



NES is Going Gold in September

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Learning Never Stops!



North Elementary School takes great pride in providing a rigorous, standards based instruction to our students on a daily basis. The great thing about learning is that it never stops! If you would like to familiarize yourself with Florida Standards and explore some instructional resources that you can use with your children at home, check out the www.floridastudents.org website. There is information as well as resources available for English Language Arts (ELA), Math, Science, and Social Studies—the four core subject areas taught at our school. If you have any questions about this site or how to use the resources, please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher!

Additionally, there are many educational programs that our students can use both at

school as well as at home! Please ask your child's teacher for the login information if you have internet access, and if you would like to use these programs at home.

i-Ready—<https://login.i-ready.com>

In i-Ready which is a district wide reading and math resource, each student has individualized lessons that they will work on to master the skills that they need the most. i-Ready lessons can be accessed both at school as well as at home. It is suggested that students to use i-Ready 20 minutes (in both ELA and Math) per day.

Reflex Math—www.reflexmath.com

Reflex math is an online, easy to access math fact fluency program. Math fact fluency is

the quick and effortless recall of basic math facts. When students do not have to struggle with math facts' recall, they can easily solve more complex math problems. We encourage students to use Reflex Math 15 minutes per day.

AR Book Find—www.arbookfind.com

Accelerated Reader (AR) is a reading incentive program that allows us to reward students for reading! After they have finished reading a book, students can take mini-assessments in AR to earn points which transfer into awards at school! These tests are available at school, only, but you can help your child with figuring out what books they can take tests on by exploring the AR BookFind website.

Happy Reading NES!

September Events

- 9/4 Labor Day—No School
- 9/5 APTT—KG
- 9/7 Fall Pictures
- 9/8 Grandparents' Day
- 9/11 Progress Report Day
- 9/11 Patriots' Day—
Wear Red-White-Blue
- 9/11 DARE Program starts
(5th grade)
- 9/12 APTT 1st Grade
- 9/14 NES SAC Meeting and
School Improvement Plan
Review 5:30 pm at the
Media Center
- 9/15 Student Council Elections
- 9/15 Wear Gold Day
- 9/18 Swimming Unit Starts
- 9/19 APTT 2nd Grade
- 9/19 Dads Take Your Child to
School Day
- 9/21 PTO Meeting
5:30 pm at the Media
Center
- 9/26 APTT 3rd Grade
- 9/28 Title I Annual Meeting
5:30 pm at the Media
Center
- 9/28 Parents' Workshop:
Skyward Gradebook
- 9/29 College T-shirt Day
- 9/29 Snow Cones Sale Day

Martha's House at NES

Have you ever wondered what do our students do while their parents and teachers are at the APTT meetings? This year, students will participate in bullying awareness and social acceptance lessons brought to us by Martha's House—an organization that provides a variety of supportive services in our community. We are looking forward to a great partnership this year!

NES is Going Gold in September to Raise Awareness of Childhood Cancer

Please wear Gold on Friday, September 15 to build awareness of childhood cancer and support the families affected by it.

National Grandparents' Day Sunday, September 10



Sunday, September 10 is National Grandparents' Day! In celebration of this special day, grandparents are invited to come and eat lunch with their grandchildren on Friday, September 8 during their grandchild's lunch time. Adult lunches are available for purchase in the cafeteria for \$3.50. The menu will be pizza, chicken fajita wraps, and pbj.

Thank you grandparents for everything that you do!



Don't forget to dress pretty for our Fall Pictures on Thursday, September 7!

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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):

- Jacqueline Boyett, Cynthia Brinson, Shanique Lovett, Linda Sue Mills, Morgan Murphy, Kristen Nolte, Kimberly Nunez, Jamie Pickett, Michelle Sanders, Leah Suarez.

We currently have three substitute teachers serving as classroom teachers:

- Brenda Newsome (ESE Inclusion)
- Erin Smith (5th Math and Science)
- Rebecca Whitehead (KG).

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 robinsont@okee.k12.fl.us.

Be Active at NES!

APTT (Academic Parent Teacher Team) Meetings

APTT meetings will take place in your child's classroom on selected dates from 7:45-9:00 am. We believe that educating each child requires a partnership between the school and home, and these meetings are geared towards sharing your child's progress in class and providing parents with strategies that can be used to continue learning at home.

You do not want to miss your child's APTT!



NES 2015-16 SPAR (School Public Accountability) Report is now available on our website. A copy is also available at our front office, and at the public library in town. If you would like to learn more about Public Accountability of Schools, please visit

<http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbspar/>

Title I Annual Meeting

Title I Annual Meeting will take place on Thursday, September 28 at 5:30 pm. This meeting includes a presentation that explains the nature of Title I, and how Title I funding is allocated and budgeted at NES.

Wednesdays are Hat Days

Every Wednesday, students are invited to wear a hat for a .25 donation in support of March of Dimes. Teachers and staff can wear a hat for a 1.00 donation. This is part of our fundraiser that culminates in a March of Dimes walk in spring. Everyone is invited to participate!

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.

Director of Human Resources
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ADA/Section 504 Complaints
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