



Putting Students First!

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Tiger Times

Maximizing Instructional Time



Our goal at NES is to maximize learning time. Mornings are a busy time that our students do not want to miss! We open our doors for students at 7:30 am to set the stage for a great day.

What is happening at NES from 7:30 to 8:10 when the tardy bell rings?

- Students can eat breakfast! Every student is eligible to receive a free breakfast that is served from 7:30-8:10.
- Students can go outside for extra recess until the 7:50 bell. For some stu-

dents, this is their favorite time of the day as they get to meet and greet with their friends. They also get to run out the extra energy that they brought to school!

- Mrs. Catalan, our ESOL paraprofessional, is running our brand new Rosetta Stone Chromebook lab to assist our English Language Learners with English skills.
- Mrs. Leach, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Boyett meet with specific students as part of their Check-In-Check Out program.
- Our classroom doors open at 7:50. This time is especially valuable for maximizing instructional time as students have an opportunity to take AR tests, work on Reflex Math, catch up with

iReady lessons, check in with the teacher and turn in notes and assignments, and of course—do their bell work. As you can see, this is an extremely busy time and the more students can take advantage of it, the better. Essentially, this is an additional 20 minutes that the students spend on learning. If your child is at school by 7:50 every day, they are exposed to an additional 100 minutes of learning every week. This multiplied by 180 days means that students who are here by 7:50 daily have an additional 60 hours of learning time by the end of the school year. This is a lot of time for additional learning! Be sure that you child is part of it!

October Events

10/3	APTT 4th Grade
10/6	Fall Pictures
10/10	APTT 5th Grade
10/13	End of 1st 9 Weeks
10/16-17	Teacher Work Day No Students
10/19	PTO meeting 5:30 pm
10/24	Report Card Day Awards Grades 3-5
10/25	Unity Day— Wear Orange 3rd Grade to Dolly Hand
10/26	Parents' Informational Session on Florida Standards 5:30 pm
10/27	College T-shirt Day; Snow Cones Day; Movie on the Lawn: Hocus Pocus 7:00 pm

- * Wear orange on Wednesdays
- * Wear pink of Thursdays

What Can Parents Do to Help?

We understand that it might not always be possible to get your child to school by 7:50, but we would like to ask you to aim at being here by 8 am. This will allow your child enough time to finish their breakfast and still make it to class on time for the morning announcements.

ATTENDANCE COUNTS!



EVERY DAY, ALL DAY, ALL THE WAY!

For students' safety, please bring any students arriving to school at 8:10 or after to the front office. They must be signed in by an adult. Thank you for helping us in putting students first!



Fall Pictures make up day is October 6!

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Out of Field Teachers, Addendum

Each year schools are required to inform parents about the certification status of classroom teachers. As an addendum to our September Newsletter, we would like to inform that as of today, Mrs. Melissa Duke has joined our ESE team as an ESE Inclusion Teacher. Mrs. Duke is certified in K-6 Elementary Education.

If you have any questions regarding Mrs. Duke's qualifications, please contact Mrs. Robinson at (863)462-5100 or robinson@okee.k12.fl.us.

We Collect Box Tops!



Please keep on collecting the Box Tops so that our school can earn money!

There are student incentives for bringing in Box

Tops as well. Do not forget to use the Bonus App for extra earnings! For more information, please visit

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/bo>

Be Active at NES!

Parents' Informational Sessions

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

In October, we will be digging deeper into Florida Standards and learn what students are expected to know by the end of school year.

We hope to see you there!



National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. NES will be wearing pink on every Thursday during the month of October to show our support for those who are affected by this terrible disease.



National Bullying Prevention Month

October is also a National Bullying Prevention Month. Please show your support by wearing orange on Wednesdays, culminating in a Unity Day on October 25. For more information, please visit

<http://www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm/unity-day.asp>

If you suspect bullying, please report this to our school personnel immediately. Bullying and Harassment reports are available in the front office as well as on the school website under Accountability Documents at

<http://northelementaryschool.sites.thedigitallbell.com/>

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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.

Director of Human Resources

Title II, Title IX and the Florida Education Equity Act Complaints and

ADA/Section 504 Complaints

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