

# 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.**



- Gary Weeden, Principal*
- Jane Mabra, Assistant Principal*
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- Carolina Figueroa 6th-Dean*
- Peter Swanson 7th-Dean*
- Samantha Alfred, 8th-Dean*
- Gloria Martinez, Counselor*
- Brenda Lopez, 6th-Counselor*
- Maria Morales, 7th-Counselor*
- Neil Yeda, 8th-Counselor*
- Heather Biela, Media Specialist*
- Marisha Smalling, Literacy Coach*
- Leah Boyd, Testing Coordinator*
- Jamie Hopkins, MTSS*
- Meg Hodge, RCS*
- Christina McGee, Social Worker*
- Elaina Hoover, Psychologist*

### Testing Update

- \*2/27-4/7: FSAA testing for our self-contained students with disabilities. Please reach out to Ms. Berget or Ms. Chacon for specific details.
  - \*3/7-3/9: Civics Mock Exam window for 7th and 8th grade students enrolled in Civics. Please reach out to your specific teacher for details.
  - \*3/22: No early release Wednesday due to College Board SAT day
  - \*3/22-3/30: Biology Mock Exam window for students enrolled in Biology. Please reach out to Dr. Zuelke for details.
  - \*3/27-4/7: Algebra and Geometry Mock Exam window for students enrolled in either Algebra or Geometry. Please reach out to your specific teacher for details.
- Parents and students are able to access their FAST #1 and FAST #2 results through the Family Portal in Focus. If there is an issue accessing your student's results, please reach out to Mrs. Boyd (leah.boyd@osceolaschools.net). Please provide your student's full name and ID#.



AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) has proven time and time again that, when given resources and tools for academic rigor and support, virtually all students can be academically successful. AVID addresses the specific needs of students to help bridge the path from middle school to high school to higher educational completion. As your children look ahead and select classes next year, please consider AVID as a class to be used to guide and prepare them for future challenges. AVID not only provides academic support, but also exposes them to quality curriculum in preparation for college and career readiness. Middle school AVID applications will come home right after Spring Break. Have some discussion with your child about the possibility of selecting AVID at NCMS. High school class selection is also underway. Students who select AVID in high school will complete financial aid applications, research career paths, and write college essays in preparation for their future. AVID moves with your child and supports their entire road to success! Take the time to discover what AVID can do for you and your child. You won't be disappointed!



**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: [ncmsregistration@osceolaschools.net](mailto:ncmsregistration@osceolaschools.net)

For FREE Vaccines, contact The Osceola County Health Department at 407-343-2066. Located on Fortune Road in Kissimmee.



Cellphones should be kept in backpacks, unless authorized to use or in lunch room.

Check out the Osceola County School District website for information and resources to all of your needs. [Osceolaschools.net](http://Osceolaschools.net)

**Official NCMS Social Media Sites to get the Latest News & Info:**

Find us on Facebook  
**Narcoossee Middle - School@NCMSbears**

Instagram  
**Nemsblackbears**

**Congratulations to our Odyssey of the Mind team!** They placed 4th overall in their division and are headed to the State Competition on April 8th!  
Good luck to our Metal Bears and Mental Bears on their State VEX competition on March 12th.

### SURVEY FOR NEW NCMS PRINCIPAL

Dr. Pace would like our input on what characteristics you would like to see in our next principal. You can complete a short survey by using the QR Code or going on our website. Also, district leaders will be holding a meeting in the Narcoossee Middle School Library on March 7th from 6:00-7:00 PM for anyone who would like to give input in person or ask questions.



