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Be An Advocate!

Driving home from the School Board Meeting last Tuesday night, I thought to myself...”Wow! I WISH every School Board Meeting was Standing Room only!” Why not take it a step further ---“I WISH every SCCPTA General Meeting was Standing Room only! The children in Seminole County need ALL of us to stand up for them, speak up on their behalf, and be their ADVOCATES...EVERYDAY! Not just when their school appears on the “Schools Identified for the Possible Suspension of Operations List”. As PTA leaders and members, advocating for the children in our schools and community is JOB #1! Participation in School Board Meetings, Legislative Activities, Leadership/Convention, and other learning opportunities that SCCPTA offers throughout the year, is critical to being better advocates for all of the children in Seminole County. SCCPTA has a representative at EVERY school board meeting, we attend the Florida PTA Leadership/Convention every July, and we send our members to our Region Week in Tallahassee. We need, no... the children in the schools you represent need you to do the same! We truly are all in this together. And SCCPTA

Save The Dates

- February 15 **Town Hall Meeting**
Lake Brantley HS
- February 16 **Town Hall Meeting**
Seminole HS
- February 20 **Schools Closed**

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needs your help as we speak for “every child, one voice.” SCCPTA cannot do the advocating alone. It doesn’t matter if you have been a leader in PTA for 1 year or 20, your participation is essential.

Seminole County is a member of Region 5, in Florida PTA. Our Region Week is February 6 – 10, 2012. If you are sending representatives from your Local Unit, please let us know. It would be wonderful to walk the Halls of our Legislature, sit in committee hearings and House or Senate Meetings, with you. We are attempting to make all of our appointments with our Legislators or their staff on Wednesday, February 8th, but if you are coming up a different day, we can plan appointments for those days as well. On Tuesday, February 7th, Florida PTA will be hosting a “Tallahassee 101” workshop for our Local Unit leaders, covering everything from Talking Points to proper protocol. What a great learning opportunity! If you are able to go up to Tallahassee at any other time than our assigned week, that’s fine too! If you are, please let us know you are going, and we can get you in touch with a member of the Florida PTA Legislation Committee, so that they know you are there, and can offer assistance if you have any questions or concerns. If you are not sending anyone, please participate in the activities our Legislative Team (Stand Up for SCPS) is planning. For these activities, SCCPTA will provide Talking Points for a few of the over 200 Bills that SCCPTA is currently tracking. SCCPTA does not just speak to Education issues, but to all issues that could impact the lives of children. If you every have any questions or concerns, please do not ever hesitate to contact a member of SCCPTA. We are here to assist you. That’s OUR job!

As the school year (and PTA year) winds down, PTA activities seem to pick up some speed! SCCPTA Hosted 2 Town Hall Meetings in January, with over 600 people in attendance, and our Facebook page is growing. We are assisting with Legislative Activities, and are planning the 2 final Town Hall Meetings in February. The dates for the upcoming Town Halls are:

Wednesday, February 15, 2012, Lake Brantley High School, 6PM, in the LBHS Auditorium, and
Thursday, February 16, 2012, Seminole High School, 6PM, in the SHS Media Center.

We hope that if you have not attended a Town Hall Meeting yet, that you will join us at one in February. AND, we are already busy planning the Awards Celebration and the New Leader Training Workshops! May will be here before we know it.

And as always, if there is anything that SCCPTA can do for you, please do not hesitate to call on us! Thank you for all that you do!

Yours in service,

Laura Joralemon
SCCPTA President



PTAs Help Save the MudWalk!!

Once again SCCPTA and the Environmental Studies Center are partnering to help Save the MudWalk! On February 8th, all Seminole County Schools will have the opportunity to participate in the Save the MudWalk Day. All PTA presidents and school principals were sent information regarding participation in the Mud Bucket campaign. We are asking all PTAs/schools to get a bucket or box, print out the “Mud Bucket” sign and attach it to your bucket and place it in an appropriate location for your students to be able to donate their change on 2/8. To make participation as easy as possible, we included the Mud Bucket sign, a flyer to post around school and to send home with students, a morning news announcement, and a day-by-day schedule so you know exactly what needs to be done and when.

