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Seminole County Government grant award provides academic enrichment to students



We often hear of how teenagers and young children are constantly surrounded by technology, but what about those who have no access to technology at home? Think about how many homework assignments are now done using computers, the internet or even apps. Lack of access to these technologies can be crippling to these children's education. Thanks in part to a \$20,250 Community Services Agency grant awarded by the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners, SCPS students have access to technology and academic enrichment through Midway Safe Harbor's Teen Program.

# Wells Fargo supports essential tools for education

With the help of Wells Fargo "Essential Tools for Education" grant our students will be off to a GREAT start when they go back to school this fall!

This \$10,000 grant will provide new backpacks and school supplies to children from homeless or low income families to



start the school year; financial literacy workshops for our Take Stock in Children scholars; and 3D printers and equipment for elementary STEM labs. All of these programs provide essential tools for access and success in the classroom and beyond. We appreciate Wells Fargo support!

## Foundation Programs Making an Impact in Student Lives



Take Stock in Children Seminole is welcoming 23 rising 9th graders! The class of 2021 scholars has an average GPA of 3.5! This is remarkable considering nearly 90% of these students are on track to be 1st generation college attendees and 60% being 1st generation high school grads!

Even at this early stage of involvement, we are more than 40% above the state average for GPA and college-bound students



A Gift for Teaching –Seminole, our Free Store for SCPS Teachers, distributed \$2,159,772 worth of school supplies for teachers and students this school year. This puts us at \$10,124,621 worth of supplies distributed since opening in 2010.

compared to peers from the same socioeconomic demographic.

In addition, we reached the million mark milestone with 1,014,171 pencils distributed to our schools since opening!



In May, The Foundation awarded college scholarships to 22 deserving SCPS graduating seniors, totaling \$23,000. Because the number of scholarship applications tripled this past year, The Foundation is looking to expand the scholarship programs for the 2017-2018 year. We wish all the best to our class of 2017 recipients in their college careers!

Learn more about these program and others supported by The Foundation at <a href="https://www.foundationscps.org">www.foundationscps.org</a>

## Did you know you can support The Foundation with a smile?



Did you know that your Amazon purchases could benefit The Foundation? It all starts with a smile, Amazon Smile! When you shop at Amazon using the link below, a portion of your purchase is donated back to support students and teachers of SCPS, at no cost to you!

Simply click here and start shopping.

### In case you missed it!



Build relationships and meet potential customers at Seminole County Public Schools' New Teacher Conference and New Teacher Orientation! These new SCPS teachers will be settling into our community this summer and may need your services.

Vendor packages are available but will sell out! Learn more and sign up at <a href="https://www.foundationscps.org">www.foundationscps.org</a>



Thank you to our Foundation Board Members for an amazing 2016 – 2017 year; we accomplished many great things! To date, The Foundation has raised over \$36 million to ensure that today's SCPS students become tomorrow's productive citizens! Foundation Board 2016-2017

View these stories and more on The Foundation's Facebook Page <u>www.facebook.com/FoundationSCPS</u>

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

New Teacher Conference and New Teacher Orientation
August 2-3, 2017 and August 19, 2017

Support the Mudwalk "Spooky 5K" Run/Walk to benefit the SCPS

Environmental Studies Center

October 14, 2017

21st Annual Arts Alive in Seminole! November 11, 2017

24th Annual Golf FORE Education Tournament March 26, 2018

#### Our Mission

The Foundation's mission as a non-profit organization is to enhance the quality of education in Seminole County Public Schools by: raising and distributing funds and in-kind donations; fostering involvement in schools by business and the community; and providing recognition and rewards for outstanding contributions to, and performance within, the school system.

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