

Bear Paw Times

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October

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. It kicks off on October 2, 2023, which is the 17th annual World Day of Bullying Prevention. Schools and other organizations sponsor special events on this day to help spread the word. NCMS will be initiating a Bullying Prevention Campaign. October 18, 2023, is Unity Day, a time to unite for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. Wear ORANGE to send a visible message that no child should ever experience bullying.

OCTOBER



AVID News



October proves to be a very busy month for our AVID family! Students have now been acclimated to expectations, practiced building relational capacity with peers and teachers, and demonstrated organizational strategies to set them on a track of academic success. No matter what postsecondary path our students select, we know they must develop essential skills to design their own futures. In October, we will shift our focus to one of critical thinking and collaboration as we prepare our students for tutorials. This vital requirement in AVID helps to build belief in self and attacks any and all barriers students may face in high level rigorous classes. We are proud of our tutorial program at

NCMS. This year, we will host three tutors on Tues. & Thurs. each week to assist students in all core content areas. This academic assistance is provided through the AVID program free of charge & it has proven to be a great benefit, especially for those attempting to earn high school credit. Your children will develop excellent communication skills as they present their problems to peers, practice problem solving techniques, and develop high level questioning as they support each other in the tutorial process. Our students will have the opportunity to present their tutorials on Friday, October 6th during our AVID Showcase. These types of opportunities develop confidence and foster leadership among AVID students. Please take time to ask your child about AVID tutorials and have them share the process with you. Although it may be a bit intimidating at first, in very little time, we see the benefits begin to immerge and student confidence begins to build. By the end of the year, they are experts at presenting and their grades are a reflection of their efforts to support each other.

Attention Parents

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR NCMS!

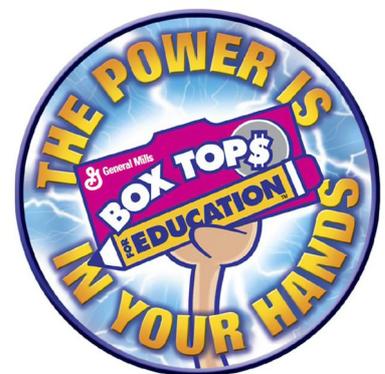
The Box Tops app makes it easy to earn cash for Narcoosse Middle School.

EARNING IS EASY!

BUY BOX TOPS PRODUCTS: Earn for NCMS with HUNDREDS of products from brands you love.

SCAN YOUR RECEIPT: Use the Box Tops app to submit your receipt within 14 days of purchase.

EARN CASH FOR SCHOOLS: Box Tops products are identified, and earnings are credited online.



NO MATTER WHERE YOU SHOP, YOU CAN EARN WITH BOX TOPS.

IN-STORE

If you receive a paper receipt, a quick scan with the Box Tops app will identify participating products and automatically credit your school's earnings online.

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Whether you've ordered groceries for delivery or pickup, shopped through your store's app, or requested an email receipt at checkout, you can earn Box Tops with digital receipts too.

READY TO START EARNING FOR SCHOOLS?

GET THE BOX TOPS APP TODAY!

In order to earn cash for your school, you'll need to use the Box Tops app on your mobile device.

[Box Tops for Education™ - Apps on Google Play](#)

[Box Tops for Education™ on the App Store \(apple.com\)](#)

Box Tops earnings are delivered via checks to schools twice a year, in December and April.

NCMS Counseling Corner

NCMS will be presenting the MS Resilience Lessons on October 12th (Wednesday Schedule).

- Lesson 2 – Supporting Peers, Family & Friends
- Lesson 3 – School & Community Resources

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.

SCHEDULING APPOINTMENTS:

For Students - How to coordinate an appointment with my School Counselor?

You may have your teacher call the guidance office to check availability. We prefer visits during non-core subjects. You may also visit the guidance office and fill out an appointment slip, and an available counselor will call you to meet as soon as possible.

**NOTE: Urgent requests will be seen immediately*

For Parents - How to coordinate an appointment with my School Counselor or Teacher?

