*Achieving Excellence by Putting Students First*

 I would like to thank all the parents who attended our first SAC (School Advisory Committee) and PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) meetings of the year. The SAC committee has elected Jennifer Perry as SAC chair and Dezeray Clark as Vice Chair of SAC. The next SAC meeting is scheduled for Oct 13th at 3:15 in the front office conference room. This meeting is open to the public and your involvement is appreciated.

 During our PTO meeting, we elected Tammy Jackson as PTO president. The PTO is an organization ran by the parents and teachers. In asking parents for reasons for low turnouts, it was brought to my attention many parents feel like we are asking for money. While PTO does help out with providing student incentives, most of our fundraisers are conducted on campus (ie. Yankee Candle). We do not ask for money or have a fee to belong to the PTO. Please know when you come to these meetings, we will not be asking for money.

 Thank you to all the parents for participating in our first round of APTT (Academic Parent Teacher Teams). We had almost a 50% turnout for APTT Meeting #1. That is FANTASTIC! If you missed the first meeting, please know your child’s teacher will be contacting you to set up your Individual Parent Meeting. These meetings will take place on Oct 9 and Oct 23.

## Upcoming Events

* 10/8 – 5th – APTT 7:45am
* 10/9 – Teacher Work

 Day/No Students

 APTT – Individual

 Parent Meetings

* 10/13 – SAC 3:15
* 10/13 – Title 1 Meeting

 5:30

* 10/19 - Awards

 1st Grade – 8:30AM

 2nd Grade – 9:30AM

* 10/20 – Awards

 5th Grade – 8:30 AM

 4th Grade – 9:15 AM

 3rd Grade – 10:00 AM

* 10/20 – 4.0 Golden Coral

 Luncheon

* 10/22 – Dr. Walker – Just

 Take 20 – 6:30 pm

* 10/23 – APTT Individual

 Parent Meetings

* 10/28 – Picture Retakes
* 10/30 – Barn Dance

 9:00 AM

* 11/6 – Superhero Luncheon

***“There is a Superhero Inside all of us. We just need the courage to put on the cape”***

 Teachers who teach in an area they are not certified in are considered out of field teachers. By law, we must notify parents when teachers are teaching out of field.

Needing Certification Needing ESOL Certification

Leigh Anne Shockley – Elem. Shana Schneider

Heidi Moore – ESE Allison Royal

Jacinda Walsh – Guidance Nicole Fenner

 Kara Lydic

 Please call Mr. Koff at 462-5116 if you have any questions

## Out of Field Teachers

We will have a new guidance counselor joining Seminole Elementary beginning Oct 12, 2015. Ms. Jacinda Walsh will be moving from our first grade team into this new position. Ms. Walsh brings years of classroom experience and a wealth of knowledge in the mental health field. Mrs. Gillis will be leaving us on Oct 9, 2015 to relocate to another state. We wish her the best of luck and thank her for her service to Seminole Elementary

## Guidance Counselor

Principal Matt Koff

Assistant-Principal Erin Ellinger

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# Principal’s News

***Non Discrimination Notice***

The School District of Okeechobee County has adopted Board Policy 6.43, Unlawful Discrimination Prohibited. No person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, age, national or ethnic origin, genetic information, political beliefs, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, if otherwise qualified, social and family background or on the basis of the use of a language other than English by Limited English Proficiency (LEP) students, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity, or in any employment conditions or practices conducted by this School District, except as provided by law.

The School Board shall comply with all federal and state laws which include the Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), as amended by the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA), Title IX, Section 504, Florida Education Equity Act, Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA), Genetic Information Non-Discrimination Act of 2008 (GINA), and the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act.

Any employee, student, applicant for admissions, or applicant for employment who believes he/she has been discriminated against or has been harassed by another employee, student, or third party is encouraged to use the Equity Plan Grievance Procedure for filing complaints. You may file with: principal or immediate supervisor, District Equity Coordinator/Director of Human Resources or the Superintendent.

Director of Human Resources

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Many of you remember Dr. Walker from the Perfect Brainstorm last year and the other Workshops in a Box she has presented before. This year Dr. Walker returns to Seminole Elementary on Thursday, October 22nd from 6:30 – 7:30 pm to present Just Take 20. We hope to see you there!

## ANNUAL TITLE 1 MEETING

## Dr. Walker’s Family Engagement Workshops

Our Annual Title 1 meeting will take place on Oct 13th at 5:30 PM in the school cafeteria. This meeting will explain all the requirements that the school has for being a Title 1 school. This meeting will last no more than 30 minutes and your attendance is appreciated.

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