



Welcome to Seminole Heights Elementary for the 2020-2021 school year!

“OPEN HOUSE” IS THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020, 4-6 PM: Parents and students are invited to an Open House via ZOOM to meet your teacher(s) and administration. Please identify your child(ren)'s homeroom teacher(s) on your mailing label under their name & find the corresponding Zoom code on the page attached for open house.

- **SMART START BEGINS:** AUG. 24-28: ELEARNING FOR ALL STUDENTS FOR THE FIRST WEEK ☺
- **Elarning AND Brick & Mortar Begins: Monday, August 31st at 7:10 AM.** Please make sure B & M students are on time, arriving in their classroom no later than 7:40 AM. Please note: **the drop off gate will be locked at 7:40 AM.** For the safety of your child, late arrivals must be escorted by their parent/guardian to be signed in at the office. Remember, DISTRICT & CDC POLICIES STATE: parents will NOT be allowed to come on campus in the mornings to walk students to class. School personnel will be available to assist students needing additional support.
- **EARLY RELEASE MONDAYS:** Early release Mondays begin on the first day of our hybrid model, August 31st. Dismissal time for Monday 8/31 is 12:55 PM.
- **AM DROP-OFF:** You may drop-off your child each morning starting at 7:10 AM by driving through the drop-off /pick-up line off Hanna Ave. This is the only gate that is unlocked for K-5 students to enter in the morning. All Headstart, PEEPs & VPK Brick & Mortar students will enter campus through the northeast gate by the front office. Please do not use the front office for morning drop-off. Students will be redirected to the Hanna gate. **All other gates are locked.** The Hanna gate will be locked at 7:40 AM. Every effort should be made to help children arrive at school on time and avoid being marked tardy. We offer morning HOST daycare services in the cafeteria starting at 6:30 AM. You may enroll your child(ren) by contacting HOST on line at: <http://host.mysdhc.org>
- **BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROGRAM:** Breakfast starts at 7:10 AM. and will be available on carts at the drop-off point. All Headstart, PEEPs & VPK Brick & Mortar students will eat breakfast with their class. Breakfast is free for all students. Free & Reduced Lunch forms are completed online at <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application>. Lunch cost is \$2.25 each and must be sent in for your child(ren) until notified of approval by the Student Nutrition Office.
- **ATTENDANCE:** Florida State Law requires that students attend school each and every day. Plan now to have “perfect attendance” this year! If your child must be out due to illness, please call the absentee line at 276-5556 prompt 1 within 3 days of the absence to be excused.
- **PM BUSES:** The bus & day care vans will be loaded on Central Ave. This area is for the bus & day care vans only. Please do not use this area for pick-up or drop-off and **do not park or leave your vehicle in this area.** Administration & school security will ask you to move so that we can keep all children safe.
- **PM CAR DISMISSAL:** School ends T-F at 1:55 PM. Students are escorted to the pick-up area/drop-off point by their teachers. All drivers are required to stay in their cars. Wait for your child’s name to be called by our staff and they will be escorted to your car. Dismissal plaques will be in the first day packets and should be hung for easy viewing. *Do not call your child* to meet you at the car or call them into the street. Also, parents will not be allowed to walk up to this gate to get students. This will put our students and staff into harm’s way. Drivers must pay careful attention to **Traffic Directors** and follow their directions to ensure the safety of all students. Our pick-up line will begin moving as close to 1:55 PM as possible. WE ASK THAT NO LEFT TURNS BE MADE AS VEHICLES EXIT CAMPUS (This will keep the traffic moving in the pick-up line).
- **PM “PARENT WALKUP”:** Parent Walkups are dismissed at 12:55/1:55 PM from the southeast side door of the front office. Parents/guardians must present their dismissal plaque (provided in the first day packet) at this door to receive students; *they will not be released into the street to meet a car/driver.* (The Seminole Heights United Methodist Church allows courtesy parking in their Hanna parking lot during drop-off and dismissal, with parents walking their children to the traffic light on Central and Hanna for a safe crossing.)
- **PM “Walkers & Bike Riders”:** Students in grades 3-5 who have been given permission on the School Dismissal Procedures form are allowed to leave campus by themselves. These students should live within two miles of our school. Students in grades 3-5 can escort a younger sibling in grades K-2 home with parent permission.
- **EARLY SIGN-OUTS:** Please remember no student sign outs after 12:25 on Mon. & 1:25 T-F. Early sign-outs are for EMERGENCIES ONLY! They should not be used on a regular basis to avoid the car line or the parent walk-up area. Parents who sign their students out early on a regular basis will need to have a conference with the Principal.
- **DISMISSAL CHANGES:** “Last minute changes” are highly discouraged and will cause a delay in picking up your child. You must notify your child’s teacher in writing of dismissal procedures.
- **MANDATORY UNIFORMS: Uniform Schedule is as follows:** Monday – Thursday: black, khaki, or navy blue bottoms and a black, gold, white, purple or navy blue solid color, collared polo or t-shirt. Friday: (Spirit Day) school spirit T-shirt with jeans or other uniform bottoms.

***School Info. packets for parents to read & return will be distributed with Elarning materials at Seminole on 8/20 & 8/21 & on 8/31 for B & M students. Parents of Elarning students need to pick-up materials: 8-2 on 8/20 & 8/21.**