You may contact our meeting coordinator: <mailto:sandra.alvarez@osceolaschools.net>

Or by phone at: 407-891-6600, ext. 32122

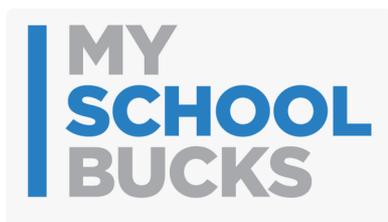
Media Center News

NCMS Fall Book Fair is from October 23-27th. All forms of payment are accepted including Apple Pay. If you are paying cash, exact payment is required (Any change under \$1 will be donated to purchase books for the media center). Thank you for helping to support literacy for NCMS!

Picture Retakes are on Friday, October 6th. You can purchase your child's picture from jostenspix.com (school code: FE88823)

Don't forget to log your beanstack minutes! Challenge winners and top readers will earn prizes each month.

Cafe News



We accept school lunch payments on accounts that can be made directly to the cafeteria in the form of:

Secure online payments at: <https://myschoolbucks.com>

Cash: We highly recommend that cash be placed in a sealed envelope with the student's name and student ID number clearly written on the outside of the envelope with the word "lunch" on it.

For assistance, you may contact MySchoolBucks directly at 855-832-5226 or you may email <mailto:melinda.valentin@osceolaschools.net> for cash inquiries.

Mark Your Calendar

- 10/5 - PTO Meeting 5 PM & SAC Meeting 6 PM
- 10/6 - Picture Retakes
- 10/7 - Saturday Cheer Practice
- 10/10 - After School Ban Rehearsal 4:30-6:00 PM
- 10/11 - LIA Represent Where Are You from Day (wear Hispanic shirt)
- 10/12 - Resilience Lessons
- 10/13 - Teacher Workday/Student Holiday (NO SCHOOL)
- 10/17 - After School Ban Rehearsal 4:30-6:00 PM
- 10/17 - STAR Reading Testing
- 10/18 - National Bullying Prevention Unity Day (wear orange)
- 10/19 - STAR Math Testing
- 10/20 - Unity Day for Special Olympics
- 10/23-10/27: Fall Book Fair
- 10/24 - After School Ban Rehearsal 4:30-6:00 PM
- 10/25 - NCMS Domino's Spirit Night (all day-Narcoossee/St. Cloud)
- 10/27 - 1st 9 Weeks Report Cards
- 10/27 - Volleyball (student vs staff)
- 10/28 - Fall Extravaganza at Celebration HS (all day)
- 10/31 - Halloween

Special Olympics - Unity Day

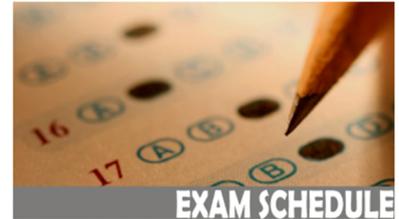
Wear and share orange on October 20th to show unity for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion and to send a visible message that no child should ever experience bullying.



Together against bullying. United for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion!

Testing Information

STAR Reading on 10/17 and STAR Math on 10/19. Details forthcoming from classroom teacher.



Cheer News

Cheerleading - Saturday practice October 7th

End of Clear the Calendar fundraiser for cheer, October 7th.

If you have any questions, contact Coach Trujillo.



L.I.A.

Pay \$1 to wear a shirt from where your
from for Hispanic Heritage Month!

Represent from where you came from!

October 11th, Wednesday of 2023

**Selling wristbands from October 5th
to October 11th in the morning.**

Fundraising for Latino's in Action



Pink bracelets for
\$1.00 each

help spread breast cancer awareness

Sports News



NCMS VOLLEYBALL
TRYOUTS 23-24

GIRLS	BOYS
6TH GRADE 10/4 3:30-5PM	ALL GRADES 10/11- 3:30-5PM
7TH GRADE 10/6 4:30-6PM	ALL GRADES 10/12 4:30-6:00
8TH GRADE 10/9 4:30-6PM	NO BOYS TRYOUTS

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>



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

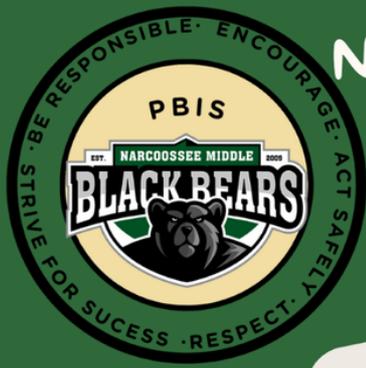
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So far, we have given out 214 positive referrals. We are excited about how well the students have modeled our B.E.A.R expectations. We look forward to giving out many more positive referrals. Keep up the good work black bears!