We hope, for our children, that your school will participate in this event happening at the schools in Seminole County to help Save the MudWalk on Wednesday, Feb. 8th. We NEED YOUR HELP! There have been a lot of budget cuts and more to come, don't let the MudWalk be cut too.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to call Tammy Potosky at 407-312-8521 or Carolyn Milhan at the Environmental Studies Center at 407-320-0467.



SCCPTA and Stand Up for Seminole County Public Town Hall Meetings

Please join us for a series of Town Hall Meetings that will be held around the county. A flier was sent to you prior to Winter Break to print, or send via e mail to all of your members and families. The flier can be found on the SCCPTA Website, and it includes all dates, times, and locations for each Town Hall. Invited Guests include: Dr. Bill Vogel, members of the SCPS staff, ALL 5 School Board Members, ALL Seminole County Commissioners, and ALL of the City Commissioners from the cities and municipalities in Seminole County. Please make plans to attend the Town Hall nearest you, and invite your friends! Speak up---let your voice be heard!

Information for the Town Halls is as follows:

Thursday, February 15, 2012, at Lake Brantley High School, 6PM, Auditorium.
Thursday, February 16, 2012, at Seminole High School, 6PM, Media Center.

Important PTA Websites



SCCPTA Website – <http://www.sccpta.com>

SCCPTA Facebook – <http://www.facebook.com/sccpta>

Florida PTA Website – <http://www.floridapta.org>

Florida PTA Facebook - <http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=1611953276>

National PTA Website – <http://www.pta.org>

National PTA Facebook - <http://www.facebook.com/ParentTeacherAssociation>

Seminole County 2011-2012 Reflections Winners



Literature

Senior Winners

Tyler Hasterman- Hagerty
Kingftey Arke-Seminole

Senior Honorable Mention

Robert Burke-Hagerty
Nicholas Rodriguez-Oviedo
Kingftey Arke-Seminole

Middle Winners

Paige Norman-Millennium
Tare Nibhanupudy-Sanford
Samantha Reno-Millennium

Middle Honorable Mentions

Tess Marvin-Chiles
Elizabeth Handbery-Chiles
Haley Benner-Markham Woods
Lauren Culbreth- Chiles
Anjali Poorandalt-Chiles

Primary Winners

Tara Chatty-Partin
Hannah Connell-Partin
Chloe Alva-Woodlands

Primary Honorable Mentions

Asha Reddy-Lawton
Jaqueline Anderhovich-Lake Mary
Jason Isom-Goldsboro
Kendall Blinn-Bentley
Kaylin Herbert-Keeth
Kenzie Schnitzlein- Carillon

Intermediate Winners

Bennet Prevss-Carillon
Malavka Kannan-Carillon
Jenna Fortune-Bear Lake

Intermediate Honorable Mention

William Bernys-Bentley
Bethany Champlin- Partin
Seth Marrocco- Partin
Jordan Lenuex-Woodlands
Anita Shiva-Evans
Madison Sciarini-Red Bug
Myhayla Brinkman-Lawton
Cydney Jackson-Heathrow
Paige Goodman-Lake Mary
Ruben Pierre-Louis- Woodlands

Visual Arts

Senior Winners

Caroline Parr-Lake Mary
Tatheer Remtulla-Lake Mary
Idanya Clark-Winter Springs

Senior Honorable Mentions

Meghan Keeley-Seminole
Meagan Dessert-Lake Mary
Marcus Darby-Winter Springs
Jennina Grade-Seminole
Megan Hossier-Lake Brantley
Hojung Lee-Seminole

Middle Winners

Laura Wilson-Markham Woods
Khyra MccMillian-Chiles
Kaneela Noah-Jackson Heights

Middle Honorable Mention

Samantha Reno-Millennium
Francesca Coveini- Tuskawilla
Magan Nadin-Markham Woods
Naween Krishan-Markham Woods

Primary Winners

Sophia Metevier- Stenstrom
Ava Grace-Red Bug
Kyra Henrigues-Goldsboro

Primary Honorable Mention

Nisha Patel-Carillon
Anston Malkewicz-Carillon
Cody Whitsitt-Midway
Kaylin Herbert-Keeth
Zahra Miyanji-Bentley
Kayley Gilman-Evans
Varian Dase-Highlands