## Mark Your Calendar!

<p>3/1, 3/2, 3/3, 3/6, 3/7, 3/8: Cheer Practice 4-6:30</p> <p>3/1 - Cheer District Semi-Finals at 6 PM at Celebration High School</p> <p>3/2 - School Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting at 5 PM in Media Center</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">- Advanced Band Pre-MPA at TOHO arrival 5:30 PM, Concert 6:30 PM</p> <p>3/4 - Saturday Cheer Practice 10 AM</p> <p>3/7 - Girls Track Tryout 4:30-5:30 PM</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">- Advanced Band MPA TOHO Field Trip</p> <p>3/8 - Cheer District Finals 6 PM at St. Cloud HS</p> <p>3/9 - Girls Track Tryout 4:30-5:30 PM</p> <p>3/10 - Regular School Day (Hurricane Make-up)</p> <p><b>3/13-3/17: Spring Break (NO SCHOOL)</b></p> <p>3/16 - Jeremiah Ice Cream Spirit Night (all day)</p> <p>3/21 - Monthly Mental Health Lesson</p> <p><b>3/22 - NO EARLY RELEASE WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p>3/29 - Dominoes Pizza Spirit Night (all day)</p> <p>3/30 - Spring Concert Dress Rehearsal (Chorus) 4:30-6:30 PM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>High School Musical Practices</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mondays, Tuesday, and Thursdays 4:30-6:00 PM</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Science Olympiad Meetings</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursdays 4:30-6:00 PM</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sphero's Robotics Team</b> meets on Tuesdays 4:30-6 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>VEX IQ Robotics Team</b> meets on Fridays 4:30-6:00 PM</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
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**Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida - St. Cloud Branch**

**Programs & Activities (6-18 yrs)**

- Homework assistance
- Career Exploration
- Arts & Crafts
- Field Trips
- Games
- STEM

One-time Reg. Fee \$30 (valid for 1 year!)

**Spring Break Camp:** March 13-17 Ages 6-18, \$30 fee for each child


For more information contact:  
 Alex C. Lindsay at 321-805-4014 or at [aclindsay@bgccf.org](mailto:aclindsay@bgccf.org)  
 1001 Virginia Ave. St. Cloud 34769

NCMS Business Partners

- Bounce N Around 407-460-0871**
- Brue Family Dentistry 407-979-4170**
- Carlyle Orthodontics 407-447-9060**
- 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**
- Inspire Weight Loss 407-837-3555 (inspiredweightloss.com)**
- Jeremiah's Italian Ice 407-313-0782**
- Lissette Sanchez, EXP Realty 407-603-5210**
- Moore FL Homes/Keller Williams 407-777-2115**
- Peter Luu Signature Group w/Premier Sotheby's International Realty 407-480-5014**
- WAWA Gas Station on Narcoossee Rd/Boggy Creek**
- Ur Learning Solution 407-658-7575**



*If you have questions or would like to become a Partner contact, Judi Lowell in the front office @ 407-891-6600. Please support our Partners in Education. They support us:-)*

Save the Date!



Upcoming 8th Grade Events:  
 Dance, 5/19 from 6:30-8:30 PM  
 Awards, 5/25 from 6:00-8:00 PM



Edición en español de este boletín disponible en el sitio web de la escuela: <https://ncms.osceolaschools.net>


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 in Café.



Bear's Den is now open in the cafeteria from 8:50-9:20 AM on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays!

Taki Tuesdays are continuing until Spring Break. When we come back, there will be something new to purchase with Bear Bucks.

March 10th, the Friday we have for our hurricane make-up day, will be a Teacher vs. Student Competition in the gym. All they know is that it is called "Let's Flip This Competition"!

Using health Florida education standards adopted in rule 6A-1.09401, school districts are required to provide a minimum of five (5) hours of instruction to students in grade 6-12 on several topics. Students CANNOT opt out of these mandated lessons.

These classes are taught by certified teachers and will be supported by School Counselors, School Social Workers and School Psychologists.

**\*March 21st Mental Health Lesson will be on Stress, Anxiety & Coping**

Nighttime English Classes for Adults

English Classes each Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30-8:30pm.  
 Contact Carolina Figueroa for more information at NCMS or ALCO at 407-518-8140  
 You may apply at: <https://otech.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/apply/>