



HAPPY 2018!

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Tiger Times

New Year—New Beginnings!



Happy New Year and Welcome Back Tigers!

We are excited to roll into the new year with many great initiatives and awards! Students who have been avid readers and met their 9 weeks goal for the AR points will enjoy a day at the bowling alley (see calendar for details for dates for each grade level). A big shout out goes to Mrs. Cotton's class who earned a Glow Party for the most weeks of perfect attendance (no absences, no tardies, and no early check outs). The competition continues this 9 weeks! We need all students at school, on time, all day long so that we can maximize the use of the instructional time that we have with them!

Since many new families have joined us since the beginning of the school year, it is a good time to revisit our pro-

cedures for student drop off. As you all know, our drop off area is not very big—yet, we have many families to accommodate during the drop off window from 7:30 to 8:10. When you arrive, please pull up all the way to the first pole at the drop off area. This way we can safely unload three to four cars. Also, please be sure that your child is ready to exit the car when you pull up. Little things like this can help us keep everyone happy as it will reduce the time families have to wait in line, and allows students to spend more time in the classrooms. We truly appreciate everyone's cooperation!

Please remember that student check-out ends at 2:30 pm. Also, new parent pick up cards will be sent home with every student this month—regardless if they

rare car riders every day, some days, or never. Please use this as a spare, or, if your child is not a car rider, keep it in a safe place for that one time that you might need to make special arrangements and pick them up in the parent pick up line. Having the cards will eliminate the need for parents to come and request a card the day of the emergency.

Finally, our second round of APTT meetings start this month! Please check with your child's teacher for your APTT dates. It is very important that you attend these meetings as we will discuss your child's progress in class as well as their second diagnostic assessment.

Let's make this a great rest of the year!

Teacher and Staff Awards



Congratulations to Mr. Ty Smith, our Teacher of the Year for 2017-18! For years, Mr. Smith has been a valued staff member here at NES where he has taught primary grade levels. Mr. Smith is known to all students for his Dress for Success initiative where students are invited to dress up on their Media specials day.

Mrs. Kristi Nolte was nominated to be our First Year Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Nolte is our gifted teacher, and she serves many students in our gifted program from grades 1-5.

Last but not least, we would also like congratulate Mrs. Demise Lopez for being our Non-instructional Employee of the Year for the second year in a row! You can see Mrs. Lopez at the drop off area every morning where she greets all families with a smile on her face.

Congratulations, and good luck at the district level competition!

January Events

- 1/8 Teacher Work Day
No Students
- 1/9 Students Return
- 1/10 AR Bowling—5th Grade
- 1/11 AR Bowling—4th Grade
SAC Meeting 5:30 pm
- 1/12 KG APTT 7:45 am
- 1/15 Holiday—No School
- 1/16 Awards 3-5 Grade
3rd—8:30 am
4th—9:15 am
5th—10:00 am
After School Tutoring
Continues
- 1/16-1/26 Performance Matters
Science Assessment
- 1/17 AR Bowling—3rd Grade
- 1/18 Report Card Day
AR Bowling—2nd Grade
- 1/19 AR Bowling—1st Grade
Career Fair Grades 4-5
- 1/22-1/26 Celebrate Literacy
Week
- 1/23 1st Grade APTT
- 1/24 Jump Rope for Heart
Assembly
- 1/25 2nd Grade to Dolly Hand
Parents' Informational
Session: iReady Ins and
Outs 5:30 pm at the
Media Center
- 1/26 NES Science Fair
Snow Cones Day



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;

Kristen Nolte—Gifted Education; certified in Biology (6-12);

Leah Suarez —4th grade; certified in Speech (6-12).

These teachers are currently Out of Field and working toward their endorsement in ESOL (English for the Speakers of Other Languages):

Cynthia Brinson, Shanique Lovett, Linda Sue Mills, Morgan Murphy, Kristen Nolte, Michelle Sanders, and Leah Suarez.

Rebecca Whitehead (KG) is a substitute teacher, serving as a classroom teacher.

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

Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) Information

Students in grades 3-5 will participate in a Florida Standards Assessment in ELA and Math, and in addition, all 5th grade students will also take a statewide assessment in Science. These preliminary testing windows are:

March 5-9 ELA Writing (Grades 4-5)

April 9-20 ELA Reading (Grade 3)

April 16-May 18 ELA Reading (Grades 4-5), Mathematics (Grades 3-5)

April 30-May 4 Science (5th Grade)

Practice tests are available for FSA at <https://fsassessments.org/> under the Practice Tests tab.



Be Active at NES!

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

This month, we will talk about a program called iReady that your child uses every day in both Reading and Math. You will get to ask questions about this program, and we will explain how this diagnostic program is used to meet the needs of each and every child at NES.



We hope to see you on January 25

Are You Ready to Dance?

Mark your calendars for Friday, February 2! NES Parent Teacher Organization is planning our Winter Dance and we hope that you can join us for fun and games! Please be on the lookout for more information in the upcoming weeks. Tickets will be on sale soon through our front office.



Emergency Information

Prior to the Winter Break, students brought home their Information Sheets reflecting their current information in Skyward. Please return them to us if you have not done so. This information is crucial in case of an emergency when we need to get a hold of a family member in a timely manner. Thank you to everyone who have already returned these sheets with edits as necessary.

NONDISCRIMINATION NOTICE

The School District of Okeechobee County has adopted the 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, disability, if otherwise qualified, social and family background or on the basis of the use of language other than English by Limited English Proficiency (LEP) students, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to the 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 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.

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 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.

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