JANUARY 2022

The SCCPTA Scoop

Seminole Leaders,

I hope you and your families are well and and enjoyed a MUCH needed break! Welcome back! We are looking forward to the great things we will accomplish in this year.

-Shelly Pedraza
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Thursday January 13, 2022 6:00pm (Virtual Event)

There is still time to participate by following these steps:

1. Register and select sessions HERE
2. Once you have picked your sessions, Signup for the virtual Zoom Link HERE

Reminder, the president, treasurer, and secretary must attend at least one training throughout the year, so if you haven't already, be sure to attend.

If you are not sure if you have met compliance for the year, or if you have any questions, please contact vp1@sccpta.com.

In The Know...

NATIONAL PTA® REFLECTIONS®

SCCPTA County Virtual Awards

MARCH 31, 2022

Florida PTA State Virtual Awards

APRIL 23, 2022

Sign Up Annually!!

FLPTA subscribes to Voter Voice to connect our membership with their officials at the appropriate time in the process on our legislative priority issues. Call to Action emails drive only the necessary supporters to act based on their districts and our targeting.

Florida PTA: https://floridapta.org/voter-voice-legislative/
National PTA: https://www.pta.org/home/advocacy/take-action/sign-up-for-alerts

In The Know...

The Florida Legislature began their 60 day session on January 11, 2022. Please stay informed on the actions as the session brings new bills and amendments with little warning. The Florida PTA Advocacy Group on Face Book is a great source.

Be sure to sign up for the Florida PTA LegCon online, $25, free for students (most principals are aware of this an will allow excused day to attend.) Introductions and more on Sunday evening January 30. A full day of information on Monday, January 31. Those in person will have the chance to visit legislators and their aides at the capitol on Tuesday. Keep watching for the opportunities to join the Seminole group for online legislative visits.

Remember, if you visit/write/zoom and represent yourself as a PTA member/leader that PTA speaks with ONE VOICE. If we have a position statement, we can speak to that statement. If your views vary from that (as they may) you may use another time and not ID as PTA.

Community Advocacy / Training Opportunities

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF SEMINOLE COUNTY

1/21/ 2022 - Reproductive Rights - Florida's Fight in 2022 with Anna Eskamani and Amy Weintraub

January 24th-27th 2022 | Virtual Events
Each January the Peace and Justice Institute hosts Conversation on Justice, this year happening January 24-27, 2022. The conference covers today's hot-button issues ranging from racial inequality, domestic violence, immigration, gender stereotypes, LGBTQ+ topics, and the environment. Each event, through the power of transformative stories, facilitated dialogue, film, and more, delves into critical conversations whose ultimate goal is to promote a culture of peace and mend the fabric of our humanity.

Select this link to Register

In The Know...

Grants Available to Local Units from SCCPTA
Local Unit Grants Available Here!

2021-22 Program Supplement Mini-Grant - Health, Wellness, and Safety

Applications reviewed as received
Donations Funded by the SEMINOLE PREVENTION COALITION

2021-22 Food Pantry Mini-Grant Application

Applications reviewed as received
Donations Funded by The Papa John's Foundation for Building Community

2021-22 Florida Legislative Conference Mini-Grant Application (LegCon)

SCCPTA LegCon Grant Application - Apply Here
Applications must be received by 12:00PM (noon) on Sunday, Dec 12, 2021
Funded by SCCPTA funds

2021-22 Florida Leadership Convention Mini-Grant Application -Coming Soon!

Applications will be due in May
Funded by SCCPTA funds

Upcoming PTSA Charters

We are looking for leaders to help support these exciting new PTSA Charters!

Seminole Alternative Community PTSA

This PTSA will support some of our children that need the most support. Students in these programs are typically there temporarily and transfer out throughout the year so support from the community is very much needed. Some of the schools this Community PTSA will support are:

Eugene Gregory Memorial Youth Academy

Eugene Gregory Memorial Youth Academy/Consequence Unit provides a spectrum of services to youth who are returning to the community from a residential juvenile justice commitment program, students under an expulsion order and students who have been administratively assigned from their zoned school. Services include traditional classroom education provided by SCPS teachers, life skills development, and on-site mental health assessments and counseling.

Seminole County Juvenile Detention Center

Educational Services for the Seminole County Juvenile Detention Center are provided by the Alternative Education Department of SCPS. SCPS teachers provide remediation, course work, life skills, and computer assistance.

John Polk Alternative School

John Polk Alternative School is a classroom provided for students who are not adults but are in the correctional institution convicted as an adult. A teacher provides remediation, computer-based courses, and GED preparatory lessons to these students.

If you are interested in helping get Seminole Alternative PTSA launched, please provide your information. We will schedule an organizational meeting (by Zoom) to charter when we have volunteers to fill the roles of President, Secretary, & Treasurer and at least ten adults who wish to join the PTSA.

https://forms.gle/MsV7aeEQSPntQPLs7

Would you like information on how you can participate in events to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.?

Visit the King Center website to register for these National events:

Seminole County Events:

Looking to Celebrate?

Here are a list of Holidays & Celebrations Perfect for Social Media Engagement

January

Career & Technical Education Month

National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

National Eye Care Month

1/13 - Korean American Day

1/14 - Makar Sankranti

1/17 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

1/27 - International Holocaust Remembrance Day

1/28 - National Lego Day

February

Black History Month

American Heart Month

Children's Dental Health Month

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

2/1 - Lunar New Year

2/2 - Groundhog's Day

2/9 -National Pizza Day

2/11 -International Day of Women and Girls in Science

Seniors,

Applications for SCCPTA Senior Scholarships are now being accepted! Go to sccpta.com/scholarships-for-seniors.html for more information and to apply. Applications will be accepted through March 11, 2022. You can download the printable application and mail it in or fill out a Google form application, where you can upload everything electronically!

It's not too late to join your school's PTSA! Just be sure to do it before you start your application.

Want to help fund these scholarships? Please consider a donation to our Senior Scholarship Program! We award scholarships to SCPS seniors each year and the amount of donations we receive determines how much we have to disburse. Go to seminolecounty.memberhub.com/store/items/60834 to donate. Thank you for your support!

Questions? Email Sheryl Shaffer at scholarships@sccpta.com

Florida PTA scholarship applications are also open at floridapta.org/scholarships (due by Feb. 1) and don't forget to check with your school's PTSA for scholarship opportunities as well!