



Seminole County Council PTA

RISE UP

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FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the Board

We love our leaders and want to get a little real about PTA burnout. We're not afraid to say it..., especially at this time of the year when we're all very busy trying to push final programs, participate in advocacy activities, Reflections, teacher appreciation, Nominating committees, recruiting, preparing to onboard new board members. Meanwhile in our personal lives many of our own children are making transitions to different grade levels and stages of their lives. Not to mention we may still be getting settled in our existing roles within PTA and sometimes we forget to turn our chair and look at our fellow volunteers and remember that they are human too with things going on that we may or may not know about. Sometimes we get so stuck in doing everything "just right" or to a standard that we have set for ourselves without remembering the human aspect and mission of PTA.

We want to ask a few questions today ...

- Is the last decision you made one that aligns with the mission?
- When you responded to the last request from a member of your team did you take a pause before responding or did you already have an answer?
- Did you assume positive intent?
- Are you helping and collaborating or dictating and controlling?

Really think about the last response you made via email, text, or on the phone.... We know this time of the year gets really busy, but let's all of us take a pause, reset and reflect because we can only control one person in any of the scenarios that can cause conflict and that person is ourselves.

We close with the mission as a reminder that this is our ultimate goal and why we volunteer and do what we do and that is:

... to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

#riseup

22-23 SCCPTA Board



School Board Meeting
5:30 p.m.
Educational Support Center
400 E. Lake Mary Blvd.,
Sanford, FL 32773
[Tuesday, February 21](#)



SCCPTA Reflections
Awards Ceremony
Lake Howell High School
4200 Dike Rd
Winter Park, FL 32792
[Thursday, February 23](#)



Senior Scholarship
Dance Party! Fundraiser
Educational Support Center
400 E. Lake Mary Blvd.,
Sanford, FL 32773
[Saturday, Mar. 4](#)



Spring SCCPTA Training
& General Meeting
Completes requirement for
Presidents, Treasurers &
Secretaries. Vote for 23-24 Exec
[Saturday, April 1](#)

REMINDERS

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

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.

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



January 23
SCPS Board Meeting



January 24 & 25
Cyberbullying and Unwise Social
Media Use presentation
Winter Spring HS / Lake Mary HS



January 28
SCCPTA Winter Compliance
Training & General Meeting
Virtual Event



February 7
SCPS Board Meeting



February 10
Lake Howell HS PTSA Board Meeting



February 10
Teacher of the Year Awards Ceremony



NATIONAL PTA® REFLECTIONS®

SCCPTA AWARD CEREMONY

We are so thankful to Lake Howell High School for hosting the event. Our new location will allow us to accommodate all those who would like to celebrate the achievements of these amazing student artists!

Thursday February 23, 2023
in the auditorium/theater at Lake Howell High School
4200 Dike Road, Winter Park, FL 32792.



Please note that we originally were going to have refreshments available, but we will not be having any food or drink in the auditorium. Please plan to grab an early or late dinner!

[Click Here to RSVP](#)



SCCPTA Senior Scholarship Fundraiser

350 Northlake Blvd
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

DANCE PARTY!! Time to throw it back to the 80s, 90s and 00s! Tickets only \$15. Join us for a night of dancing to raise funds for our Senior Scholarship! Adults only! Childcare not provided.

2022-2023 SCCPTA Scholarships for High School Seniors

Each year SCCPTA awards college scholarships to graduating high school seniors. These scholarships are awarded based on financial need and academic performance.

[Click Here to Apply](#)

Complete the SCCPTA College Scholarship Application OR Complete the SCCPTA College Scholarship Printable Application. Enclose the all required documentation in your manila envelope packet and mail to the SCCPTA address on the form, postmarked no later than March 10, 2023.

SCCPTA Board Nominations Open



Seminole County Council PTA is seeking next year's executive committee and board members. Our local units look to our county leaders for information and support.

[Click here for the nomination form.](#)

Our time frame for nominating the executive officers is brief; our schedule includes interviews the week of February 20 and the proposed slate by March 1. If you know someone who would enjoy and be a good fit for a County-level role, please encourage them to reach out. We are seeking not only those with local unit experience, but also those with personal and professional skills who can guide and support our PTA leaders in Seminole County.

Why join the SCCPTA Board?

You believe in our mission to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

What's in it for you?

You are seeking are to build friendships and step-up in your volunteer leadership to:

- Make a difference for the PTA leaders and students in the county
- Be a part of a county-wide group working towards a common goal
- Learn about SCPS at the district (county) level
- Access to district events and ability to get to know district leaders
- Become a resource/life-line for local unit leaders

Who is on the SCCPTA Board?

