**The News From Seminole Heights United Methodist Pre-School**

 April 2025 6111 Central Ave.; Tampa, FL 33604 (813) 232-8231

**SHUMPS Closes at 5:00 p.m. on**

**Thursday, April 3, 2025 for a Staff**

**Meeting.**

Saying Hello…

Say hello to Shannon Mesquita. She is helping in the Twos Room and Infants.

Please say hi and introduce yourself when you see her around.

***Picture Day …April 7 and April 8***

Mark your calendar for Individual and VPK Graduation Pictures Schedule:

Monday, April 7th

VPK Spring and Cap & Gown Pictures

AND

Threes & Students with Older Siblings

Tuesday, April 8th

Infants, Toddlers, and Twos will be in the spotlight!



***Easter Bunny Pictures*** …On April 11 the Easter Bunny will be here. We will be selling a digital print of your child(ren) with the Easter Bunny for $5.00. All proceeds help to support the gifts for the teachers for staff appreciation week. Please sign up and pay in the office if you would like a photo of the Easter Bunny and your child(ren). Thank you for your support.

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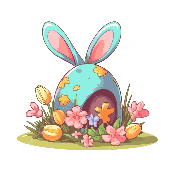
***Easter Worship …*** Join us for [**Easter Worship**](https://www.facebook.com/events/1792497291606660/?__cft__%5b0%5d=AZUsI7BTengOCP6S9RGNhbpHs_CmYOWPcnc9EksnctnHv8OpYmWu9y4HGmC_rx7bwxTsOiPz-8dIo6QfmbEaVO6MYtuLiHz9H2VWt_mljbnoPUoPBHmmdwf6lB0e3X3Bj5eRC1g_opmKWaIcekxrqX03QV7yrsAgxPIMVfoyWIc0Sqf7v6-jMG1hXW7X5b1p8lx4iyPc0TCk0lkWdHKDOEfSEVzYCX2GTwutiJ1H218bbQ&__tn__=-UK-R) on April 20 at 7:00am or 10:30am. Learn more about all our Holy Week offerings at [**semheights.com/easter**](http://semheights.com/easter?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR2znQv1JAXESPieci0599UZNRczx0qMvC6U59WEbKdXpLNdDvTWQtiytvo_aem_3gS5qIItASmq-ahIhoBtBg)

A poster for a easter bunny hop event

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**Easter Bunny Hop Saturday, April 12, 10:00am - 12:00pm …**

**…**Join us for this fun event for kids and families. Tickets are required to secure your entry time. Journey through different activities and hunt for eggs! Don't leave without stopping to get a free photo with the Easter Bunny! Tickets are available [www.semheights.com](http://www.semheights.com). Volunteers needed. If you want to help please go to www.semheights.com/volunteer



***EASTER HAT PARADE…***On **Thursday, April 17th** at 9:30 a.m. you are invited to a special event. Our children are going to enjoy an Easter Hat Parade. Please come and see all the creations!!!

***Good Friday April 18, 2025 … SHUMPS will be closed***

***Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week Committee…***

May 5 – 9 has been designated as a

special week to recognize those individuals who provide early care and education to our children. Please contact me in the office to volunteer and help coordinate how parents can help celebrate our staff. Thank you in advance for supporting our wonderful staff.

### Scholastic Book Orders…

### Book orders will be due on April 15th. Remember you can now order online.

Registration for 2025-2026 school year and Summer is now open to the public… Thank you for everyone who re-registered in such a timely manner. We do this every spring. If you haven’t registered yet, you may want to do so to guarantee your child’s spot.

Summer Withdrawals…

In order to maintain the effectiveness of our preschool, which is a year round school, continuous payment must be made during the summer months. If you choose to withdraw your child(ren) for the summer, there is no guarantee that the slot(s) will still be available in the fall. There are often waiting lists for children needing to enroll, so these available spaces must be filled.

**Midweek Meditation Every Wednesday @ 4**

**Free Community Dinner Every Wednesday***​*

**5:30 pm…** We are excited to offer a WEEKLY free dinner each Wednesday night from 5:30-6:30. All are welcome! Take a break from cooking and gather around the table with us!

**Free Dinner and Messy Church**

***April 30 @ 5:30 p.m. …***



**PBS Skill of the Month**

Every month a new Positive Behavior skill is highlighted in our classrooms. Take time to see what your children are learning.

In April our skill is “tone of voice”. There are 4 levels of your voice: level 3) outside voice; level 2) table talk: level 1) whispering; and level 0) no talking.

**Important Reasons Why Tone and Words Can Be More Positive**

Here are some important reasons why your tone of voice and the words you use can make your parent-child communication and interactions much more positive and rewarding:

1. **Your child will be more likely to listen.** This is basic logic. What would you prefer—someone who is speaking to you in a harsh or critical tone or someone who's talking to you in a calm, reasonable, and nice voice? Even if there's a disagreement or you need to correct something your child is doing, a gentle voice, even if it's firm, is likely to get more of your child's attention and she'll be more likely to [listen to what you are saying](https://www.verywellfamily.com/why-your-child-is-not-listening-to-you-620116).
2. **Being harsh isn't effective.** When you yell or speak aggressively to your child, you're less likely to get good results and may even harm your relationship. In fact, research shows that [yelling](https://www.verywellfamily.com/how-to-discipline-without-yelling-at-kids-620125) may be as [harmful as spanking](http://www.news.pitt.edu/news/yelling-doesn-t-help-may-harm-adolescents-pitt-led-study-finds). Sure, your child may listen in the short-term, but if you want your child to develop the skills he needs to regulate his own behavior, speaking nicely is clearly the better way to go.
3. **Kids learn from our behavior.**

The surest way to get your child to speak nicely to you is to speak nicely to her. And if you constantly criticize and speak harshly to her? Well, you can guess what you'll get from that.

1. **You'll have a stronger relationship.**

When you treat your child with respect and kindness, you'll [strengthen your bond](https://www.verywellfamily.com/habits-that-will-strengthen-your-parent-child-bond-620063). Say "Thank you" and "Please" when you speak to your child, and firmly explain that you expect him to do the same. Treating each other with good manners and respect will bring you closer; mean words and a harsh voice will have the opposite effect.

1. **Your child will treat friends, teachers, and others in his life with respect.**When you use a nice tone of voice with your child at home, he'll naturally do this at school and in other settings. It won't be long before those around your child comment on her beautiful manners and nice way of speaking, and she'll be proud of these skills, which will carry her into adolescence and beyond. Imagine it: a polite teen who knows how to express herself in a respectful manner! It's possible when you instill these skills now.

Looking Ahead

* May 5 – 9 – Staff Appreciation Week
* May 23 – VPK Graduation – 7:00 p.m.
* May 26 – SHUMPS Closed - Memorial Day



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TO YOU …

Mrs. Vienna-April 7

Ms. Amanda - April 8

Alfie R. – April 12

Aaron D. –April 13

Josiah S.- April 14

Lennier C.-April 15

Ava F.-April 17

Mrs. Teresa - April 22

Mae L.-April 25

Bradley B. –April 28