



# BEAR CUB CHRONICLE

Narcoossee Elementary Newsletter

January 29, 2025

**SAVE THE DATE**

**NCES PTO PRESENTS....**

## **EVENING OF THE ARTS!**

**February 26 | 5:30-7:30pm**

Join us for this family friendly event  
at Narcoossee Elementary School!

Student Art Show & Fundraiser!  
Music Exploration Activities  
Leader in Me Performances & Activities



DJ  
Food Trucks  
Silent Auction

Stay tuned for more information  
on the Art Show fundraiser and  
how you can purchase your  
student's framed artwork!

*Proceeds support  
Arts Education, Student Enrichment &  
Family Engagement at NCES*



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

— NCES Mission Statement



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

— NCES Vision Statement

**Wendy Honeycutt**  
Principal  
**Kristen Staley**  
Assistant Principal

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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**

### **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

**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!!

## FEBRUARY-HABIT #4: Think Win-Win

H	A	B	I	T
Fill Your teacher’s bucket today. What did you say?	Do something nice for a family member today. How did it make you feel?	Encourage your children to work through sibling disputes. Don’t always be the mediator. Praise them when they do.	The key to your family culture is how you treat the child that tests you the most. Who is that child? How do you treat them?	I value what my family values. Talk about what that means to you.
Think of an on-going problem you have with someone. Discuss a win-win solution and remind each other when the problem arises.	Come up with a plan today to make everyone in your family happy. What will you do for each family member?	Win-Lose: Families: You’re bigger and stronger so you win in the short run but are you emptying your child’s emotional bank account? How are they learning to make choices?	Are you focusing on WHAT is right and not WHO is right?	“Strong people don’t put others down . . . they lift them up.” *Michael Watson List how you lift your family members.
Practice saying . . . “You see it differently. Good! Help me understand!”	Fill someone’s bucket today. What did you say?	FREE!	Families: Praise your child for one thing each day.	Lose-Win: Families, you may be popular in the short run because you take the course of least resistance. How will you find a vision or earn respect?
Fill your loved one’s bucket today. What did you do?	Help your family solve a problem. What did you do to help?	Play a game with your child that has a definite winner. Explain how competition is ok when you play a game, but it is not okay in relationships.	Cooperate with someone in your family instead of fighting. What did you do?	Families: Set clear expectations about chores, bedtimes and watching TV. This will make win-win situations easier to attain.
Write in your dialogue journal.	“A compromise is the art of dividing a cake in such a way that everyone believes he has the biggest piece.” *Ludwig Erhard Discuss what this means.	“You don’t have to blow out the other person’s light to let your own shine” *Bernard M. Baruch Discuss what this means	As a family, model saying you are sorry when you yell, overreact, or accidentally blame someone for something they didn’t do.	Try this . . . “If we are to live and together, we have to talk to each other.” *Eleanor Roosevelt Discuss what this means.

**FAMILIES, COMPLETE 2 BINGOS BY FEBRUARY 28<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 2024-2025.”**



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

## IMPORTANT DATES

1/27-1/31 Literacy Week  
 1/31 Student Club Day  
 2/3-2/10 Bookfair  
 2/3 Q2 5th Grade Awards  
 2/3 Kindergarten 100th Day of School  
 2/4 First Grade 101st Day of School  
 2/4 Q2 4th Grade Awards  
 2/4 Book Fair Family Night  
 2/5-OASIS Orientation  
 2/6-Q2 2nd Grade Awards  
 2/7 Kindergarten Construction STEM Day  
 2/7-Q2 3rd Grade Awards  
 2/13 Dress Down for \$1 Day  
 2/19 Class Picture Day  
 2/20 Class Picture Day  
 2/21 Rodeo Day-Student Holiday  
 2/26 PTO Art Show 6-7 PM  
 2/27 Makeup Dress Down for \$1 Day  
 2/27 ESOL Parent Meeting  
 2/28 Student Club Day



# ESOL PARENT MEETING

Thursday, February 27th

8:30-9:30 am

NCES Media Center



## Out of Field Teachers

The following teachers are working out of field and currently working on certification in the following areas as of January 29, 2025:

Elementary K-6	ESOL E	Gifted
Paul, Chrishonda	Callahan, Emily	Bunnell-Walker, Catherine
Stanley, Christopher	Paul, Chrishonda	Smith, Kristen
Waters, Candice	Stainsby, Laura	
ESE K-12	Stanley, Christopher	
Paul, Chrishonda	Tiedman, Clare	PreK/Primary
	Wallin, Stephanie	Aviles, Keila
	Waters, Candice	

## 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



The [Bus Bulletin](#) 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.



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### The Joy of Giving

Thank you to everyone that contributed to the annual NCES "Gingerbread Tree." Your contributions helped 13 families and a total of 31 students to have a merrier holiday this season!



### 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](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.

### 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 agen-

## TUTORING Announcement!

### VARSITY TUTORS

The School District of Osceola County offers free online tutoring through Varsity Tutors!

- Stream live courses.
- Chat with a tutor.
- Take practice assessments.
- Follow personalized lesson plans.

Access Varsity Tutors through your child's classlink.



### 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 \(osceolaschools.net\)](#) to access the [Free/Reduced Meal Application](#).

For questions please contact cafeteria manager:

Desiree Heckerman

407-498-0309 from 7 am-2:30 pm

[Desiree.Heckerman@osceolaschools.net](mailto:Desiree.Heckerman@osceolaschools.net)

### 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



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