The board consists of 5 executive officers and up to 11 chairs. Chairs lead committees and each officer supports select chairs, as needed. Each year the executive officers determine the organization of the board.

When does the board meet? What's the time required?

SCCPTA Board Meetings are the 1st Monday of the month at 6pm. County-level board is similar to your local unit. Most weeks are a 1-2 hours maybe less if you work ahead. Some weeks may be 10+ if you are gearing up for an event you are planning.

Where does the board meet?

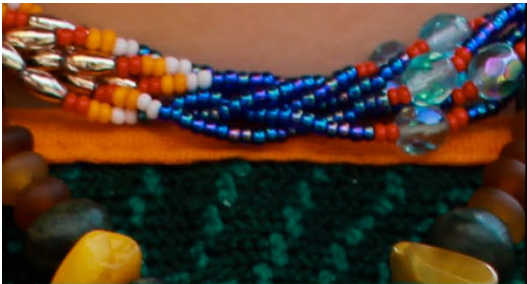
22-23 board meetings have been virtual. The location of next year's meetings will be determined by the new board.

How do I know if someone I know might be a good fit?

As you work with local leaders, consider those who are:

- Consistent representatives of the PTA mission of advocating for all children
- Good communicators and team contributors
- Experienced or passionate in one of the board areas
- Can listen and discern potential best practices
- Available to commit to a County-level role

PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENTS				
<p>SKILLS: creative problem solver, delegator, PTA mission driven, diplomatic.</p> <p>RESPONSIBILITIES: preside at all board meetings. Member ex-officio of all committees except nominating committee. Official representative of the SCCPTA. Serves on the FL PTA Board of Directors</p>	<table border="1"><thead><tr><th>VP1-Operations</th><th>VP2-Engagement</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td><p>SKILLS: communicator, collaborator, encourager, PTA mission driven, manager.</p><p>RESPONSIBILITIES: coordinate all county-level training & attendance at National and Florida PTA events; operations and efficiencies such as data storage, SCCPTA account access, and websites</p></td><td><p>SKILLS: research National and Florida PTA advocacy & resolutions, representative for Florida PTA local unit compliance, share and promote FL & SCCPTA membership initiatives</p></td></tr></tbody></table>	VP1-Operations	VP2-Engagement	<p>SKILLS: communicator, collaborator, encourager, PTA mission driven, manager.</p> <p>RESPONSIBILITIES: coordinate all county-level training & attendance at National and Florida PTA events; operations and efficiencies such as data storage, SCCPTA account access, and websites</p>	<p>SKILLS: research National and Florida PTA advocacy & resolutions, representative for Florida PTA local unit compliance, share and promote FL & SCCPTA membership initiatives</p>
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<p>SECRETARY</p> <p>SKILLS: organized, detail-oriented, fact checker, PTA mission driven, record keeper.</p> <p>RESPONSIBILITIES: record the minutes of all council, executive board, and executive committee meetings, be custodian of all council records except those delegated to others, send notice of all meetings, conduct correspondence as directed by the president.</p>	<p>TREASURER</p> <p>SKILLS: critical thinker, reliable, responsible, PTA mission driven, knowledgeable.</p> <p>RESPONSIBILITIES: custodian of all monies, prepare and submit a budget for approval, keep itemized accounts of all receipts and disbursements, collect all dues of the council by September 30, provide a written financial statement at every meeting and when requested by the president</p>				



A Celebration of Black History in Seminole County, presented by the League of Women Voters of Seminole County

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

**Presented by our League DEI Committee
Music by Seminole High Gospel Choir**

DATE: February 16, 2023

TIME: 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

**LOCATION: First United Methodist Church
419 South Park Avenue, Sanford**



Former Justice James E.C. Perry was the 85th Justice of the Supreme Court serving from 2009–2016. Before his appointment, he served as a Circuit judge of Florida's Eighteenth Judicial Circuit upon his appointment by Governor Jeb Bush in March 2000. Justice Perry later served as Chief Judge of the Circuit for a two-year term beginning July 2003. He attended Saint Augustine's University, graduating in 1966 with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration and Accounting. After serving in the U.S. Army as a first lieutenant, he went on to Columbia Law School where he earned his Juris Doctorate degree in 1972.

RSVP ON OUR WEBSITE AT:

LWVSEMINOLE.ORG

**YOU DO NOT HAVE TO LOGIN TO THE WEBSITE
TO RSVP. EVERYONE IS INCLUDED.**

THERE IS NO COST TO ATTEND THIS EVENT.



