



Seminole Academy Newsletter – December 11, 2009

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Full Day: 8:10 - 3:29 / Half-Day: 8:10 – 11:18 / Early Release Wed.: 8:10 – 1:29

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Dear Seminole Families:

I hope you and your family had a chance to attend our Spaghetti with Santa Title I Game Night. Over 200 parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, Seminole students, and teachers attended this event. We all enjoyed a delicious dinner, played games from Learning Gizmos, and had a chance to visit with a special guest from the North Pole. All students were awarded a coupon toward purchasing a game of their choice. This evening was planned with Seminole's PTC and supported with Title I funds. We look forward to future events!

Progress reports will be sent home for students in grade three, four, five, and six. Here are some questions you may want to ask your child: Have you done your best? Are you completing and turning in assignments? What can you do to improve? What is your plan?

Lastly, I want to personally thank all of the families and staff members who generously donated to our Giving Tree, our Thanksgiving Food Drive, and those who continue to partner with us in any way. You are truly appreciated and are wonderful examples for our Seminole children.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Jan Hooks, Principal



INSTRUCTIONAL FOCUS

IF Lesson – December 9-15

Proofread to identify prepositional phrases and irregular verbs.

Parent Points:

**Ask children to respond in complete sentences and not use one-word answers. Repeat directions using complete sentences.*

IF Lesson – January 4-12

Identify and locate fractions on a number line using appropriate vocabulary.

Parent Points:

**Bake cookies (muffins, cupcakes, etc.). Identify the fractions in the recipe (then bring to school to share...HA-HA!).*

**Measure household items with a ruler or measuring tape to the half-inch. Plot on a number line.*

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

Overdue library notices were sent home with students in last week's red folder. Please help your child locate these books and return them to school a.s.a.p. Students will not be allowed to check out another book until their overdue books are returned. Thank you for your cooperation.



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PTC NEWS

Thank you to all of the families who participated in the Cookie Dough Fundraiser. It was a great success! We sold just over 700 tubs of cookie dough and popcorn. As a result of all the hard work, we have earned about \$2500, which will be used for special activities during this school year.

This past week was the Santa Secret Shop. The students enjoyed visiting the shop and buying gifts for their family and friends. The PTC would like to thank the many parent volunteers who gave us a most precious gift, their time. Also, very special thanks to Girl Scout Troop #3058 for helping to set up Santa Shop. Lastly, we want to thank the 5th and 6th grade students for their help as “personal shoppers” for the younger students.

We wish all of the Seminole Academy students and staff a safe and happy holiday season. We look forward to returning with exciting activities in the New Year.

Breakfast with Santa!

The Cairns Community Center will be having a Breakfast with Santa Saturday, Dec. 12th, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. The price is just \$5.00 per person, or \$3.00 with a new unopened toy. This event benefits the Cairns Community Center and Toys for Tots. The menu will include pancakes, sausage, orange juice, and coffee. Remember to bring your camera!



CHANGES TO JANUARY CALENDAR

Fri. 1/15 – FULL DAY OF CLASSES

Wed. 1/20 – NO EARLY RELEASE; FULL DAY OF CLASSES (3:29 DISMISSAL)

Fri. 1/22 – A.M. CLASSES ONLY (11:18 DISMISSAL); END 2ND MARKING PERIOD

Wed. 1/27 – EARLY RELEASE WED. (1:29 DISMISSAL)

Note: Monday, January 18, still no classes in celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wed. 12/16 – Bd. of Ed. Mtg. (6:30 p.m.)-Macomb

Fri. 12/18 – Last day (**full day**) of classes before Winter break (dismissal 3:29)

Mon. 12/21 – Fri. 1/1 – Winter Break

Mon. 1/4 – Classes resume

Wed. 1/6 – Early Release Wed. (1:29 dismissal)

Tue. 1/12 – Science Fair Night

Thu. 1/14 – PTC Mtg. (6:30 p.m.)

(CHANGE) Fri. 1/15 – FULL DAY OF CLASSES

Mon. 1/18 – No Classes; Martin Luther King Day

(CHANGE) Wed. 1/20 – FULL DAY OF CLASSES

Wed. 1/20 – Bd. of Ed. Mtg. (6:30 p.m.)-Washington

(CHANGE) Fri. 1/22 – A.M. CLASSES ONLY (11:18 DISMISSAL); END OF 2ND MARKING PERIOD

(CHANGE) Wed. 1/27 – Early Release Wed. (1:29 dismissal)

Mon. 2/1 – African American Read-In/Black History Month Assembly

Wed. 2/3 – Early Release Wed. (1:29 dismissal)

Thu. 2/11 – a.m. classes only (11:18 dismissal); begin Mid-Winter Break

Thu. 2/11-Tue. 2/16 – Mid-Winter Break

Wed. 2/17 – Classes Resume

Fri. 2/26 – Black History Celebration



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