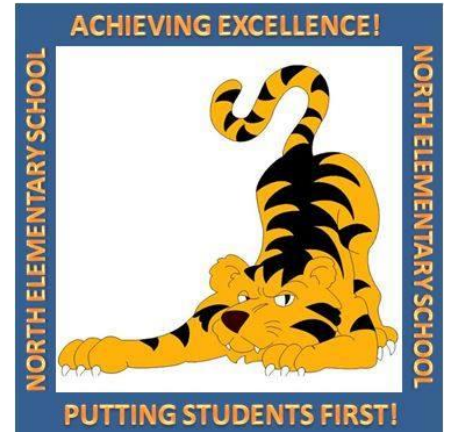


# Tiger Times

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Dear NES Families,

The last three weeks of December will be extremely busy! We have a lot of work to do, and we will be sure to set aside some time for fun as well!

## iReady Diagnostic Assessment 2

iReady diagnostic 2 window starts today. This is a very important assessment as students' performance on this assessment will determine their online iReady lessons path for the remainder of the school year. Please check with your child's teacher what day your child will be taking this important assessment and encourage your child to give his/her very best. If you set an iReady goal at your first APTT meeting, this is a perfect time to revisit the goal that you set, and talk about this goal with your child. Last but not least – do not forget to celebrate the success after the diagnostic assessments results are in!

## Winter Wonderland Holiday Shoppe

Be sure to visit our Holiday Shoppe that is open from December 3 - December 7! Students have an opportunity to visit the Shoppe during the week and purchase small gifts for their family if they choose to do so. There will be sometime to buy in all price ranges up to \$20.

The Holiday Shoppe is our PTO fundraiser. Thank you for supporting our school!



## Upcoming Events

- 12/3 iReady Diagnostic 2 Window Starts  
Winter Wonderland Holiday Shoppe opens today!
- 12/4 Fall pictures retakes
- 12/5 National Day of Mourning in honor of former president George H.W. Bush  
Elk Lodge Drug Prevention presentation for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- 12/6 DARE Graduation at the Okeechobee Agri Civic Center
- 12/7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 12/10 OHS Drama Club performance at 8:20 AM (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- 12/11 School Board Meeting 6:00 PM
- 12/12 4<sup>th</sup> Grade to AgVentures
- 12/13 4<sup>th</sup> Grade to AgVentures
- 12/14 County Track and Field event at OHS
- 12/18 KG PBS Day - Wooden Jungle
- 12/20 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade PBS Day – Crafts  
Jump Rope for Heart Assembly
- 12/21 KG Christmas Program 8:30 AM  
1<sup>st</sup> grade PBS Day – Wooden Jungle  
Early Release Day – students' dismissal starts at 11:30 AM
- 12/24-1/4 Winter Break – No School
- 1/7 Teacher Plan Day – No School

## PBS Events

Many grade levels will have their PBS reward days this month. These days are planned as rewards for our students for being on their very best behavior at all times! We would like to see all of our students to be able to be part of the fun filled activities that teachers have planned. Additionally, NES now has a Tiger Paw store where students can purchase small items for their Tiger Paws that they have received for exemplary behaviors.



## Christmas Parade

NES students are invited to walk in the City Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 8 at 6:00 PM. The permission slips will be sent home as soon as we have our lineup information. Please be on the lookout for these permission slips as they are due by noon on Friday so that we have enough time create participant lists and ensure that we have adequate coverage.



## Flags at Half Staff to Honor the Former President, George H.W. Bush

Our flags will be flown at half-staff until December 30 in honor of the former United States President, George H.W. Bush. December 5 has been declared as a National Day of Mourning. On Friday, December 7, our flag is also flown at half-staff in remembrance of Pearl Harbor.

## Okeechobee County School District Non-discrimination Notice

The School District of Okeechobee County has adopted Board Policy 6.43, Unlawful Discrimination Prohibited. No person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, pregnancy, age, national or ethnic origin, genetic information, political beliefs, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, if otherwise qualified, social and family background or on the basis of the use of a language other than English by Limited English Proficiency (LEP) students, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity, or in any employment conditions or practices conducted by this School District, except as provided by law.

The School District of Okeechobee County shall comply with all federal and state laws which include the Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended by the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA), Title IX, Section 504, Florida Education Equity Act, Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA), Genetic Information Non-Discrimination Act of 2008 (GINA), and the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act.

Any employee, student, applicant for admissions, or applicant for employment who believes he/she has been discriminated against or has been harassed by another employee, student, or third party is encouraged to use the Equity Plan Grievance Procedure for filing complaints. Complaints may be filed with the principal or immediate supervisor, District Equity Coordinator/Director of Human Resources or the Superintendent.

Director of Human Resources  
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## In the Community

### Drug and Substance Abuse Prevention – Presented by Elks Lodge

Mr. Ray Lazano from Elks Lodge will be talking about the drug and substance abuse prevention on Tuesday, December 4 at 6:00 at Indian River State College, and on Thursday, December 6 at 6:00 PM at Osceola Middle School. These presentations are open for all families!



NES teachers and staff would like to wish all of our families a very Merry Christmas! May you have peace and tranquility throughout the holiday season!