Intermediate Winners

Rachel Nasby-Lawton
Caitlin Chen-Red Bug
Yashvi Vardhan-Woodlands

Intermediate Honorable Mentions

Emily Oberson-Partin
Meridean Dvarte-Carillon
Taney Prajopati- Partin
Michelle Zou-Carillon
Addison Lange-Sabal Point
Jennifer Brown-Rainbow
Lucy Goodwin-Evans
Angla Su-Evans

Film Productions

Senior Winners

Steven Engen-Lake Mary
Keilan Maneil-Lake Mary
Shelby Pyles-Lake Mary

Middle Winners

Kacy Lach-Chiles Middle
Emily Elwood-Milwee Middle
Naomi Selyan-Markham Woods

Primary Winners

Deepika Kannan-Carillon

Intermediate Winners

Isabella Garcia-Wilson
Matthew Ruiz-Heathrow

Intermediate Honorable Mentions

Leah Howells-Sabal Point
Connor Brindle-Sabal Point
Emily Canamella- Partin

Seminole County 2011-2012 Reflections Winners



Musical Composition

Senior Winners

Alana Klonoski-Seminole High
Lucy Wu-Oviedo High
Nicholas Villance-Lyman High

Middle Winners

Colby Harter-Chiles Middle
Bailey Callahon-Tuskawilla Middle
Madison Meltz-Millinuem Middle

Middle Honorable Mentions

Ethan Fields-Jackson Heights

Primary Winners

Lexi Huaman-Sterling Park
Abbie Bennett-Heathrow
Deepika Kannan-Carillon

Primary Honorable Mention

Brant Schuckman-Heathrow
Win Champlin- Partin

Intermediate Winners

Reese Hudson-Evans
Vangeli Tsompanidis-Carillon
Malavika Kannan-Carillon

Intermediate Honorable Mentions

Emma Huaman-Sterling Park
Connor Brindle-Sabal Point
Mason Herbet- Keeth
Andy Mackler-Bentley

Dance Choreography

Middle Winners

Julianna Voelker-Jackson Heights
Alyssa Martin-Jackson Heights

Primary Winners

Varsha Naga-Partin
Payton Richey-Keeth
Hannon Howells-Sabal Point

Intermediate Winners

Elizabeth Conrad-Midway
Nakira Jackson-Goldsboro

Intermediate Honorable Mention

Megan Giunta-Heathrow
Breanna Morris-Goldsboro
Alexis Jacobs-Red Bug

Photography

Senior Winners

Priya Amilineni-Seminole
Desire Burke-Seminole
Kaley Fitzpatrick-Seminole

Senior Honorable Mention

Tony Huerta-Lyman
Maria Nikolaisen-Lyman
Emily Pease-Lyman

Middle Winners

Daneele Glennan-Markham Woods
Benjamin Michaud-Tuskawilla
Kaili Morens-Chiles

Middle Honorable Mentions

Malenna Lehman-Chiles
Amanda Signer-Millennium
Kalie Griffin-Milwee

Primary Winners

Aidan Vail-Geneva
Alden Corley-Wilson
Preston Pomp-Carillon

Primary Honorable Mentions

Juliun Dontoni-Lake Mary
Sion Carranza-Sabal Point
Drew Dykstra-Bear Lake
Katelyn Fry-Red Bug
Nicholas Mazzola-Goldsboro
Asha Reddy-Lawton
Nora McFadded-Sabal Point
Reagan DeBarry –Keeth
Ainsley Pomp-Carillon
Grant Oliver-Carrillon
Eleanor Snyder-Rainbow
Julia McKee-Heathrow

Intermediate Winners

Pierce Borger-Wilson
Alexandra Ranaid-Evans
Zoe Reddicliff-Goldsboro

Intermediate Honorable Mentions

Alex Marracco- Partin
Whitley Williams-Heathrow
Isaac Munshi-Galileo
Ethan Stein-Rainbow
Sean Tracy-Lake Mary
Ryan McCauley-Wekiva
Derek Molina-Wekiva
Emily Canamella- Partin
Nathaniel Winfree-Winter Springs

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