



## Free Family Movie Night

Please join us for a free and fun family movie night on Friday, October 7 at 7 PM, brought to you by North Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization! We will be watching "Return to Neverland". Students, feel free to dress up as one of the movie characters for extra fun. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and come over for some great time with family and friends. Hotdogs and drinks are available for sale.



**POSTPONED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER—PLEASE BE ON STAND BY FOR A NEW DATE!!!**

## NES Is Maximizing Instructional Time

Have you ever wondered what is really happening at NES from 7:30 to 8:10 when the tardy bell rings?

This is a busy time that our students do not want to miss!

- 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 students, 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 might have brought to school!
- Mrs. Catalan, our ESOL paraprofessional is running a Rosetta Stone lab to assist our English Language Learners with English skills.

- Mrs. Leach and Mrs. Ward are in computer lab where they run our Check-In-Check Out program.
- Our classrooms 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 will receive an additional 100 minutes of classroom time every

week. This multiplied by 180 days means that students who are here by 7:50 every day have an additional 60 hours of learning time by the end of the year. This is a lot of learning!!!

### 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.

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!

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## Sneak Peak at October Events

- 10/7 4th Grade APTT
  - 10/7 Movie on the Lawn—POSTPONED!!!
  - 10/8 Student Council Applebees Breakfast
  - 10/11 Volunteer Orientation
  - 10/14 5th Grade APTT
  - 10/14 End of the 1st 9 Weeks
  - 10/17 No School Teacher Plan Day
  - 10/19 Unity Day— Wear Orange
  - 01/21 Fall Pictures Make Up Day
  - 10/25 Report Card Day
  - 10/25 Grades 3-5 Awards Ceremony
  - 10/28 College T-shirt Day
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## Out-of-Field or Not Highly Qualified Teachers Information

Each year schools are required to inform parents about the certification status of classroom teachers. These 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) and in ESOL;
- Mrs. Erin Hales (gifted) - certified in PreK/Primary Ed (ages 3-Grade3), endorsed in Reading and ESOL;
- Mrs. Patti Leach, our Guidance Counselor—certified in Elementary Education (grades 1-6) and ESOL.

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.

We currently have two substitute teachers serving as classroom teachers:

- Mrs. Cynthia Brinson (4th grade) and
- Leah Suarez (4th grade).

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](mailto:robinsont@okee.k12.fl.us).

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## 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.

## NES Teachers and Students are Taking the Lead

Tiger Times  
Volume 2  
10/03/2016



October is National **Breast Cancer Awareness Month** and our 5th grade will be leading our school in honoring and remembering all those who have had to deal with this terrible disease by wearing pink and bringing their positive attitudes every Thursday in October. They invite all of NES to join them!

October is also a **National Anti-Bullying Month**. Our kindergarten team is inviting everyone to wear orange on October 19, Unity Day, to show how we stand united against bullying. For more information about this cause, 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.thedigitalbell.com/>



1st Grade is continuing their **Box Tops initiative**. Please keep on collecting the Box Tops so that our school can earn money! Box Tops is now featuring a Bonus App for extra money. For more information, please visit

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

## 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  
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