

# Tiger Times

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## Dear NES Families,

Happy New Year and welcome back! It is very hard to believe that we are half way through the school year! Our students have shown outstanding growth on their district assessments, and we are very pleased with the students' performance on their standards mastery assessments in grades 2-5. We would like to invite parents to come to our School Advisory Council Meeting on Thursday, January 10 to learn more about where we are, and what our goals are for the remainder of the school year. Also, we would like to thank the parents for being actively involved with their children's education, and supporting us through active participation in the APTT meetings and beyond!

## School Safety

We would like to remind all visitors that we require visitors' badges from everyone who is on campus after the tardy bell at 8:10 AM. If you are walking your child to class and might still be on your way out at or after 8:10 AM, please just go through the front office on your way in to obtain your visitors pass to avoid being stopped in the building later. Also, please be cognizant about the secure doors and only enter and exit through the front office doors. Parents and visitors should not be opening the side doors to the building during school hours – even to leave campus. We appreciate your cooperation and your help with keeping our campus safe!



The State of Florida now has a mobile suspicious activity reporting tool that allows students and the community to relay information anonymously concerning unsafe, potentially harmful, dangerous, violent, or criminal activities, or the threat of these activities, to appropriate public safety agencies and school officials. The reports can be made through the FortifyFL mobile app, or at

<http://www.getfortifyfl.com/>. Any student, educator, parent or member of the public can report school safety concerns directly to law enforcement and school administrators using these tools. We hope that you will become familiar with the FortifyFL mobile app and help us spread the word about it in our community as well.



## Upcoming Events

- 1/7 Teacher Plan Day – No School
- 1/8 Students Return
- 1/9 5<sup>th</sup> Grade AR Bowling
- 1/10 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Acaletics Green Party  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade AR Bowling  
SAC Meeting 5:00 PM
- 1/11 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade AR Bowling  
4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Acaletics  
Green Party  
Jump Rope for Heart Pep Rally
- 1/14 Dental Sealant Program Starts  
School Board Workshop 5:00  
PM to discuss school start  
times
- 1/15 Report Card Day  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Awards 8:30 AM  
School Board Meeting 6:00 PM
- 1/16 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards 8:30 AM  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards 9:15 AM
- 1/17 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade AR Bowling  
District Advisory Committee  
Meeting 6:00 PM
- 1/18 1<sup>st</sup> Grade AR Bowling  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade to Dolly Hand
- 1/21 Holiday –Martin Luther King  
Day; No School
- 1/22 1<sup>st</sup> Grade APTT
- 1/28 Celebrate Literacy Week  
Florida  
Career Fair Day at NES
- 1/29 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade APTT
- 1/31 NES Parental Involvement  
Night and Informational  
Session 5:00 PM

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## AR Bowling

Reading is Rewarding! We would like to congratulate all students who met their 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 weeks reading goal in Accelerated Reader. As an award, these students will get to enjoy a trip to the bowling alley! Please check the Upcoming Events column for the specific dates.

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## Out of Field Teachers

These NES teachers are currently teaching out of field:

**Patti Leach** - Guidance Counselor; certified in Elementary Education (1-6) and ESOL;

**Kristi Nolte**—Gifted Education; certified in Elementary Education and Biology (6-12);

**Christina Maggio** – Elementary Education; certified in Exceptional Student Education and Middle Grades Math and Science.

**Stefanie Love** – ESE inclusion; certified in Elementary Education (K-6).

**Kristi Nolte, Jacqueline Boyett, Stefanie Love, and Michelle Sanders** are currently Out of Field and working toward their endorsement in ESOL (English for the Speakers of Other Languages).

**Christina Maggio, Kiera Jolly, Cassandra Holliday, Leslie Platt, and Stefanie Love** are also in their first year of assignment at our school. We currently have three substitute teachers serving as classroom teachers: **Rebecca Whitehead (KG), Sarah Diaz (KG), and Jessica Wisener (1st grade)**. All other teachers at NES are in-field and highly qualified.

If you have any questions regarding these qualifications, please contact Dr. Tuuli Robinson at (863)462-5100 or [robinsont@okee.k12.fl.us](mailto:robinsont@okee.k12.fl.us).

## Okeechobee County School District 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, gender identity, 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.

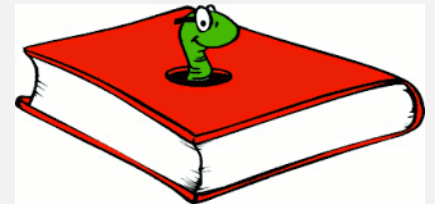
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Director of Human Resources  
Title II, Title IX and the Florida Education Equity Act Complaints and  
ADA/Section 504 Complaints  
700 SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Okeechobee, FL 34974

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## In the Community/ Community Involvement

NES is looking for guest readers to visit our classrooms during the Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida, that starts on January 28. If you would like to visit us and read to a class or two, please leave your contact information with our secretary so that you can be contacted.



**Thank you for supporting literacy  
and promoting the love for  
reading!**

