



**Weekly Memo for Parents  
Monday, August 17, 2020**

Ready, set, go!

We are super excited about the school start! Important updates about the school start were shared earlier this week, and we will continue to add links for important documents to our Weekly Memos each week. You can find our past memos under the Notes section on NES Facebook Page as well as on our website at <http://nes.okee.k12.fl.us/>.

Additionally, click here for the [8-15-20 Back to School Update](#) from the School District. District wide reopening information that include bus routes can be found in the [Okeechobee County 2020 School Information Guide](#).

**Option Changes Freeze and New Student Enrollment**

With many things that are new and others changing, our teachers and staff are committed to providing a smooth back to school transition to all of our Tigers. With that in mind, we will start the day as planned at this given point in time.

If families decide to change the school option that their child is currently in, we ask that you simply call our office on Tuesday, August 18, inform us of your request, and we will schedule an appointment to discuss the change and the time frame for the change. **DO NOT READ** This is important because our classrooms are set up to house a certain number of students, and our technology resources have been distributed based on the current student information in each school option.

Additionally, if your child has not been enrolled in school yet, please register them via <http://okee.k12.fl.us/new-student-registration> and wait for someone from the school to contact you. **No new enrollment or option changes will be made in our office on Monday.**



### Getting Home

Teachers have been communicating with families to ensure that we have the correct information for how your child is to get home. If you need to make different arrangements, please call our office ASAP and no later than noon on the first day of school. Going forward, all changes must be communicated to the office no later than 2:30 PM each day.

If you would like for your child to attend after care, your child MUST be previously enrolled. The enrollment information and electronic forms are available at <http://okee.k12.fl.us/aftercare>. AfterCare starts on Monday.



### Virtual Tigers @ Okeechobee Synch

#### Option 2 Students

Students who are enrolled in Option 2 should log into their teacher's Google Classroom starting 7:50 AM (no later than 8:10 AM) and follow their teacher's directions for participation and teleconferencing throughout the day. Specific guidelines are outlined in our [NES Reopening Plan 2020 - Family Guide](#).

If your child is enrolled in Option 2 but you do not know how to access his or her learning materials, please start by e-mailing your child's Option 2 teacher to establish contact. Be sure to leave your best contact information so that you can be reached.

The following teachers are our Option 2 teachers:

KG - Mrs. Diaz; [sarah.diaz@okee.k12.fl.us](mailto:sarah.diaz@okee.k12.fl.us)

1st - Mrs. Williams; [rachel.williams@okee.k12.fl.us](mailto:rachel.williams@okee.k12.fl.us)

2nd - Mrs. Phillips; [tracy.phillis@okee.k12.fl.us](mailto:tracy.phillis@okee.k12.fl.us)

3rd - Mrs. Keller; [elaine.keller@okee.k12.fl.us](mailto:elaine.keller@okee.k12.fl.us)

4th - Mrs. Maynor; [leslie.maynor@okee.k12.fl.us](mailto:leslie.maynor@okee.k12.fl.us)

5th - Mrs. Carlton; [emily.carlton@okee.k12.fl.us](mailto:emily.carlton@okee.k12.fl.us)

K-1 ESE - Mrs. Hazellief; [jeanne.myers@okee.k12.fl.us](mailto:jeanne.myers@okee.k12.fl.us)

3-5 ESE - Mrs. Cotton; [karen.cotton@okee.k12.fl.us](mailto:karen.cotton@okee.k12.fl.us)

All special area teachers are offering some virtual classes as well.

## *Important Updates*

### **Important Updates this Year**

- Parent Drop Off starts at 7:45 AM (note the change from 7:30 AM last year)
- Masks are required on campus at all times. Students requesting an exemption must present a doctor's note to school administration PRIOR to entering our campus without a mask. No exceptions!
- Self-screening is required prior to entering campus (student home screener is provided on page 5 of the NES Reopening Plan 2020 - Family Guide).
- Temperature checks are conducted for students and staff
- Visitors are not allowed - always call ahead for an appointment
- Parent meetings are held virtually
- Drop off of non-instructional items is not allowed

Please stay in communication with your child's teacher via Class DOJO (teachers will invite you to their group).

### **Important Documents**

Please be on the lookout for the following resources in your child's Parent Communication folder on Tuesday:

[NES Student Handbook 2020](#) (keep)

[NES Reopening Plan 2020 - Family Guide](#) (keep)

Chromebook Insurance Form (return if purchasing)

[Over The Counter Medication Form](#) (return if authorizing medication)

[Emergency Contact Information Sheet](#) (return for all students)

It is important that you include your e-mail address on the Emergency Contact sheet so that you can continue to be included in receiving important updates from our school.

Thank you for allowing us to educate your child this year!

Sincerely,

Dr. Tuuli Robinson

Principal of North Elementary School