



## We are off to a great start!

There have been many changes at NES this year, but one thing has remained the same: we are fortunate to serve many great students and wonderful families, and we continue putting students first in everything that we do.

The Beginning of the school year is a good time to review core concepts and expectations. NES continues to support and uphold the district's core values:

- P**erseverance
- R**espect
- I**ntegrity
- D**ependability
- E**thics

Mrs. Dowers and Mrs. Robinson start every week on the morning announcements with a blurb about one of the core values, and our goal is to help students think of ways these concepts apply to them in everything that they do.

For example, we discussed the hard work of the Olympic athletes where we learned about perseverance. This week, we talked about integrity, and always doing what is right even when no one else is looking. For example, we take great pride in our students having self discipline when it comes to completing work and taking assessments on the computers when the teacher is not looking. As a result, NES reports on iReady testing have shown very little rushing, and we are proud to say that our students take their work seriously!

We would like to thank all parents for being great role models for their children as well!

## Opportunities to Get Involved

The **School Advisory Council (SAC)** will meet on Thursday, September 8 at 6:30 in the NES media center. SAC is the official monitoring committee of the school improvement plan and school improvement funding. Official members will be elected for the 2016-17 school year. All parents, teachers, and community members are invited to attend.

The **NES Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)** will meet on Wednesday, September 21. All parents are invited to attend.

A Parental Involvement Special Edition Show Time Event featuring NES teachers, administrators, and yes—YOUR child, will take place on Wednesday, September 14 at 6 PM. This is an event you do not want to miss!!! The show time is followed by the **Title I Annual Meeting**. This meeting will include a presentation that explains the nature of Title I, Title I funding is allocated and budgeted at NES.

## National Grandparents Day is Sunday, September 11

Grandparents make the world a little softer, a little kinder, and a little warmer. In celebration of their special day, grandparents are invited to come and eat lunch with their grandchildren on Friday, September 9. Adult lunches are available for purchase in the cafeteria.

## Sneak Peak at September Events

- 9/8 SAC at NES 6:30-7:30 pm**
- 9/9 Grandparents Day**
- 9/9 Fall Pictures Day**



- 9/12 KG APTT 7:45-9:00 am**
- 9/14 Progress Reports Day**
- 9/14 Show Time—Parental Involvement Night and Title I Annual Meeting 6:00-7:30 pm**
- 9/16 Career Fair**
- 9/16 Early Release**
- 9/19 First grade APTT 7:45-9:00 am**
- 9/21 PTO at NES 6:00-7:00**
- 9/23 Second grade APTT 7:45-9:00 am**
- 9/28 Dads Take You Child to School Day**
- 9/30 Third Grade APTT 7:45-9:00 am**
- 9/30 College T-Shirt Day**



## Out-of-Field or Not Highly Qualified Teachers

Each year schools are required to inform parents about the certification status of classroom teachers. Here are the NES teachers 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);

Mrs. Erin Hales (gifted) - certified in PreK/Primary Ed (ages 3-Grade3), endorsed in Reading.

These teachers are currently Out of Field and working toward their endorsement in ESOL:

Morgan Murphy, Andrea Huff, Rebekka Miller, Shanique Lovett, Jacqueline Williams-Boyett, and Alicia Walker.

We currently have three substitute teachers serving as classroom teachers:

Mrs. Cynthia Brinson (4th grade), Leah Suarez (4th grade), and Heidi Crosby (ESE).

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

## Continuing Academic Parent Teacher Teams

**APTT- Academic Parent Teacher Teams at NES** have been a great success, and we truly believe that our students' needs are best met only in a close collaboration with families. Parents are asked to commit to coming to three parent meetings this school year. At these meeting, teachers will share information about your child's performance and teach you a skill based activity to help your child grow academically. Parents who are new to NES—please do not hesitate to ask the teachers or other parents about APTT! We will be glad to share our success stories!

All meetings begin at 7:45 am and will conclude at 9:00 am.

### APTT 1 Meeting Dates at Glance

KG - Sept. 12

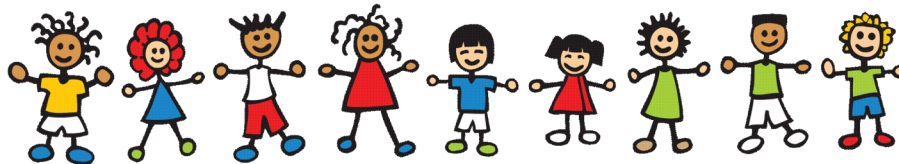
1st grade– Sept. 19

2nd grade– Sept. 23

3rd grade- Sept. 30

4th grade– Oct. 4

5th grade- Oct. 14



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