!**

Legislative Report – Parental Consent for Health Care Services

Due to the recent passage of Florida Statue 1014.06 ("Parental Bill of Rights" - Parental Consent for Health Care Services), **SCPS is required to obtain parental consent before school personnel can provide basic general health services** which may include but not limited to, general first aid for complaints, illnesses, or injuries. Interventions may include but are not limited to taking a student's temperature, giving out ice, wound coverings (band aids), anti-itch cream such as calamine, etc.

Parental consent is located on the back of the Seminole County Public Schools Student Emergency Card. These cards will be sent home at the beginning of school and it is imperative they're returned, signed, and completed as soon as possible.

PLEASE NOTE: Until the school receives the SCPS Student Emergency Card with consent, teachers, clinic assistants and other school personnel cannot provide band aids, ice packs, or additional services on campus for minor injuries of complaints. Consent must be verified before any treatment is provided.



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Parent Consent for First Aid Services
Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why are you asking for my consent now?
Due to the recent passage of Florida Statue 1014.06 ("Parents Bill of Rights" – Parental Consent for Health Care Services), we are prohibited from providing, soliciting, or arranging health care services without prior written consent from a parent/guardian.

2. Where do I find the Parental Consent for First Aid Services for SCPS?
Parental consent is located on the back of the Seminole County Public Schools Student Emergency Card. These cards will be sent home on the first day of school. Please return them signed and completed as soon as possible!

3. If I sign the consent, what services are included?
General first aid for complaints, illnesses, or injuries while on school grounds. Interventions may include but not limited to taking a student's temperature, giving out ice, wound coverings (band aids), anti-itch cream such as calamine, etc.

4. What medical services ARE NOT covered under the requested consent?
If a parent/guardian signs the parent consent for first aid services, the following will not be performed without additional written consent from the parent/guardian:

- Health Screenings (Vision, Hearing, Scoliosis, Growth & Development)
- Medication administration
- Vaccinations
- Invasive Screenings
- COVID-19 testing
- Therapy (physical, occupational, etc.)
- Medical procedures ordered by a doctor

5. What happens if I don't sign the consent and then my child gets sick or injured at school?
If the illness or injury is not life-threatening, parents will be called to pick the student up from school. If the injury is life threatening, school personnel & clinic staff will respond by providing emergency medical care and calling 911 to protect the student's health and safety. School personnel will also contact the parents, or if unavailable, the student's emergency contacts on file with the school.

6. If my child takes medication at school, and I have signed this consent form, do I still need to send in the Seminole County Schools Student Prescribed Medication Authorization?
Yes! If your child takes prescription or nonprescription medication at school, the appropriate form, signed by you and the doctor, is still required prior to the administration of the medication.

Congratulations to ALL our Seminole County PTAs/PTSAs and our County Council for your Florida PTA Awards!

Advocacy Award
Seminole County Council PTA

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Award
Seminole High School PTSA

Eugenia B Thomas Communication Award
Wilson Elementary School PTA

Family of Advocates Award
Evans Elementary PTA

Family & Community Engagement
Evans Elementary PTA
Seminole High School PTSA

Friends of the Environment Award
Milwee Middle School PTSA

President's Program Award
Seminole High School PTSA

Student Involvement Award
Milwee Middle School PTSA

Mentor a PTA Award
Seminole County Council PTA

Program Award
Wilson Elementary School PTA

Safety Award
Lake Howell High School PTSA

Membership PLUS Award
Hagerty High School PTSA

Outstanding Administrator Award
Kristi Draus- Hagerty High School PTSA

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Award Winners

2021-22

Special Needs Students with Unique Abilities Award
This award is given to the local unit PTA/PTSA that supports programs or activities that are inclusive of special needs students in the school and enhances the role of the special needs students in their community.
Sunset Lakes Elementary School PTSA - Broward County

Student Advocate Award
This award is given to a student at the local unit or County Council level who has made significant contributions through leadership/service.
Hunter Caldwell - Orange County Council PTA

Student Community Service Award
This award is to recognize a group of students, five or more, who have participated in a community service project worthy of notice.
Miami Sunset Senior High PTSA - Miami-Dade County

Student Involvement Award
This award is given to the Middle or High School PTA/PTSA that had the highest increase in student membership.
Milwee Middle PTSA - Seminole County

Mentor-A-PTA Award
This award is given to a local unit PTA that adopted another PTA by any of the following means: training, leadership, and financial support. The purpose is to help the adopted PTA with the implementation of PTA values and goals.
Pine Trail Elementary PTA - Volusia County
Julia Landon College Preparatory PTSA - Duval County
Seminole County Council PTA - Seminole County

Congratulations to all Award Recipients!

Program Award
This award will be presented to one (1) Elementary or K-8 PTA, one (1) Middle or High School PTA/PTSA, as well as one (1) County Council PTA for the most outstanding program.
Wilson Elementary School PTA - Seminole County
Miami Sunset Senior High PTSA - Miami-Dade County
Duval County Council PTA - Duval County

Safety Award
This award is to recognize the PTA units that offer effective safety programs which provide students, parents, and communities with information on keeping children safe.
Lake Howell High School PTSA - Seminole County
Palm Beach County Council PTA - Palm Beach County

Membership PLUS Award
This award is given to one (1) Elementary or K-8 PTA and one (1) Middle or High School PTA/PTSA that has shown the highest numerical increase in individual memberships over the previous year.
Devon Aire K8 Center PTSA - Miami-Dade County
Hagerty High School PTSA - Seminole County

Legislator of the Year Award
This award recognizes a legislator who champions for children through advocacy, leadership, and support in their community and beyond.
Representative Anna V. Eskamani

Outstanding Administrator Award
This award recognizes a school administrator who is supportive, helpful, and personally involved in the PTA.
Tricia Simonsen, Principal
Valrico Elementary PTA - Hillsborough County
Kristi Draus, Assistant Principal
Hagerty High School PTSA - Seminole County