**EMAIL LWVSEMINOLE@GMAIL.COM WITH
QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS.**

News From Around Seminole County Opportunities for Our Students



SEMINOLE COUNTY FARM BUREAU

YOUTH SPEECH CONTEST

MONDAY, APRIL 10TH, 2023 @6:30 PM

Location:
Seminole County Extension Auditorium
750 County Home Rd, Sanford, FL 32773



Registration Deadline:
April 7th by 11:59 pm

Prizes:
First- \$500
Second- \$200
Third- \$150

Ages 14-18

Scan for Application

Email Questions to: Kimberly McCue
SeminoleFarmBureau@gmail.com

2023 Topic
"How have supply chain issues impacted Florida agriculture?"



FLORIDA FARM BUREAU
VOICE OF AGRICULTURE
SEMINOLE COUNTY



WOMAN'S CLUB OF SANFORD

Clubhouse · Charity Organization · Landmark & Historical Place

Education Scholarship

The Woman's Club of Sanford is dedicated to furthering the education of young women in our county. Throughout the year, we have many activities and events to raise funds so that we can offer these scholarships each season. Our applications open January 4th, 2023. You can [download the application](#) and email it to Contact@WomansClubofSanford.com From there, it will be reviewed by our education committee. Deadline for applications is March 1st, 2023. Award Luncheon and check presentation will be by June 7th, 2023



Opportunities for Our Educators



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. These projects go beyond normal classroom instruction and allow teachers to provide truly memorable experiences for their students.

With generous support from our community, FSCPS distributes over 50 grants each year that impact nearly 10,000 students in Seminole county. Grant awards to classrooms, grade-level, and school-wide projects provide resource materials and equipment for learning activities the students will remember for a lifetime.

The Foundation has begun awarding grants. For more information on the remaining funds available, check out the [2022-2023 Grants for Great Ideas Program Overview](#). Before applying, review the [Grants for Great Ideas Application Resource](#) to help the application reviewers better understand your idea.

News From Around Seminole County

Leaders Stepping Up in Big Ways to Support Our Families!



The advocates and service providers who make up The Children's Cabinet of Seminole County focus on coordinating and developing high quality, family-centered services that address the physical, social, and emotional needs of our children and families. Members of The Children's Cabinet have joined together to tackle the important issues of homelessness, teens aging out of foster care, protecting children from abuse and neglect and other initiatives such as safe sleep, water safety and more. They work together to ensure all needs are met and reduce duplication of efforts.

[Click Here for a Complete list of social support organizations.](#)

Coming in April 2023
Children's Cabinet Resource Fair

5th Annual
Creating A Resilient Community:
From Trauma to Healing Conference

May 11 & 12, 2023

**Moving Towards a
Transformative Approach:
From Punishment to
True Discipline**

Speakers:
Dr. Lori Desautels
Nationally Acclaimed Author & Speaker
Honorable Monique Worrell
State Attorney, 9th Circuit, FL
Sheriff John Mina
Orange County, FL
Honorable Steven Leifman
Judge, 11th Circuit, FL
Ruben Saldaña
Credible Messengers, Orange County, FL

DAY ONE
From Punishment to True Discipline
Winter Park Events Center
8:30am- 4:00pm

The 5th Annual CRC Conference focuses on the strides our criminal justice, public safety, and educational sectors are making to move from punishing individuals towards true discipline. Participants will hear from national experts and local change makers on their efforts to create systems that prevent trauma, restore, heal, and transform. Join us to envision the community in which we all want to live!

DAY TWO
Local Voices: Change Happening in Central Florida
Valencia College,
Winter Park Campus
9:00am- 4:00pm

Day two offers two concurrent tracks: 1) How Our Brains Learn: A Journey Through Development, Adversity, Trauma and Resiliency, an all-day track for educators and 2) Local Voices: Change in Central Florida, one to two hour workshops for all sectors

