

# Bear Paw Times

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February News

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## Spring 2024 District Out of Field Report

TEACHER LAST NAME	TEACHER FIRST NAME	OUT-OF-FIELD ASSIGNMENT	Assignment Date
Acevedo	Lesly	Drama	
Cardona Correa	Angel	MG General Science 5-9	1/16/24
Cedeno	Jonathan	ESOL-E	8/3/23
Colon	Ana	MG English 5-9	11/6/23
Colon	Ana	ESOL-E	11/6/23
Dickerson	Kevin	ESOL-E	8/3/22
Gonzalez	Angel	Health K-12	11/13/23
Mendez	Michael	MG Math 5-9	10/2/23
Misenti	Laura	Business Education 6-12	8/3/23
Sumer-Hart	Rebekah	ESOL-E	8/3/23
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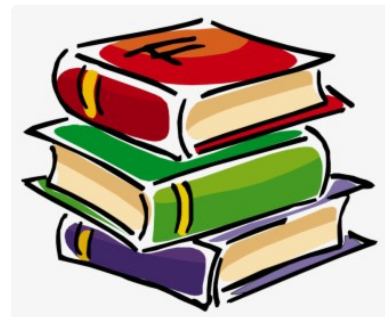
### AVID News



The month of February will be a very busy month for our AVID students. As we navigate the third quarter, which is historically the most difficult, we will also begin to explore college & career options. As part of the AVID curriculum, post-secondary planning is crucial as 8th graders begin to apply for high schools of choice. As a launch to our Career unit, 8th grade AVID students will attend a college & career fair sponsored by Junior Achievement on Jan. 23, followed by a field trip in February to Florida Southern University in Lakeland. Our 7th graders will be visiting Full Sail University, and our 6th graders will host a variety of guest speakers with real world career paths to consider. Quarter 3 is

also when we begin to see the toughest phases of curriculum in all core classes, therefore, grade monitoring is very important to ensure we are not waiting until the end of the quarter to fix problems. Please take a few extra minutes to review your child's grades in Focus and reach out to teachers if you have any concerns. Let's stay focused and proactive in quarter 3 and remember organization is key to multitasking with ease. Stay #AVIDstrong all year long!

Yearbooks this year are for pre-sale only. Please purchase a yearbook from <https://Jostensyearbooks.com> for \$26 by March 8th. Once the yearbooks go to print, we will not be selling them, so don't miss out! If you have any questions, please contact Heather Biela our media specialist.



Now is a great time to return any overdue library books!

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## Mark Your Calendar

- 2/1 - 2nd Quarter Honor Roll
- 2/3 - Cheer Saturday Practice at NCMS
- 2/6 - After school Rehearsal 4:30 – 6pm (NCMS Band Room – Adv Band)
- 2/10 - Cheer Saturday Practice at NCMS
- 2/14 - District Comp (Showcase 1) 5:30pm at Osceola HS
- 2/14 - PBIS Valentine's Day Dress Down (\$2)
- 2/15 - 2nd Quarter Bear Awards
- 2/16 - Rodeo Day (Teacher Non-Workday/Student Holiday)
- 2/20 - After school Rehearsal 4:30 – 6pm (NCMS Band Room – Adv Band)
- 2/21 - District (Showcase 2) 5:30pm at St. Cloud HS
- 2/27 - After school Rehearsal 4:30 – 6pm (NCMS Band Room – Adv Band)
- 2/28 - District Comp (Semi-Finals) 5:30pm at TOHO HS
- 2/29 - Pre-MPA Performance at TOHO HS (time TBD - Adv Band)

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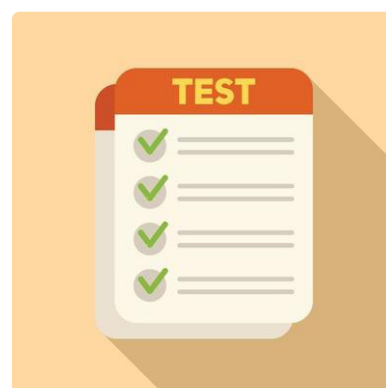
### Testing Information

Assessments for February:

WIDA ACCESS for ELLs: Will continue from 1/29 until 3/7. ONLY students identified as LY (a student identified as a language learner, that has a different home language than English). Please contact the school if you are unsure if your student falls into this category.

Grade 8 Science Mock Exam: ALL students enrolled in 7th grade Physical Science Honors or 8th Grade Life Science will be taking this test in their science classrooms. The testing window is 2/19-2/23. Please contact your student's science teacher for specific details.

FAA (Florida Alternative Assessment)-Performance Task: All students on ACCESS points with Ms. Chacon will be testing 2/26-4/5. Ms. Chacon will be in contact with you for when your student will be testing.



**Cheer News**



**Cheer Saturday Practices @ NCMS: 3rd & 10th**

**District Competitions:**

Showcase 1: Wednesday, February 14 at Osceola HS @ 5:30 pm

Showcase 2: Wednesday, February 21 at St Cloud HS @ 5:30 pm

Semi-finals: Wednesday, February 28 at TOHO HS @ 5:30 pm

Championships: Thursday, March 7 at Harmony HS @ 6:00 pm

**Band News**

FEB 6 AFTER SCHOOL REHEARSAL 4:30 – 6pm, NCMS BANDROOM

– Adv Band

FEB 20 AFTER SCHOOL REHEARSAL 4:30 – 6pm, NCMS

BANDROOM – Adv Band

FEB 27 AFTER SCHOOL REHEARSAL 4:30 – 6pm, NCMS

BANDROOM – Adv Band

FEB 29 PRE – MPA PERFORMANCE at TOHO HS TIME TBD - Adv

Band



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## Clubs

**Book Club:** Meets on Mondays 9:00-9:20 AM

**Battle of the Books:** Meets on Wednesdays 9:00-9:20 AM

**Yearbook Club:** Meets on Fridays 9:00-9:20 AM

For more information about these clubs, such as how to join and more, please contact:

Ms. Biela at 407-891-6600, ext. 32400 or <mailto:heather.biela@osceolaschools.net>

## STEM Clubs

**Sphero** meetings are Mondays from 4:30-5:30 PM

**Odyssey of the Mind** meets on Tuesdays from 4:30-6:00 PM

**VEX Robotics** meets on Thursdays from 4:30-6:00 PM

For more information,

<mailto:Stephani.Mckeown@osceolaschools.net>



## 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE, want to earn a DRESS DOWN DAY?



**8TH GRADE FUNDRAISER**

Help us say good-bye to our 8th Grade Narcoossee Bears!

**Funds needed for 8th Grade End of Year Events:**

- Awards Night
- 8th grade Dance
- Donut forget the memories event

**DONATE HERE**



<http://bit.ly/narcoossee>

**\$3000 GOAL**

The poster features three circular images on the right: a hand holding a star, silhouettes of people dancing, and a tray of donuts.

If every 8<sup>th</sup> grader receives a donation of \$7, we will reach our \$3000 goal!

If we reach our goal ALL 8<sup>th</sup> graders will receive a dress down day!

Donations can be completed on MySchoolBucks.com

OR you can donate cash to Ms. Shashaguay, room 3-212

\*Receipts will be provided for cash donations of \$5 or more

## PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Support) Expectations

Our mission at NCMS is to build environments in which positive behavior is more effective and more appealing to students than problem behavior. Students are recognized and praised for positive behaviors (i.e. Bear Bucks, Golden Tickets, Positive Referrals, etc.). Students can spend their Bear Bucks at our PBIS events/activities, dress down days, and at our Bear's Den in the Cafeteria.



- Be Responsible
- Encourage Others
- Act Safely
- Respect All
- Strive For Success

### FEBRUARY PBIS NEWS

To date we have given out 918 which includes 128 for this quarter so far. That's amazing! Keep it up black bears!

January 26 was our PBIS Social event. Everyone that attended had a great time! The students enjoyed different activities while indulging on their drinks and snacks.

Our next PBIS event will be on February 14. We will have a Valentine's Dress Down Day! See flyer below for details.

Students must continue to follow our B.E.A.R.S. Expectations and save those bear bucks for more upcoming PBIS events!



The flyer features a pink and white color scheme with heart motifs. At the top left is the NCMS PBIS logo. The main title reads 'NCMS PBIS \$2 Valentine's Dress Down Day'. Below the title are two heart-shaped photo cutouts: one of a young woman in a red outfit and another of a young boy in a red shirt with a backpack. Text on the flyer includes the date 'Wednesday February 14, 2024', 'Wristbands Sales February 12 & 13 Lunch Periods', and a note that 'NCMS Dress Code rules for coverage are still in effect.' It also states 'In support of the NCMS PBIS Program' and shows an illustration of a pink gift box with hearts.

**NCMS PBIS \$2**  
**Valentine's Dress Down Day**

Wednesday  
February 14, 2024

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February 12 & 13  
Lunch Periods

NCMS Dress Code  
rules for coverage  
are still in effect.

