



Happy New Year!

Welcome back! We hope that you had a peaceful and relaxing holiday season! We are welcoming the new year at NES with a few changes in staffing. Mrs. Hales has left for maternity leave, and Mrs. Kristi Nolte will take her place in the gifted department. While Mrs. Nolte is not a certified teacher, she holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology, and a Master of Science degree in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation. She has also worked with students in our after school tutoring program as a volunteer.

We would also like to welcome Mr. Maurice Alexander, who comes to us from Seminole Elementary School. Mr. Alexander is certified in K-6 Elementary Education, and he will be rounding up our ESE department as a co-teacher with Mrs. Cotton.

Finally, Lauren Halliday will be joining us as a Student Teacher in Mrs. Stanley's class.

Welcome aboard!

Instructional Programs Reminder

For iReady go to: <https://cainc.i-ready.com>. Your child will know his/her username and password.

For Reflex Math go to: <https://www.reflexmath.com/> Your child will know his/her username and password.

More information about all of our programs can be accessed from our school webpage at:

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

Sneak Peak at January Events

01/03—Teacher Work Day—No School

01/04—Students Return to School

01/04—AR Bowling 5th Grade

01/05—AR Bowling 3rd Grade

01/06—AR Bowling 4th Grade

01/09-01/20 APTT Individual Meetings, Grades 4-5

01/10—Awards Ceremony

8:30 3rd Grade

9:15 4th Grade

10:00 5th Grade

01/10—Tutoring Resumes

01/12— Report Card Day

01/12—AR Bowling 1st Grade

01/12—SAC Meeting 6-7 PM

01/13—KG APTT Meeting

01/13—AR Bowling 2nd Grade

01/16—Martin Luther King Day—No School

01/20 APTT 1st Grade

01/23-27—Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida

01/27—APTT 2nd Grade

01/27—College T-Shirt Day

Out-of-Field or Not Highly Qualified Teachers Information

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Each year schools are required to inform parents about the updated certification status of classroom teachers. These NES teachers are currently teaching out of field:

- Mrs. Rebekka Miller (3rd grade) - certified in ESE K-12;
- Mrs. Elaine Keller (4th grade) - certified in PreK/Primary Ed (ages 3-Grade 3) and in ESOL;
- Mrs. Erin Hales (gifted) - certified in PreK/Primary Ed (ages 3-Grade3), endorsed in Reading and ESOL;
- Mrs. Leah Suarez (4th grade) - certified in Speech (grades 6-12);
- Mr. Maurice Alexander (ESE) - certified in Elementary Education (K-6);
- Mrs. Patti Leach, our Guidance Counselor—certified in Elementary Education (grades 1-6) and ESOL.

The following teachers are teaching currently Out of Field and working toward their endorsement in ESOL:

- Mrs. Morgan Murphy
- Ms. Andrea Huff
- Mrs. Rebekka Miller,
- Mrs. Shanique Lovett
- Mrs. Jacqueline Williams-Boyett.

We currently have two substitute teachers serving as classroom teachers:

- Mrs. Cynthia Brinson (4th grade) and
- Mrs. Kristi Nolte (gifted).

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

Non-Discrimination Notice

The School District of Okeechobee County has adopted 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 a language other than English by Limited English Proficiency (LEP) students, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to 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 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.

PBS Pie-in-your-Face Fundraiser



The PBS Pie-in-your-Face Fundraiser is in full swing. Jars for student contributions are displayed in the cafeteria on the stage. Students can drop quarters and dollars in the jars as they walk through the lunchroom to the serving area.

But, WAIT! What is this?

- This fundraiser is for the purpose of stocking our PBS Tiger Paw Store where students can spend their Tiger Paws earned for positive behavior.
- Each jar holds a photo of a teacher or administrator who is willing to take a pie in the face for our students.
- Students get to “vote” for the victim of their choice by placing money in the jar and those with the most money at the end get pied with the whole school watching.

The following good sports are pictured on the jars: Mrs. Kacy Hackett, Mrs. Tuuli Robinson, Mrs. Shundra Dowers, Ms. Aryne Rackley, Mrs. Shanique Lovett, Mrs. Sam Kirton, Ms. Jerilyn Ward, Mrs. Rebekka Miller, Mrs. Tracy Phillips and Mr. Ty Smith. Bring your money for this event by January 13th to see your favorites get pied!

NES DISCOUNT CARDS

Please continue to help us advertise the NES Discount Cards! They are available for sale at our office for \$10 and they offer many great discounts at local businesses!

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 the 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
700 SW 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee, FL 3497