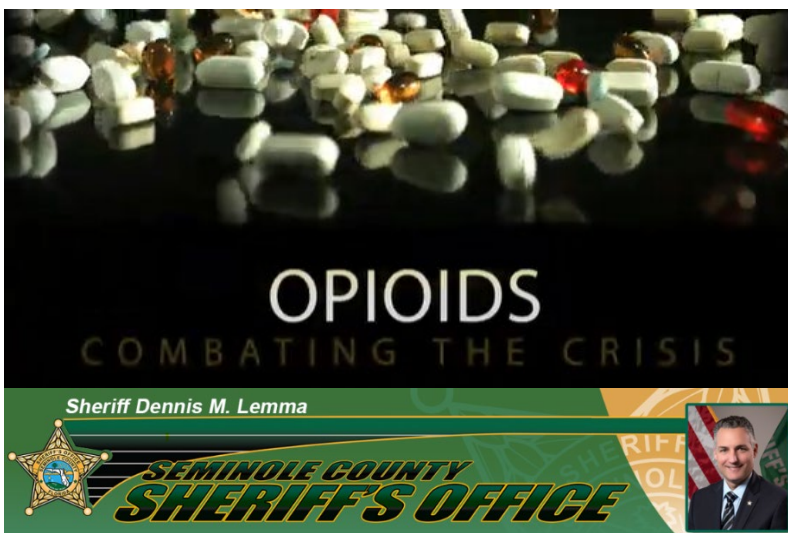
REGISTER HERE

**CREATING A
Resilient
COMMUNITY
NETWORK**

The CRC Network is supported by the Peace and Justice Institute
CEUs and Professional Development Points available

Register by scanning the QR Code

SCORE - Seminole Collaborative Opioid Response Efforts



The SCORE Initiative saves lives by combating the Opioid Epidemic. They use a comprehensive approach to funnel those who have overdosed and are being treated in the Emergency Department and transition them through a pipeline of detoxification, stabilization, and treatment/rehabilitation. This program includes a mobile response team, prescription drug drop off points, treatment resources and support groups.

[Click Here for more information about this collaboration](#) between the Seminole County Sheriff's Office, SCPS, Health Department and other organizations.

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





Road to Success

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



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!

The
FOUNDATION
Golf "Fore" Education Tournament



SCPS Golf "Fore" Education

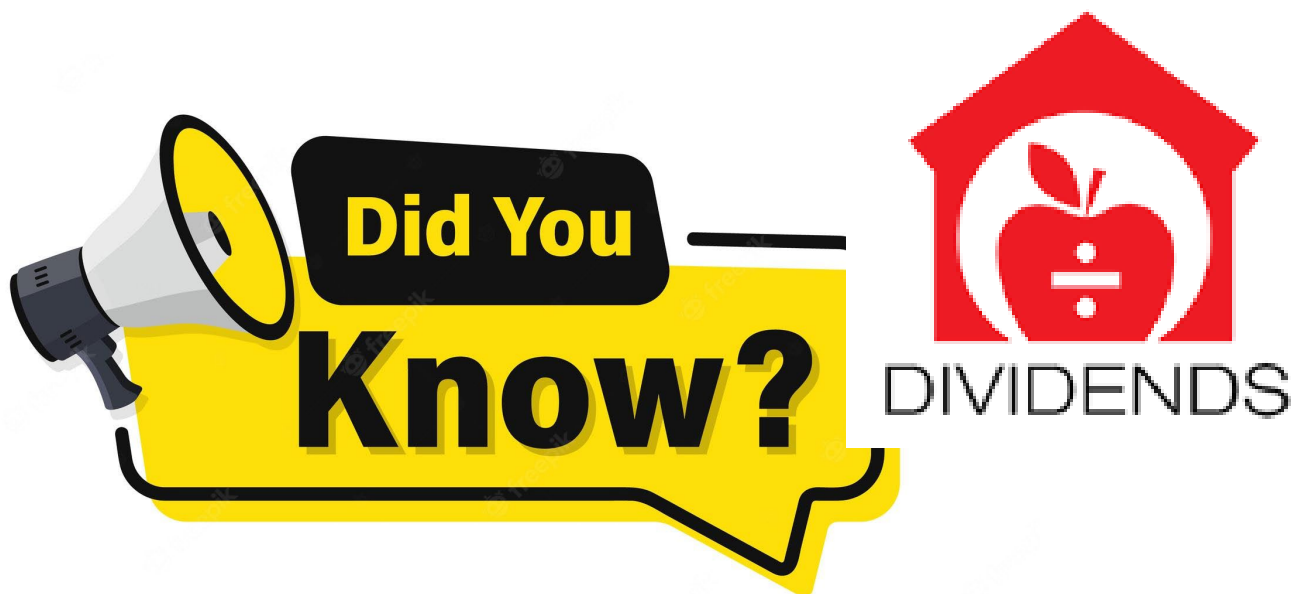
Want to spend the day on the golf course while supporting our students and teachers of SCPS!? We are having our annual Golf FORE Education Tournament on Monday, April 3rd.

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 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 Event, Building, Start Date/Time, End Date/Time, Organization, and Notes.