



# SEMINOLE COUNTY COUNCIL

## SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

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## Letter from the President

September is just racing past, how can we have been back to school for over a month already! Our local units are busy furthering the PTA mission, whilst delivering on our operational requirements.

### Fiduciary Responsibilities

Many of you have completed audits and sent them into FL PTA (Deadline was 8/31). Those of you that haven't completed yet please reach out to [president@sccpta.com](mailto:president@sccpta.com) and [treasurer@sccpta.com](mailto:treasurer@sccpta.com) for assistance. We are here to help so don't be shy, you are not alone! [Here is a useful video to help you with the audit.](#)

For those that have the audit under your belts, good job and hopefully your next goal, if not already also completed, is to file your 990. The deadline is Nov 15th, but if you want to do it earlier, you can. Need more information? [Review this video for details.](#)

### Operational Highlights

I have enjoyed seeing the wonderful membership campaigns the fun competitions you have set up internally or with competing schools!

16 of our PTA / PTSA have met or exceeded the National PTA goal for this year of 18% growth which is a total of 929 new members in our council. 18% is a stretch - for some a huge stretch - so focus on an increase, one more member is still growing your membership to benefit your programs. I encourage the use of the [National PTA resources](#) if you don't want to create your own campaign.

PTA is not always easy going so please use the resources that are available to you. I recommend the following. Please bookmark these links and use them too as needed.

- [SCCPTA YouTube channel](#)
- FL PTA [Training Center – Florida PTA](#)
- National PTA sites [Local Leader Kit](#) | [National PTA](#).

To round out I want to say that you may be feeling exhausted, challenged, or frustrated, but no matter what: we must balance family, self-care and care for others, which includes our fellow board members. Let's help each other. #RISEUP

Thank you for all that you are doing. Please let us know where we can help support you in our shared mission. 'To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.'

*Michelle Pettinger*

### SHOUT OUT FROM FL PTA

*Hagerty High School PTSA has the highest membership numbers for the entire state of FL!!! - FL PTA has been giving them shout outs this week at Road to Success meetings and at the FL PTA Regions and Councils meeting, Well done to the Hagerty PTSA team!*



**Reflections 101 Training**  
Visit our FB Event to Register in advance and important links  
[Thursday, Sept. 22 at 10am](#)  
[Tuesday, Sept. 27 @ 7pm](#)



**First Saturdays @ 10am**  
Leadership Development  
Virtual Training  
[October 8, November 5,](#)  
[December 3](#)



**School Board Meetings**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
Educational Support Center  
400 E. Lake Mary Blvd.,  
Sanford, FL 32773  
Tuesday, Sept.20, Oct. 11



**Presidents & Principals Meeting**  
Educational Support Center  
400 E. Lake Mary Blvd.,  
Sanford, FL 32773  
[Thursday, October 20](#)

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.



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

- 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:



At Semoran Skateway to support Tuskawilla Middle School PTSA.



Successful first virtual Leadership Training on September 3 at 10:00am



Many Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers attended our first County-led Compliance Training



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what's missing?

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

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



Your SCCPTA Executive Board has been working hard this year! Did you know in addition to managing County Council operations, they are doing their best to also cover **approximately 70%** of the committee tasks? Wondering where Reflections information has been? Seeking information on Senior Scholarships? What about grants? Sharing DEI program ideas? Yup, you guessed it – all **vacant committee roles**.

Work full time? Stay at home? Retiree? Already serving your local PTA? Volunteering with other groups? Spending time with family is a priority? **AND** you love our kids and want our schools to rock? **US TOO**.

We're a great team doing **amazing work!** And many hands make for light work and even more fun!

What **RU** waiting for? In just **a couple hours** a week, you can make a **big impact!**

## Join our SCCPTA Team!

### Cultural Arts & Reflections

Support the Reflections program with local units and coordinating the County-level awards.

### Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Promote diversity and inclusion program among local units and seek training for local leaders.

### Grants

Manage local unit grant requests at the county level and promote additional available grants.

### Health & Wellness

Promote health and wellness programs among local units and seek training for local leaders.

### Partners & Sponsorships

Review, manage and seek business sponsor partnerships at the county level.

### Seminole Outreach

Connect SCCPTA with community needs including non-traditional schools and community events.

### Senior Scholarships

Coordinate the SCCPTA Scholarship Progra

[Click Here to Help!](#)



## 22-23 PTA REFLECTIONS: Show Your Voice!

National PTA's Reflections Arts program is an opportunity to recognize students' artistic talents by submitting original works of art created in response to this year's theme: Show Your Voice.

SCCPTA is hosting two training sessions for Reflections Chairs and committee members to help them set their programs up for success. Click the link below to register for the event and for important informational links.

[Thursday, Sept. 22 at 10am](#)

OR

[Tuesday, Sept. 27 @ 7pm](#)

For more information or if you have questions please reach out to us at [Reflections@SCCPTA.org](mailto:Reflections@SCCPTA.org).

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](#)