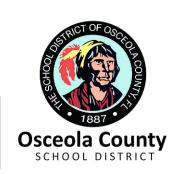
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Educational Choices and INIOVATION





Welcome Back to SCHOOL

NEW THIS MONTH:

Home-School Connection -Making the Most of the 2023-2024 School Year

Kids Eat Right Month
Don't Forget Nutrition

School Spotlight Narcoossee Middle

District Numbers to Know

Important Dates

Home and School Connection Making the Most of the 2023-2024 School Year

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! The new school year provides opportunities for parents to partner with their child's school, strengthen home-school connections, maximize their child's learning experience, and help foster the love of learning to develop independent lifelong learners. A bit much? It really doesn't have to be an exhausting feat. Here are some tips and suggestions to stay involved and support your child's education:

- Ensure your child attends school regularly
- Keep the lines of communication open with the teachers and school -(update your telephone number, email, and address)
- · Review school policies with your child
- Ask your child questions about their day and listen to their responses
- Practice coping skills and talk about difficult situations
- Read with your child visit www.fldoe.org/bookofthemonth for suggestions
- Volunteer visit www.osceolaschools.net/Domain/149 to register

When parents are involved with their children's education, it reinforces the importance of school. Studies show that students perform at higher levels and value school when parents are active in their school life. We encourage you to stay connected and make the most of the 180 days of learning.

Kids Eat Right Month

Now that school is back in session, your child is getting acclimated to their new surroundings and nutrition and the role it plays in optimizing their performance can be overlooked easily.

Help keep your child performing optimally. Set aside time to create a plan with your child to meet their nutritional needs to help them keep up with their busy schedule. Planning meals and snacks ahead of time can seem daunting for today's busy family but there are many quick and simple recipes that will help fuel the body with nutritious options.

Begin by compiling a list of foods that your child enjoys including healthy superfoods. Visit the websites below for ideas and obtain the school's menu, create your My School Bucks Account, and complete a free/reduced meal application.

- www.todaysparent.com/recipes/easysuperfood-recipes/
- www.osceolaschools.net/Domain/158

Just for the health of it!

Wishing you a wonderful school year!



Narcoossee Middle School is an AVID National Demonstration School. At Narcossee Middle School, we are not only using the AVID Framework to ensure that students succeed academically. We are preparing tomorrow's leaders through programs that will enable students to gain leadership skills and build their own efficacy. The Narcoossee Leadership Project offers NCMS Ambassadors, National Junior Honor Society, Latinos in Action, and Student Government programs. The NCMS teaching community will utilize tools such as the **NEW Paxton-Patterson Lab** to engage students in exploring multiple areas of interest. By offering an array of hands-on programs that directly expose students to different aspects of the technology career field, students will gain real-world skills that will serve them as they enter high school and beyond. Narcoossee Middle's pride is real; if you are fortunate enough to become a Black Bear, you will experience it for yourself.

Specialized Choice Programs:

Leadership Culinary Arts Jazz

Enrichment Offerings:

Battle of the Books Science Olympiad Odyssey of the Mind Student Government

CTE Programs:

Business Technology
Biomedical
Robotics
Project Lead the Way

Visit www.osceolaschools.net/ncms to learn more about our school.

DISTRICT NUMBERS TO KNOW

Educational Choices and Innovation www.osceolaschools.net/choice	407-870-4847
Early Childhood Learning	407-870-4911
www.osceolaschools.net/Domain/133	
Elementary Curriculum and Instruction	407-870-4849
www.osceolaschools.net/Domain/134	00-
Middle School Curriculum & Instruction www.osceolaschools.net/Domain/147	407-870-1485
High School Curriculum & Instruction	407-870-4901
www.osceolaschools.net/Domain/141	
Exceptional Student Education	407-343-8700
www.osceolaschools.net/Domain/135 Extended Day Program	10= 212 8=80
www.osceolaschools.net/Domain/136	407-343-8780
Student Services	407-870-4897
www.osceolaschools.net/Domain/161	
Transportation www.osceolaschools.net/Domain/163	407-518-4540

Dress Code

Osceola is a uniform district. The following dress code is acceptable at all district-managed schools.

- Shirts with collar white or navy blue (check with your child's school for additional colors and spirit shirts)
- Bottoms navy blue or khaki pants, shorts, skirts, jumpers

Start Times

Elementary Schools

8:20 a.m. – 3:20 p.m. (Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.) Wed. early release - 2:20 p.m.

K-8 Schools & Middle Schools

9:20 a.m. – 4:20 p.m. (Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.) Wed. early release - 3:20 p.m.

High Schools

7:20 a.m. – 2:20 p.m. (Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.) Wed. early release - 1:20 p.m.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

August 10th - First Day of School September 4th - Labor Day - <u>No School</u> October 27th - 1st 9 Weeks Report Cards November 16th - 2023 CHOICE Fair