



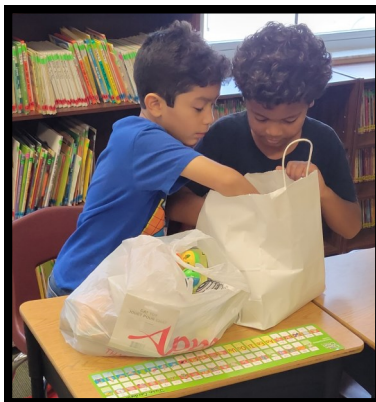
# BEAR CUB CHRONICLE

Narcoossee Elementary Newsletter

December 2023

## NCES Students "Give Back"

During the month of October, second grade students participated in a community giveback called Happy Howl-O-Ween. They collected treats, food, and toys for the cats and dogs at the animal shelter in Osceola County. As a grade level, students donated 295 items for the animal shelter!



Second grade students, Juan Cardona and Elias Berson assisted with packaging the donations.

*"Learning and leading.  
Every one. Every day."*

— NCES Mission Statement



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

— NCES Vision Statement

## The Joy of Giving

NCES will have the annual "Gingerbread Tree" set up in the front office with gingerbread boys and girls and their holiday wishes. Please visit the front office to choose a gingerbread if you are interested in bringing holiday cheer to one of our students! **Unwrapped** gifts should be dropped off by **Monday, December 11th**. Please include the gingerbread person's number with the gift.



**Wendy Honeycutt**  
Principal

**Rachel Bynum**

**Amanda Smith**

Assistant Principals

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### 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**

## 2023-2024 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)

## 2023-2024 Office Hours

7:30am-4:00pm

**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!!

## NOV/DEC-HABIT #2: BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND

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Pretend your mom or dad is a snowman. What would you need to dress them up? Collect the items and do it.	Run a 5K race with your family. How did you plan for it?	Write a list of what gifts you will give for the holidays.	Collect 3 big rocks from outside. Wash them.	I set a goal for myself. I want to _____.
Learn and practice something you always wanted to do.	Read the book <u>The Kissing Hand</u> or watch it on YouTube.	Collect little rocks from outside. Wash them.	Watch “A Pep talk from Kid President and Grover” on YouTube. Talk about it.	What will you do for the holidays? Make a plan.
Write a list of what gifts you want to receive this holiday.	Paint one important “Big Rock” thing you should do on each big rock you collected.	FREE SPACE	Have dinner together and talk about how you feel when things are planned ahead of time.	What would you do if there was a fire in your house? Make a plan. Practice it.
Write in your dialogue journal. (communicating back and forth in writing)	Create a “wants” and “needs” collage from magazine pictures.	Read <u>Whistle for Willie</u> , by Ezra Keats.	Draw a picture of what you want to be when you grow up.	Make a plan to have a picnic as a family. Write the steps it takes to make it happen.
Read <u>Dream Big Little Pig</u> , by Kristi Yamaguchi.	What if someone knocks on your door and your parents are busy or not at home? Make a plan. Practice it.	Come up with a plan on what you will do each time you go separate ways as a family.	Read <u>All you Need for a Snowman</u> , by Alice Schertle.	Each time you do a less important “little Rock” thing, put it in a jar with your “Big Rocks”.

**FAMILIES, COMPLETE 2 BINGOS BY DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> TO RECEIVE YOUR BRAG TAG.**

**MAKE SURE YOU SCAN THE QR CODE TO POST PICTURES ON OUR FACEBOOK GROUP PAGE!!**

**“HABIT HOMEWORK BINGO NCES 2023-2024.”**



STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TEACHER NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

# NCES Holiday SPIRIT Week

December 11th

December 12th

December 13th

December 14th

December 15th

<b>Candy Cane Day</b> Wear red and white 	<b>Tree Topper Day</b> Wear Reindeer Antlers, Santa Hats, etc.. 	<b>Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree</b> Wear holiday socks 	<b>Wear your favorite holiday shirt</b> 	<b>Twas the Night Before Break</b> Wear your festive pajamas 
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## Cafeteria Corner

**Breakfast is FREE** for all students. Regular lunch price is \$2.40 per day. Visit [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) to set up an account to deposit lunch money online.

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

## 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.



## NCES Teacher of the Year and School Related Employee of the Year

Congratulations to NCES Teacher of the Year Lori Yanders and NCES School Related Employee of the Year Joseph Brown (JB). Mr. Brown was chosen as one of the District's Top 10 Finalists in the District!



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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.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

12/6

OASIS Orientation

12/7

3rd Grade Sea World  
Field Trip

12/8

Dress Down for \$1 Day

12/15

Student Clubs

12/18-1/2

Winter Break

### **Welcome Partners in Education**

Narcoossee Elementary would like to welcome our 2023-2024 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](mailto:Samantha.Valenti@osceolaschools.net)

### **Have time? Volunteer!**



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

[osceolaschools.net](https://osceolaschools.net)

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

### **Lost and Found**

Did you know that NCES has a lost and found area? Please make sure that your child's first and last name is written on their jackets, sweaters, lunch boxes, and water bottles. Student volunteers help deliver the found items to the child's classroom with this information!

Parents will be able to look through the lost and found from 10-12 on December 13th and 14th and January 17th and 18th outside of the front office. Items not claimed will be donated to a local charity on December 15th and January 19th.

### **Join Us on Social Media**

<https://www.facebook.com/NCESbearcubs/>

<https://twitter.com/ncesbearcubs>

<https://www.instagram.com/ncesbearcubs/>

[https://www.youtube.com/user/  
osceolaschoolsfi](https://www.youtube.com/user/osceolaschoolsfi)

**Remind Messaging:**

**Text @sdocnces to 81010**

### **Attendance Procedures**

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

[Tanya.Sienko@osceolaschools.net](mailto:Tanya.Sienko@osceolaschools.net)

Or call 407-892-6858

**Please do not send paper copies to the school.**



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