



# UCP Seminole School News

Back to School Newsletter: August/September 2017

## Notes from the School Administrator

We're so excited to welcome all new and returning students to the 2017-2018 school year at UCP Seminole Elementary Charter School. We are excited about the upcoming year and the addition of a third grade classroom.

We invite you to get involved and be an active participant in your child's classroom. There are many ways to get involved including the Gift of Ten program. Gift of Ten is designed for parents to pledge to volunteer 10 or more hours during the school year. By helping in the classroom, or at a fundraiser or event, you are helping your child and the school be successful. Please make sure you register as a Dividend—you must do this each school year. You can register online at: <https://dvd.scps.k12.fl.us> You must be a registered Dividend to assist with any events on school property.

UCP Seminole Elementary Charter once again qualifies to be a Title 1 School this year. This is based on the amount of students that qualify for free/reduced lunches. We are looking forward to supporting and involving our families with multiple events to improve student's educational growth. Please join us at our first Title 1 meeting to discuss last year's School Improvement Plan results and goals for the new school year. We will also be seeking your input in reference to Parent Involvement Activities.

Another way to get involved is through the Parent Teacher Association committee (PTA). The PTA committee will have their first meeting on August 31st at 6pm. to begin discussing the calendar for the year, ways to provide families with resources, and opportunities to help our students learn and grow. All parents are encouraged to attend and to let your voice be heard.

Again, we are looking forward to an exciting year and are eager to watch our students succeed. Please let me know if you have any questions

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School Administrator



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### UCP's Mission

To empower children with and without disabilities to achieve their potential by providing individualized support, education and therapy services in an inclusive environment.



"Like" our school's page on Facebook to see pictures and keep up with events and activities at the school:

"UCP Seminole PTA"

Welcome to all new families and staff members at UCP Seminole Elementary Charter School!

Please help us welcome the following new teaching staff:

Jaclyn Pfeiffer—Preschool

Timara Davis—1st Grade

Stacy Williamson—PreK/VPK

Michelle Pols—2nd/3rd Grade

Erin Roberts—Kindergarten

## Educational News:

As we start back to school, **please keep in mind that the school day for K-above has changed.** Students in K-3rd grade start at 8:15 a.m. and their school day ends at 2:45 p.m. Wednesday is early release day so they will get out at 1:45 pm. For the Pre-K -below, their school day is from 8:30am-2:30pm, with early release on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.

If you need to or want to speak with your child's teacher, please schedule a teacher conference for before or after school.

**Uniforms** are mandatory for PreK (4 yr. old) and above. Please see attached information regarding uniforms. We have some uniforms that have been donated - if you are in need, please see Michelle Ching to see what is available.

**Lunch Application:** Please be sure to fill out a lunch application even if you don't think you will qualify. We use this information for other school purposes such as grants. Lunch prices: \$2.80 full price, \$0.40 reduced, and free (for those who qualify). If your child has a specific diet or allergy, please don't forget to fill out a form to be sure that we are able to provide adequate meals and make accommodations.

**Supply fee:** A \$35.00 supply fee is requested for the school year. **No cash** will be accepted, only credit card/debit/check will be allowed.

**Carline Policy:** Please adhere to the Carline Policy. Please do not park by the Doctor's offices or in their parking lot at any time—your car will be towed. Returning families, please continue to use your car tags from last year. New families should be receiving their car tags soon.

## Upcoming Events:

- **First Title 1 Parent Meeting** - Wednesday, August 30th, 1:00pm
- **PTA General Meeting/Second Title 1 Meeting-** Thursday, August 31st, 6:00 pm
- **No School/Camp/Therapy** - September 4 (Labor Day)
- **Curriculum Night** - Thursday, September 7th, 6:00-8:00pm
- **Donuts with Dad** - Wednesday September 13th, 8-8:30am
- **Restaurant Spirit Night** - 2nd Wednesday of every month at McDonald's, 5-7pm
- **Book Buds** - Wednesday September 28, during the school day
- **Make and Take Family Event** - Wednesday September 28th, 6:00-7:30pm

## Therapy News:

The therapy staff is excited to see many new and returning faces for the new school year.

Here are a few reminders:

1. Please let us know when your child will be absent.
2. Inform therapists of any changes in medical status or medication.
3. If you want to sit in on your child's therapy session, please call to schedule a time to do so.
4. Remember to send your child to school with supportive, closed-toe shoes.

