**November 1, 2022 Newsletter** 

# 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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#### **Testing Updates**

The Family Portal in FOCUS should be up and running soon for parents to view and access their student's testing data for FSA from 2021-2022 and the new FAST data for Progress Monitoring (PM) #1 (it links directly to the Florida Department of Education site).



Those students enrolled in a semester course will have their Post-Test in that course beginning 12/1. Their teachers should give them the specific data necessary for success.

NWEA Science/Algebra/Geometry will occur in their respective class sometime between 12/1 and 12/16. Students should get information from their teachers regarding the date(s) of these assessments. See below at "Attention Parents" for access information.



AVID is in full swing with grade checks, focused note taking, tutorials, and critical reading skills! WOW, our classrooms are certainly active! Community service and volunteering is also part of the AVID curriculum. Please allow your child to volunteer in the community, neighborhood, or even around your own home to promote service learning. AVID students are expected to serve 10 hours per year of volunteer time in some capacity. Volunteering can help our children to gain confidence by giving them the chance to try something new and build a real sense of achievement. Volunteering also gives children the opportunity to practice important skills used in the workplace, such as teamwork, communication, problem solving, project planning, task management, and organization. Finally, studies have further shown that volunteering is associated with decreased stress-levels, lowered blood pressure, and greater overall happiness each day. So, let's all give something back to our community and get out there and volunteer today!

Let's GLOW to college - AVID Dance

Cost: \$5.00

Time: 6:00-8:30 PM

- •Wear neon / glow colors dress code appropriate
- •NO glow items will be allowed at entry items will be sold inside the dance
- •Snacks & drinks for sale cash only
- •Come out & support AVID!



Latest News & Info: Find us on Facebook Narcoossee Middle -School@NCMSbears

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Check out the Osceola County School District website for information and resources to all of your To Access Family Portal for Student's Assessment needs. Osceolaschools.net

Results and more:

At the Florida Statewide Assessments Portal: https://flfast.org or at the direct link:

https://fl-familyportal.cambiumast.com/ You will need:

 Your student's unique six digit access code (provided by your student's school).

- Your student's date of birth.
- •Your student's name as it appears on their official school record.



Be aware that we have students with severe allergies to shellfish. Please take this into consideration when packing student lunches. Thank you.



Cellphones should be kept in backpacks, unless authorized to use or in lunch room. Volume 14, Issue 4 Page 2

### **Mark Your Calendar!**

10/31-11/4: Book Fair in Media Center

11/2 - ESOL Parent Meeting

11/3, 11/10, 11/17: Science Olympiad Meetings 4:30-6:00 PM in room 201/Lab

11/3- School Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting at 5 PM in Media Center

11/3 - Honor Roll Recognition (periods 2, 7, 8)

11/5 - Saturday Cheer Practice 10 AM-4 PM

11/8 - Voting Day! (Media Center)

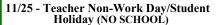
11/10 - Glow AVID Dance 6:00-8:30 PM

11/11 - Veteran's Day! (NO SCHOOL)

11/19 - Jeremiah's Ice Spirit Night/Lake Nona

Teacher Non-Work Days/Student Holidays (NO SCHOOL)

11/24 - THANKSGIVING DAY/NO SCHOOL



11/30 - Domino's Pizza Spirit Night/Lake Nona

Battle of the Books meets every other Tuesday. Meeting dates for November are 1st, 15th, & 29th. Meetings are before school in Ms. Wassum's room 3-114.

**Drama Play Practices** 

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Mondays, Tuesday, and Thursdays 4:30-6 PM



ESOL Parent Leadership Council (PLC) Meeting Wednesday, November 2 3:30-4:30 PM in the Media Center Topics to Explore:

 Understand ESOL Program • Family Leadership Institute

Parent Portal ●Tests

#### **ODYSSEY OF THE MIND**

THURSDAYS 4:30-6:00 PM



#### **Volleyball Games** for Boys & Girls

11/7- NCMS @ Parkway MS

11/14- St. Cloud MS @ NCMS

11/16- NCMS @ Neptune MS

11/29- Harmony MS @ NCMS

12/1- NCMS @ Canoe Creek Charter

Congrats to our NCMS Girls Soccer Team for winning a county championship!



#### **NJHS** Recruitment

Narcoossee Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society Annual Candidate Recruitment 7th and 8th graders with a 3.5 GPA are invited to Apply to join the National Junior Honor Society until November 4, 2022. See your science teacher for Candidate Forms.

Sphero's Robotics Team meets on Tuesdays 4:30-6 PM

VEX IQ Robotics Team meets on Fridays 4:30-6 PM

The 1st Robotics Competition for the VEX IQ Team is on November 19th

More information to come for OOTM



## **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

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:-)

International Realty 407-480-5014

WAWA Gas Station on Narcoossee Rd/Boggy Creek

Ur Learning Solution 407-658-7575

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)

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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 in Café.

We have 200+ Positive Referrals so far this year. Very proud of our students for their effort. Way to go black bears!

Our Staff vs. Student Beach Volleyball Game on October 28th was a success! We thank everyone that assisted and/or participated, especially Ms. Casselman for coordinating such a great event. We will have another one on December 9th, so save the date.

NCMS will have their Student Honor Roll Recognition on November 3rd during 2nd, 7th, and 8th period. Event will take place outside and students will receive ice cream along with their certificates.

#### **National Junior Honor Society Community Food Drive**

NJHS will be doing a Community Food Drive until November 10th for local families in need. There will be a prize for the class that donates the most non-perishable items. You may send in your donations with your child to be given to their first period teacher.