The PBIS Store will officially open on Monday, October 2, 2023, and will be open bi-weekly during breakfast and lunch periods. To avoid long lines and ensure all students have a chance to participate, the store will focus on one topic each time it opens. For example, on the first day, only snacks will be available, while on October 16, only school supplies will be sold. Ms. Macdonald and Mrs. Marlenys Vargas (the new Dean) will be in charge of the PBIS Store, and Ms. Macdonald will be asking PTO for parent volunteers.

We just had our first monthly main event, the 1st Soccer Penalty Challenge (Student vs Staff). It was a great success! This month we will have our second event, Volleyball Challenge (Student vs Staff) on October 27th during 8th period. We will be on a Wednesday schedule.

Introducing PBIS Shout Out, a new program designed to foster a sense of belonging among school stakeholders. Through this program, teachers, parents, school staff, and students can recognize the achievements of individuals or classes by sending texts to be read on the school's loudspeakers.



NCMS PBIS PARENT SHOUT OUT



Building and Nurturing Our Community Together

Parents can recognize achievement of their children by sending text to be broadcasted bi-weekly through the school's loudspeakers by Dr. Rivera or designee.

Your family are so proud of you!!

Scan the QR code to submit your message



Let's go BEARS!!
We are Champions!!

Happy Birthday to my beloved daughter!! Your family loves you!

Congratulations on your grades!

Hello! My name is _____ I want to recognize my son for being a great student and citizen.

Release of the message will be subject to school staff examination.



VOLLEYBALL

STUDENTS VS STAFF

BEAR
BUCKS
30
TO PLAY



BEAR
BUCKS
20
TO WATCH



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2023
NCMS GYM - 8TH PERIOD - WED. SCHEDULE
NO REFERRAL TO PLAY OR WATCH
SALES DAYS: OCTOBER 24,25,26 - LUNCH PERIOD

NCMS Business Partners in Education

Please welcome our returning Partners in Education and our new partner, Huntington Learning Center!

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
 Peter Luu Signature Group w/Premier Sotheby's
 WAWA Gas Station on Narcoossee Rd/Boggy Creek
 Ur Learning Solution 407-658-7575



If you would like to find out more about our Business Partners in Education (PIE) program, please contact Ms. Lowell at 407-891-6600 ext. 32121.

Other News and Resources

Donations

NCMS is 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!



Special Shout-Out

NCMS would like to thank the Publix Super Markets, INC. for their generous donation for students who are deemed FIT (Family in Transition). The funds will be used to prepare small snack bags for the students to take home.

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:

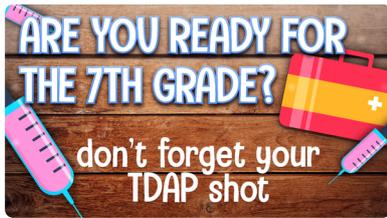
- You are not free to come and go as you wish.
- You are involved in the commercial sex industry (prostitution, stripping, pornography) with a trafficker, or you are under 18.
- You do not have control over your own personal documents/money.
- You were recruited to your job through false promises.
-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

SERVICES INCLUDE:

- trauma-informed counseling
- psychoeducation

- court accompaniment
- life skills
- mentorship
- case management
- 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.
English Classes each Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30-8:30 PM.
For more information, contact Carolina Figueroa at NCMS or ALCO at 407-518-8140.



You may apply at:
<https://otech.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/apply/>

Clases de Ingles para Adultos en ALCO.

Clases cada martes y jueves de 5:30-8:30 PM.
Contacte a Carolina Figueroa en NCMS o ALCO al 407-518-8140 para mas información.

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

Fall Out of Field Report

TEACHER LAST NAME	TEACHER FIRST NAME	OUT-OF-FIELD ASSIGNMENT
Albright	Vikki	MG Math 5-9
Cedeno	Jonathan	ESOL-E
Cordero	Iraba	ESOL-E
Dickerson	Kevin	ESOL-E
Lopez	Camille	ESOL-E
Mendez	Michael	MG Math 5-9
Morales-Aviles	Rosemarie	ESOL-E
Rosado Trenche	Maria	Reading-E
Sumer-Hart	Rebekah	ESOL-E
Sumer-Hart	Rebekah	MG English 5-9



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.

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Instagram: ncmsblackbears

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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

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Francisco is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters