



# Tiger Times

## We Appreciate Our Volunteers!

We all know that it takes a village to raise a child. It could not be any more true about educating our children as well: while schools do their very best to teach students according to the latest educational standards, it is important to remember that there is much more than that to a well rounded education.

We are very fortunate to have many helpers along the way! Several teachers have donated their time to spearhead the Box Tops and Ink Cartridges recycling initiative, while others pitch in with assisting with the Clothing Closet—from replenishing clothes to organizing the closet, just to make sure that every child has clean clothes to wear should they need a spare set at school.

Additionally, NES is partnering with the Foster Grandparent Program that places

foster grandparents into our classrooms to be role models and mentors to students with exceptional needs. Currently, we have two foster grandparents, Mrs. Massie and Mrs. Kilpatrick, who assist us in several primary level classrooms.

There are many other ways that volunteers help our school on a daily basis. Mrs. Julie Reno has been spotted helping out in our kindergarten classrooms, and Mr. Joe Suarez in 4th grade. Several 2nd grade parents have lent a helping hand with the 2nd grade show cone fundraiser.

Okeechobee High School AVID students come to NES regularly to assist in our primary classrooms which is a tremendous help. They also assist with special events and other activities as needed, While it is almost impossible to list all the ways that dif-

ferent volunteers help our school, we would like to thank each and every person who has taken time out of their busy days to help NES in one way or another.



### Volunteer Breakfast April 5

To show our appreciation, we would like to invite our Volunteers and any parents who are interested in volunteering to a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on Thursday, April 5 at 8:30 A.M. at our office. Sign Up forms for volunteering at NES will be available.

### April Events

- 4/2 Title I Family Engagement Survey Opens
- 4/3 Report Card Day  
3rd 9 Weeks Awards  
8:30 3rd Grade  
9:15 4th Grade Awards  
10:00 5th Grade Awards
- 4/4 Spring Pictures  
KG Ag Day
- 4/5 Volunteer Breakfast  
8:30 A.M.  
Acaletics Green Party  
Grades 3-5
- 4/6 KG APTT  
3rd Grade FSA Pep Rally
- 4/10-4/11 FSA ELA—3rd grade
- 4/13 4th and 5th Grade FSA Pep Rally
- 4/16-4/17 FSA Math—5th grade
- 4/18-4/19 FSA Math—3rd grade
- 4/20 Mrs. Cotton's Class Nursing Home Visit
- 4/23-4/24 FSA ELA—5th grade
- 4/25 Progress Report Day
- 4/25-4/26 FSA ELA—4th grade
- 4/26 2nd Grade Snow Cones Fundraiser
- 4/27 Early Release Day  
Talent Show Tryouts  
Mrs. Cotton's Class Nursing Home Visit
- 4/30-5/1 FSA Math—4th grade
- 5/1-5/2 FCAT Science—5th

## NES Butterfly Garden



A big shout out and thank you goes to the General Federation of Women's Club (GFWC) Juniors, Mrs. Dionna Farmer, Mrs. Brandy Botello, and Mrs. Holly Mixon who worked on setting up a beautiful butterfly garden for our students to enjoy. Mrs. Farmer said that this is something that they have been wanting to do for a while, and they were inspired by the NES Gifted program that is always focusing on nature and science.

We are blessed to be part of such as giving community!

CHEESE!



Spring Pictures  
Wednesday, April 4

# SCHOOL YEARBOOK

Pre-Order

Yearbooks are available for preorder on our school's Picaboo website at [northern.picaboo.com](http://northern.picaboo.com). Hardcover books are \$35 and softcover books are \$25. Be on the look out for an order form going home with your child on Monday, April 9. Yearbooks will be arriving in May before the end of the school year. Be sure to order your yearbooks now—we will NOT purchase additional books to sell at school.

## Safety Reminders for Students' Late Check In

Students' safety is our first priority. We would like to remind everyone that students who are late and arrive after the bell must be signed in by an adult at the front office. There is no supervision outside after the bell, and leaving students alone is not safe. Please help us with ensuring the safety of your child.

## FSA Testing Reminders

As you can see from the events calendar, there is testing going on in grades 3-5 throughout the month of April. Please help us by talking to your child about the importance of doing their very best on the Florida State Assessments. Parents can also help by ensuring that students are at school, on time, and ready to go. We serve free breakfast to all students.



## NES Has Talent!

Now is the time to dust off your dancing shoes and fine tune that favorite song of yours! Our Talent Show Tryouts have been scheduled for Friday, April 27. Be on the lookout for more information from Mrs. Walker.



## Title I Parental Involvement Survey

Your opinion matters! Title I Parental Involvement Surveys are now open. Paper copies of the survey will be sent home with students on Tuesday, April 3. Alternatively, you can also fill out the survey at our front office, or using an online survey link that is available on our website as well as on our Facebook page. Our goal is to receive 225 or more surveys. If we meet or exceed our goal, the office of Grants and Special Programs will award our school with copy paper and ink for our poster maker. The survey window closes on May 4.

## We are Recycling Ink Cartridges!

Our 1st grade and Mrs. Williams would like to announce that NES is recycling ink cartridges again to raise additional funds for our classrooms! Please drop off your used ink cartridges in the bin that is set up in our front hallway.



Thank you for supporting NES!

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## NONDISCRIMINATION NOTICE

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The School District of Okeechobee County shall comply with all the 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.

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