

Bear Paw Times



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



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- Jennifer Alexander, Math Coach
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- Meg Hodge, RCS
- Christina McGee, Social Worker

8th Grade End of School Year Event

Universal Studios has canceled the "Evening Gradventure" event for this year due to COVID -19 safety concerns. However, they are offering another opportunity for 8th graders to have a fun day at the parks. The new event will still allow students access to both parks, a meal voucher, and complimentary souvenir cup (with free refills). We are waiting on approval from Universal for the scheduled date. It will still be based on first come first serve status.

Changes to the trip: it is no longer offered as an evening event. Students will go on a regular school day during school hours. All students will be grouped together and assigned a chaperone to walk around with while at the park. Since it is a school day, we will need extra chaperones to help accommodate all the students. If you want to attend the field trip as a chaperone, you must be OASIS Approved prior to signing up as a chaperone.

The academic and disciplinary eligibility hasn't changed. We are still following the same criteria as before. However, it is also important that all students that are eligible and that sign up and pay for the trip; continue to maintain academic excellence, appropriate attendance and behavior. FSA testing (Writing, Reading, Math, Algebra EOC, Biology EOC, Geometry EOC) will happen prior to the trip, therefore students should be in attendance and take their test on time to avoid having to do make ups that could conflict with the trip.

Disciplinary & Academic Expectations:

*Students must not have any disciplinary action resulting in an Out of School Suspension (OSS) or excessive (5) disciplinary referrals/excessive In School Suspensions (ISS), subject to administrative review, that began on January 4, 2021 in order to be eligible to attend the trip.

*Students must have a minimum grade of 70/C in ALL of their classes for the first semester grading period (ended December 18th). Verification of grades took place in January. Those students that are eligible will receive a permission slip when trip details are finalized. All students must maintain good academic and behavior standing until the day of the field trip. Students not meeting the requirements will not be eligible to attend the trip and will not receive a permission slip.

We will update you as more information becomes available.



6th Grade News

One-to-one laptop computers are now issued to all 6th grade students! This will transform how teachers teach and students learn. Students are expected to charge the computer each night and bring it to school each day. The laptop is now their textbook. The laptop includes a case that will protect the computer, but students are still expected to treat the computer with great care. We are hoping to expand one-to-one computers in 7th and 8th grade in the coming years.



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ATTENTION PARENTS



We will be having COVID-19 testing on March 9th. A signed permission slip is required.

Yearbooks are for sale for \$15 on [Myschoolbucks.com](https://myschoolbucks.com)
If you have pictures of your child at school events, please email them to Heather.Biela@osceolaschools.net by March 12th

Mark Your Calendar!



<p>3/1 - Girls Flag Football Tryouts (all grades) 4:30-6:30 PM</p> <p>3/2 - Girls Flag Football Tryouts (all grades) 4:30-6:30 PM</p> <p>3/3 - Girls Flag Football Call Backs (all grades) 3:30-5:00 PM</p> <p>- Cheer Competition at Celebration HS 6:00-8:00 PM</p> <p>2/4 - Matilda Production Rehearsals 4:30-6:30 PM (cafeteria)</p> <p>2/5 - Robotics Club 4:30-5:30 PM</p> <p>- Matilda Production Rehearsals 4:30-6:30 PM (cafeteria)</p> <p>3/6 - Spring Intervention in Media Center 8:00 AM-12:00 PM (Saturday)</p>	<p>3/6 - Cheerleading Practice 10:00 AM-3:30 PM</p> <p>3/9 - COVID Testing (all day)</p> <p>- Matilda Production Rehearsals 4:30-6:30 PM (cafeteria)</p> <p>3/10 - Cheer Championship at Harmony HS 6:00-8:00 PM</p> <p>3/11 - Matilda Production Rehearsals 4:30-6:30 PM (cafeteria)</p> <p>3/12 - Robotics Club 4:30-5:30 PM</p> <p>3/15 - 3/19 SPRING BREAK/NO SCHOOL Teacher/Student Holiday</p> <p>3/18 - Jeremiah's Italian Ice Spirit (all day-20% proceeds) </p> <p>3/23 - Matilda Production Rehearsals 4:30-6:30 PM (cafeteria)</p>	<p>3/25 - Matilda Production Rehearsals 4:30-6:30 PM (cafeteria)</p> <p>3/26 - Robotics Club 4:30-5:30 PM</p> <p>- Matilda Production Rehearsals 4:30-6:30 PM (cafeteria)</p> <p>3/27 - Spring Intervention in Media Center 8:00 AM-12:00 PM (Saturday)</p> <p>3/30 - Matilda Production Rehearsals 4:30-6:30 PM (cafeteria)</p>
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Cheerleading Competition!

Tickets available on district website

Semi Finals @ Celebration HS March 3rd

District Finals @ Harmony HS March 10th


NCMS was awarded the Site of Distinction Honor for 2020-2021!

What is an **AVID** Schoolwide Site of **Distinction**? Schoolwide Site of **Distinction** is the highest rating that a **school** can achieve within the **AVID** certification continuum. Schoolwide Site of **Distinction Schools** are **schools** that are implementing both the **AVID** Elective and **AVID** Schoolwide with high levels of fidelity.

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COLLEGE 101 >>

What to do, When to do it, and How



Hear from current college students discussing a pandemic.


March 8 - March 11
6:30 - 7:30 PM

Register for this FREE online event!
www.floridashines.org



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The Robotics Club would like to say **THANK YOU** to all of the friends and family who supported our Fundraiser. We were able to raise over \$2,000 that will be spent on equipment for the club and the robotics STEM class. Your help and support was truly appreciated!

Stephanie McKeown
STEM Teacher



AVID long sleeve T-shirts are now on sale for all NCMS students. Cost is \$20.00. PBIS hoodies are also for sale. Cost \$25.00. You may purchase both at this link: <https://www.myschoolbucks.com>

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PBIS/Expectations

PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports)

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, and Positive referrals).


- Be responsible
- Encourage others
- Act safely
- Respect all
- Strive for success



Students can spend their Bear Bucks at our PBIS events, dress down days, and at our Bear's Den.

So far, we have 55 Positive Referrals to date. We are looking forward to many more Positive Referrals. Good job Bears! In February, students were able to buy Valentine grams with their bear bucks, which were distributed to their classmates.

*Reminder that ALL 7th and 8th grade math students should bring to school everyday a basic scientific calculator for math.



Our Counseling Corner Newsletter: <https://www.smores.com/781hf>

Our Remind code for guidance is: @nmguidance

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