



BEAR CUB CHRONICLE

Narcoossee Elementary Newsletter

October 1, 2024

NCES Students "Give Back"

As a *Leader in Me* school, part of what we believe is that we should help others. We call this a "Give Back." We appreciate all of the NCES families that help us contribute this great cause so that we can "give back" to those in need and make a positive difference in our community!

In September, first grade collected boxes of cereal for "Cereal September." This "Give Back" community service project benefited NCES students and local community food banks! Thank you to everyone that donated!



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NCES Mission Statement
"NCES-Where a foundation is built for a successful future. "

Wendy Honeycutt
Principal

Kristen Staley
Assistant Principal

Hispanic Heritage Month

Florida celebrates Hispanic Heritage month from September 15th-October 15th. NCES students will be celebrating by participating in a schoolwide art contest! Artwork will be displayed throughout the school and winners will be announced on October 17th. Students may also participate in Cultural Dress Day on October 11th.

Students in 4th and 5th may participate in Governor Ron DeSantis' and First Lady Casey DeSantis' Hispanic Heritage Month Essay Contest. The theme of the essay is "Honoring Hispanic Contributions to Florida's Success." The link for the rules and guidelines is below.

[Florida Hispanic Heritage Month 2024](#)
[Official Essay Rules and Guidelines](#)

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Narcoossee Elementary-A Leader in Me Lighthouse School

TLIM “Habit Homework” has a new look!

Every month, students will bring home a new BINGO card for families to complete together! There will be rewards for students who turn in BINGO cards with 2 BINGOS!! Scan the QR code on the bottom of the BINGO card to connect with the NCES Facebook page and share pictures of your family doing the activities on the BINGO card!!

OCTOBER-HABIT #1: BE PROACTIVE

H	A	B	I	T
Say, “Good Morning,” to someone first.	Choose an activity that you enjoy and do it.	Eat dinner at the table together. Use manners.	When you get an argument, how do you stay calm?	Kids, list what your parents are in charge of at home.
Tell a family member what you love about them.	Make a list of things you CANNOT control.	Clean up the living room when no one is looking.	Start a dialogue journal. Write back & forth to each other.	How do you make your own fun when you are bored?
Kids, list what you are in charge of at home.	Play a game with your family. Stay positive.	FREE SPACE	Share something positive about your day.	Make your bed without being asked.
Keep calm and react positively.	Practice saying thank you to each other.	Make a list of things you CAN control.	Draw a picture of a positive day together as a family.	Practice using “I can”, “I will”, and “I prefer”.
Introduce yourself to someone new.	Stop and think before you react. How did it feel?	Share something positive about yourself.	Talk about something you “can do” on your own.	Choose two chores you will be in charge of each week.

FAMILIES, COMPLETE 2 BINGOS EACH MONTH TO RECEIVE YOUR CHARM. Turn into school by October 31st.
MAKE SURE YOU SCAN THE QR CODE TO POST PICTURES ON OUR FACEBOOK GROUP PAGE!!
 “HABIT HOMEWORK BINGO NCES 2024-2025.”



First & Last Name: _____ Teacher Name: _____ Grade: _____

Welcome Partners in Education

Narcoossee Elementary would like to welcome our 2024-2025 business partners. The Partners in Education Program builds relationships between businesses and schools to enhance learning and promote school improvement.

Interested in becoming a Business Partner in Education?

Contact: Samantha Valenti
(407) 892-6858

Samantha.Valenti@osceolaschools.net

2024-2025 Bell Schedule

7:50-Earliest Drop-Off

(Breakfast is FREE for all students!)

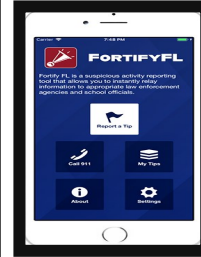
8:10-First Bell

8:20-Tardy Bell

3:15-Dismissal (2:15-Wednesday)

2024-2025 Office Hours

7:30am-4:00pm



FortifyFL
A Suspicious Activity Reporting App

Visit:

<https://getfortifyfl.com/>
to submit a tip online.

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate school officials and law enforcement agencies.

Transportation Information

Transportation Information Parent Hotline
(407) 483-3673



Did you know that there are two applications you can use to track your child's bus and get daily updates regarding transportation delays and route changes?



[Here Comes the Bus](#) is a free application that gives parents and students the ability to track the location of their bus.

Information needed to get started:

- Your child's student ID number
- Your child's last name
- School Code: 73760



BUS BULLETIN

The [Bus Bulletin](#) notification system is a free service used to notify schools, parents, and students when there are bus delays, substitute drivers, and/or schedule changes.

2024 SPIRIT Wear!

Show your Bear Cub Spirit with an NCES t-shirt or hoodie! Available for purchase online through myschoolbucks.com or with cash, charge or check.

myschoolbucks.com

Your link to the NCES Spirit Store. Purchase SPIRIT Shirts & Hoodies, or pay for Dress Down Days, Field Trips, Lunch, Extended Learning Fees, Donations and more.

Attendance Procedures

Please email all attendance notes, including doctor notes, to:

Tanya.Sienko@osceolaschools.net

Or call 407-892-6858

Please do not send paper copies to the school.

Cafeteria Corner

Breakfast is FREE for all students. Regular lunch price is \$2.40 per day. Visit www.myschoolbucks.com to set up an account to deposit lunch money online.

Visit: [School Nutrition Services / Free/Reduced Meal Application \(osceolaschools.net\)](#) to access the [Free/Reduced Meal Application](#).

Prepaid money will need to be in an envelope labeled with the student's name, teacher and student ID number, with a parent/guardian note giving permission for the change to be added to the student's account. If the envelope does not contain a note, the change will be returned to the student.

NARCOOSSEE ELEMENTARY CUSTOMER SERVICE PHILOSOPHY

Giving our personal attention to all by creating a positive atmosphere where we embrace everyone as a valued member of our school family.

respect
family trust
commitment
compassion
sincerity



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**IMPORTANT
DATES**

10/2
National Custodian Day
10/10
SAC/PTO Meetings
10/11
Cultural Dress Day
10/14
Student Holiday
10/17
Dress Down for \$1 Day
10/25
Student Clubs
10/28
Report Cards Issued

Empowering Families
ESOL Institute

October 3rd, 10th, 17th,
and 24th

Out of Field Teachers

The following teachers are working out of field and currently working on certification in the following areas as of October 1, 2024:

Elementary K-6	ESOL E	ESOL E	Gifted
Connell, Vanessa	Callahan, Emily	Tejada, Tiffany	Bunnell-Walker, Catherine
Marks, Lila	Connell, Vanessa	Waters, Candice	Connell, Vanessa
Waters, Candace	Manzo, Tiffany		Smith, Kristen
ESE K-12	Marks, Lila		Winter, Mandi
Marks, Lila	Mendez, Stephanie		PreK/Primary
Winter, Mandi	Stainsby, Laura		Tejada, Tiffany
	Tiedman, Clare		

Join Us on Social Media

<https://www.facebook.com/NCESbearcubs/>
<https://twitter.com/ncesbearcubs>
<https://www.instagram.com/ncesbearcubs/>
<https://www.youtube.com/user/osceolaschoolsfl>

Remind Messaging:
Text @sdocnces to 81010

Have time? Volunteer!



To become an OASIS approved volunteer, register or renew your volunteer application on-line by visiting:

osceolaschools.net

Visit the **[NCES PTO Facebook](#)** page to find out how you can become a member.



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NCES Cross Country Team

The Narcoossee Elementary Cross Country Team competed in their first Cross Country meet at Poinciana High School. Javian Berrios came in 7th place with a time of 8.05. All the runners did amazing and we are looking forward to a great season!



H A P P Y
HOWL - O - WEEN



2nd Grade Community Give Back
We will be donating items to our local animal shelter. Some items that are needed:

- Dog/Cat food (new, unopened)
- New toys
- Unopened treats

Donations will be taken until October 31st

Second Grade Community Service Project

During the month of October, second grade is collecting donations for the animals at the Osceola County Animal Shelter. They are collecting unopened bags of food and treats for cats and dogs along with new toys. Their goal is to collect 400 items to donate to the animals at the shelter. Please help us help the animals and achieve their goal! Donations will be collected at the school.



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**NARCOOSEE
ELEMENTARY
EMPOWERED
FAMILIES
INSTITUTE**

FREE

**Let's help our children
achieve academic success!
Parent/guardian, you are invited...**

- ✓ Free 4 module course
- ✓ Learn about the school system and resources to support your child's academic achievement
- ✓ Collaborate with other parents and school staff

Use this QR code to register



or contact Enid Rodriguez
enid.rodriguez@osceolaschools.net
(407) 892-6858



THURSDAY

**OCTOBER 3, 10, 17
AND 24**

TIME

8:30-10:30AM