In support of the  
NCMS PBIS Program

## NCMS Business Partners in Education

Brue Family Dentistry 407-979-4170  
Domino's Pizza (Narcoossee/St. Cloud) 407-984-4777  
Dr. Sandra Mauro & Associates 407-505-2020  
Esteem Dental & Orthodontics 407-476-5650  
Hoffner Eye Care 407-207-2020  
HomePride Realty Services Inc. 407-846-0940  
Huntington Learning Center, St. Cloud 407-789-3688  
Jeremiah's Italian Ice 407-313-0782  
Lissette Sanchez, EXP Realty 407-603-5210  
Mansour Orthodontics 407-846-2150  
Peter Luu Signature Group w/Premier Sotheby's  
The Naked Cupcake 407-308-5736





## Other News and Resources

### Donations

NCMS is always looking for donations of school appropriate jeans for middle school students. Please drop off fairly used or new jeans that are NOT distressed with holes, tears, or frays.

We also welcome other school appropriate clothing such as polo shirts, spirit shirts, kaki's, bermuda shorts, belts and sneakers.



In addition, the school accepts various donations of school supplies. We thank you in advance for your generosity!



### Free Crisis Services

Does your child need social, emotional, or mental health stabilization? Devereux's Mobile Crisis Services, provides free crisis services with trained counselors. Services are available 24 hours a day, every day including weekends and holidays. Dial 2-1-1 or 407-839-HELP (4357).

### ONE MORE CHILD Anti-Trafficking Mobile Team

If you or someone you know has been forced or coerced to perform sexual activities, or promised false opportunities, text or call us to set up a meeting with a mentor, advocate, or clinician.



#### YOU MAY BE A VICTIM IF:

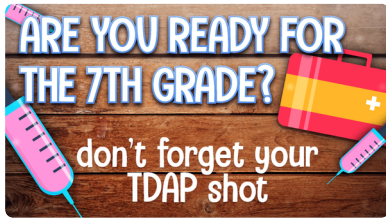
- You are not free to come and go as you wish.
- You are involved in the commercial sex industry (prostitution, stripping, pornography) with a trafficker, or you are under 18.
- You do not have control over your own personal documents/money.
- You were recruited to your job through false promises.
- You are forced to provide labor or commercial sex.

#### SERVICES INCLUDE:

- trauma-informed counseling
- psychoeducation
- court accompaniment
- life skills
- mentorship

- free food boxes & hygiene items
- access to 24/7 hotline
- advocacy
- referrals to other providers
- interpreter services available

For more information: <https://onemorechild.org> or <mailto:antitrafficking@onemorechild.org>



### Important Information for 7th Grade:

All students entering 7th grade must provide the school with an updated immunization record (FL form 680/white form). All 7th grade students must have (1) Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine and all other required vaccines must be up-to-date.

After receiving the Tdap, please email the form to: <mailto:ncmsregistration@osceolaschools.net>  
For FREE Vaccines, contact The Osceola County Health Department at 407-343-2066. Located on Fortune Road in Kissimmee.

### Adult Learning Opportunity/Oportunidad de aprendizaje para adultos!

Nighttime English Classes for Adults at ALCO or at Narcoossee Middle School.

English Classes each Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30-8:30 PM.

For more information, contact Carolina Figueroa at NCMS 407-891-6600 or ALCO at 407-518-8140.



You may apply at:

<https://otech.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/apply/>

### Clases de Ingles para Adultos en ALCO o Narcoossee Middle School.

Clases cada martes y jueves de 5:30-8:30 PM.

Contacte a Carolina Figueroa en NCMS al 407-891-6600 o ALCO al 407-518-8140 para mas información.

Puede presentar su solicitud en: <https://otech.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/apply/>



### Narcoossee Middle School- Home of the Bears

AVID National Demonstration School

*Mission Statement: Our number one priority is student achievement with high expectations being the responsibility of our entire school community.*

Website: [www.ncms.osceolaschools.net](http://www.ncms.osceolaschools.net)

Location: [2700 North Narcoossee Road, St. Cloud, FL, USA](#)

Phone: 407-891-6600, Fax: 407-891-6610



FaceBook: <http://www.facebook.com/NCMSbears>

Instagram: ncmsblackbears

*Dr. Francisco Rivera Mieles, Principal*

*Lucille Schneider, Assistant Principal*

*Jamie Hopkins, Assistant Principal*

*Carolina Figueroa, 6th Dean*

*Marlenys Vargas-Ortiz, 7th Dean*

*Samantha Alfred, 8th Dean*

*Peter Swanson, Dean/MTSS*

*Ronaldo Ortiz, 6th Counselor*

*Brenda Lopez, 7th Counselor*

*Maria Morales, 8th Counselor*

*Dr. Gloria Martinez, Lead Counselor/FIT*

*Heather Biela, Media Specialist*

*Marisha Smalling, Literacy Coach*

*Gabrielle Tandlich, Math Coach*

*Leah Boyd, Testing Coordinator*

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*Marianela Abreu DeJesus, ESOL Compliance*

*Kremsa Susla, Psychologist*

*Michelle Lauria, Social Worker*

*Marisol Losada, Occupational Therapist*



**Francisco Rivera**

Francisco is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters