Putting Students First!

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Tiger Times

November is Family Engagement Month

When schools work together with families to support learning, children are inclined to succeed not just in school, but throughout life. The Florida Department of Education recognizes that a child's education is a responsibility shared by both schools and families during the entire period a child spends in school.

The following are just a few suggestions of the many ways you can be involved with your child's education:

- Contact your child's teacher early in the school year and maintain communication throughout the school year.
- Participate in parent/teacher conferences.
- Ask the teacher what your child is learning and



how you can support this at home.

- Talk with your child daily about homework, classroom activities, and events.
- Learn about school policies and expectations so you can help your child understand them.
- Make efforts to stay informed of school and classroom events.
- Model behaviors and attitudes you expect from your child.
- Encourage and nurture your child's creativity.
- Be proactive in making the school aware of your support for your child's education.
- Talk with your employer about flex time so you can participate in school activities.

- Establish a daily family routine.
- Monitor out of school activities.
- Model the value of learning, self-discipline, and hard work.
- Express high, but realistic expectations for achievement.
- Encourage your child's development/progress in school.
- Encourage reading, writing, and discussions among family members.

Be positive when talking with your child about school related activities.

From: Florida Department of Education

November Events

11/6 Book Fair Week: National Young **Readers Week** SAC meeting 5:30 pm 11/9 Book Fair Open 11/10 Veterans Day Assembly 9:00 am 11/13 4th Grade Beef O Brady's Fundraiser 5-7 pm 11/15 Progress Report Day 10/16 Fall Pictures Retakes 11/17 Early Release Day 11/17 College T-Shirt Day 11/17 NES Track and Field 11/20-11/24 Fall Break and Thanksgiving Week 11/28 All County Chorus 11/30 2nd Grade Snowcones Fundraiser Day 11/30 Parents' Informationa Session on Writing 5:30 pm at Media Center

Veterans Day Assembly

We have many activities planned to celebrate our Veterans. A Wall of Honor will be set up to honor family members who have served in the armed forces. Students will be bringing home a Veterans Day Salute Tile—please help them complete it and bring it to school by Wednesday, November 8. Our Veterans Day ceremony will take place on Friday, November 10.

We also have invitations for Veterans to come and join their child or grandchild for lunch in our Cafeteria. School lunch for Veterans is sponsored by NES Parent Teacher Organization (PTO).

Our lunch times are as follows: KG: 10:45 am, 1st grade: 11:15 am, 2nd grade: 11:35; 3rd grade: 12:00; 4th grade: 12:20; 5th grade: 11:00 am.

We hope to see many Veterans at our ceremony. Thank you for your service!



Fall Pictures make up day is November 16!

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Acaletics Green Club

Our website is available

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Students in grades 3-5 take monthly Acaletics assessments in Math. This assessment measures students' performance on all grade level Math standards. Students who show a gain of 10%, or have met their monthly goal, will be invited to a Green Party at the end of the month. Students performing 80% or higher will become part of our Green Club. Let's keep on learning NES! We want to see ALL students succeed and make it to the Green Club by March so that they feel confident when taking their Florida State Assessment in Math.

We Continue Collecting Box Tops!



Please keep collecting and turning in the Box Tops so that our school can earn money! Box Tops

drawing winners will join our Honor Roll students for their awards luncheon at Golden Corral.

Do not forget to use the Bonus App for extra earnings! For more information, please visit

http://www.boxtops4education.com/bo nusapp

Be Active at NES!

Parents' Informational Sessions

Parents' Informational Sessions are held on every last Thursday of the month, starting 5:30 pm in the Media Center.

In November, we will be talking abut writing. We will look at the progression of writing from K-5, and analyze examples of students' writing using grade level writing rubrics.

We hope to see you there!



Attendance is the Key— Every Day, From Bell to Bell



Our classroom instruction starts promptly at 8:10. While emergencies arise, please try to make it to school on time to avoid disruption of instructional flow.

To boost our daily attendance, we will be awarding each classroom weekly with a Perfect Attendance Certificate when

- All students are at school every day of that week
- All students arrived on time (in class by 8:10), and
- All students remained at school until dismissal.

The classroom with most certificates in January will participate in a **Mega Jam Party**. The classroom with the most certificates in spring will participate in a **Mega Splash Party**—as never seen before!

Parents, please help us with keeping kids at school every day!!!

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