



Go Tigers!

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Tiger Times

Welcome to 2017-18 School Year!

It is hard to believe that we are starting our second full week of school of the 2017-18 school year!

We have many great initiatives at NES this year! NES will continue holding Academic Parent Teacher Team meetings (APTT) to create a collaborative learning environment between school and home. APTT dates are available on the last page in the Student Handbook that is in your child's agenda. Please familiarize yourself with the topics in the handbook, and mark your calendars for the grade level APTT meetings! We invite you to be an active participant in your child's education and attend these meetings regularly.

Additionally, NES is going

AVID! AVID stands for Advancement via Individual Determination, and it is a program that is geared towards closing the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society. This year, our 4th and 5th grade students will be using AVID strategies to enhance their organizational skills and study habits, so that they can excel in middle school and beyond.

NES provides various trainings to our teachers and staff to bring them up to date with the new initiatives, but we would also like to provide pertinent information to parents in a face-to-face setting. Informational parent workshops will take place on

the last Thursday of each month.

If you would like to learn more about our AVID initiative, please join our first Parent Workshop on August 31 at 5:30 pm at NES Media Center!

We hope to see you there!



AUGUST EVENTS

8/8
Open House 5:00 pm

8/10
First Day of School

8/14-8/31
iReady Diagnostics Assessments in ELA and Math

8/21
Eclipse Day

8/31
Parent Workshop 1: AVID and Chromebooks Informational Session 5:30 pm

Special points of interest:

- NES goes AVID
- Chromebooks in Grades 2-5
- Join our SAC Committee!
- NES has spirit—purchase your Spirit Wear today!

NES is Going Digital with Chromebooks in Grades 2-5

For the past several years, we have tried hard to ensure that all students have regular access to electronic tools. Our 5th grade classrooms have been 1:1 for several years which means that each student has a device available in their classroom at all times, and we had a shared 1:1 initiative in 4th grade

starting last school year.

Thanks to the OCSB IT Department, this year, all students in grades 2-5 will have a Chromebook to use in their classroom!

Your child will be bringing home a Chromebook User Guide. Please talk to your child about the proper use of

electronic devices. While students will use these devices under a supervision of their teacher, accidents may happen. Be on the lookout for Chromebook Insurance information that will be sent home with your child. For more information, please join our first Parent Workshop on August 31!

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Our website is available
at okee.k12.fl.us NES tab

NES Has Spirit!

Our newly designed school shirts are available at the school office. The heather gray T-shirts with the school logo are \$10. We also have matching tumblers that make a great addition to you child's spirit wear! The tumblers also cost \$10.

NES students and staff are invited to sport our spirit wear every Friday to show our spirit and support our school.

The last Friday of each month is dedicated to promoting college awareness, and students and staff are encouraged to wear their favorite college T-shirt.

Finally, Mr. Smith is spearheading a Dress for Success initiative, and he is inviting students to dress up on their Media specials day. The purpose of this initiative is to make students feel good about themselves and provide an opportunity to be part of our AVID community that promotes success and college awareness at all ages.



Get your matching NES t-shirt and tumbler today!

Be Active at NES!

NES is recruiting members for our School Advisory Committee (SAC)! If you are a parent or a community member and are interested in getting involved with NES—please join us! SAC Committee is made of dedicated teachers, staff members, parents, and community members who help us make decisions that impact our school and our students. **Our first SAC meeting will take place on September 14 at 5:30 pm in our Media Center.** We hope to see you there!

Please contact the school office at 863-462-5100 to sign up or to receive more information.

North Elementary School will create a learning environment in which teachers and parents work together to enable each student to realize his/her potential. The school and its faculty will provide students with the best resources and instruction possible in order for them to be successful both in school, and later in life as thriving members of our society.

NES Is Collecting Boxtops!

Parents, NES is collecting General Mills boxtops! Over the years, we have made close to 20,000 dollars in boxtops money which is used to buy much needed supplies for our school. Keep them coming! We appreciate your support!

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.

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Director of Human Resources

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