

# Tiger Times

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Dear NES Families,

It is hard to believe that September is here! This month brings us many parental involvement initiatives. Our Parental Involvement Committee has already met and will be meeting again on September 4<sup>th</sup> to finalize our Parental Involvement Plan. Our Academic Parent Teacher Team (APTT) meetings start this week! These meetings will be held at 7:45-9:00 AM in your child's classroom three times per year. Teachers will share information about your child's progress in class, and talk about ways that you can help your child at home. You will also be setting academic goals for your child for the school year. Teaching and learning is a partnership between the school and our families, and it is imperative that all parents attend these important meetings!

In addition to the APTT meetings, we will invite parents to come and learn about specific initiatives during our Parental Involvement Nights every last Thursday of the month. We hope to see everyone there! Title I Annual Meeting will take place on September 27, and it is focused on learning about NES, our current data, your rights as a parent, and the resources that you have access to in order to help your child be successful at school. Together, we can pave the pathway to a successful school year, one step at a time!

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*Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out.*

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Here is a preview of some of the resources that you can access at home to help your child succeed:

**Florida Standards and Resources** - available at [www.floridastudents.org](http://www.floridastudents.org).

**i-Ready**—[login.i-ready.com](http://login.i-ready.com)

i-Ready is a web based program that is used to assess students' learning and identify their learning path for the school year. The lessons that are assigned to students through this program can be accessed both at school as well as at



## Upcoming Events

- 9/3 Labor Day – No School
- 9/4 KG APTT  
DARE Starts (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
Parental Involvement  
Committee Meeting 3:15PM
- 9/7 Last Day to Order  
Bullying Prevention T-Shirts
- 9/10 Grandparents Day Lunch
- 9/11 Patriots Day  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade APTT
- 9/12 Progress Report Day
- 9/13 Early Release Day  
NES SAC Meeting 5:00 PM
- 9/14 Teacher Plan Day – No  
Students
- 9/17 Reading For Education  
Fundraiser Starts
- 9/18 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade APTT
- 9/24 Celebrate Freedom Week  
Florida
- 9/25 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade APTT
- 9/26 Dads Take Your Child to  
School Day  
Johnny Appleseed Birthday  
(KG)
- 9/27 Parental Involvement Night  
at NES: Title I Annual  
Meeting 5:00 PM
- 9/28 College T-Shirt Day  
Snow Cones Day

**Every Wednesday is a Hat Day in support of March of Dimes. Students can wear a hat for a donation of 25 cents.**

home. It is suggested that students use i-Ready 20 minutes (in both ELA and Math) per day.

**Reflex Math—** [www.reflexmath.com](http://www.reflexmath.com)

Reflex math is an online, easy to access math fact fluency program. Math fact fluency is the quick and effortless recall of basic math facts. When students do not have to struggle with math facts' recall, they can easily solve more complex math problems. We encourage students to use Reflex Math 15 minutes per day.

**AR Book Find—** [www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com)

Accelerated Reader (AR) is a reading incentive program that rewards students for reading! After students have finished reading a book, they can take mini-assessments in AR to earn points, which transfer into awards at school! These tests are available at school only, but you can help your child with selecting the best books by exploring the AR BookFind website.



## In the Community

### Family Nights at IRSC

The Okeechobee Children's Mental Health System of Care will hold parent nights on every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Williamson Education Center at IRSC. These free events cover different subjects related to children's education, mental and physical health, and their well-being in general and feature guest speakers who are experts in their field.

### Grandparents Day, September 9

We would like to invite our grandparents to have lunch with their grandchild on Monday, September 10 during their grandchild's lunchtime. School lunch is available for purchase. Thank you grandparents for everything that you do!

### Out of Field Teachers

Each year schools are required to inform parents about the certification status of classroom teachers. These NES teachers are currently teaching out of field: Patti Leach - Guidance Counselor; certified in Elementary Education (grades 1-6) and ESOL; Kristi Nolte—Gifted Education; certified in in Elementary Education and Biology (6-12); Christina Maggio – Elementary Education; certified in Exceptional Student Education and Middle Grades Math and Science.

Kristi Nolte, Jacqueline Boyett, and Michelle Sanders are currently Out of Field and working toward their endorsement in ESOL (English for the Speakers of Other Languages).

We currently have three substitute teachers serving as classroom teachers: Rebecca Whitehead (KG), Sarah Diaz (KG), and Jessica Wisener (1st grade).

All other teachers at NES are in-field and highly qualified. If you have any questions regarding these qualifications, please contact Dr. Tuuli Robinson at (863)462-5100 or [robinsont@okee.k12.fl.us](mailto:robinsont@okee.k12.fl.us).

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