



# BEAR CUB CHRONICLE

Narcossee Elementary Newsletter

January 22, 2024

## NCES Students "Give Back"

During the month December, kindergarten students made holiday cards and ornaments for residents in an Osceola County nursing home.



*"Learning and leading. Every one. Every day."*

— NCES Mission Statement



*"NCES-Where a foundation is built for a successful future. "*

— NCES Vision Statement

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### NARCOSSEE ELEMENTARY CUSTOMER SERVICE PHILOSOPHY

Giving our personal attention to all by creating a positive atmosphere where we embrace everyone as a valued member of our school family.

**respect**  
**family** **trust**  
**commitment**  
**compassion**  
**sincerity**

## 2023-2024 Bell Schedule

7:50-Earliest Drop-Off

(Breakfast is FREE for all students!)

8:10-First Bell

8:20-Tardy Bell

3:15-Dismissal (2:15-Wednesday)

## 2023-2024 Office Hours

7:30am-4:00pm

**Narcossee Elementary-A Leader in Me Lighthouse School**

# TLIM “Habit Homework” has a new look!

Every month, students will bring home a new BINGO card for families to complete together! There will be rewards for students who turn in BINGO cards with 2 BINGOS!! Scan the QR code on the bottom of the BINGO card to connect with the NCES Facebook page and share pictures of your family doing the activities on the BINGO card!!

## JANUARY HABIT #3: Put First Things First



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<p>Listen to the story “The Three Questions” on YouTube <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SpOIVGjjvRc">www.youtube.com/watch?v=SpOIVGjjvRc</a></p>	<p>Make a list of fun things you can do for a five-minute break between homework or chores.</p>	<p>Parents: Try not to answer any emails or check Facebook until the kids are in bed. How did you do?</p>	<p>Discuss this quote as a family: “The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.” Stephen Covey</p>	<p>Time Wasters: Brainstorm some things that you do that wastes a lot of your time. Sometimes these things are fun and relaxing. If you do them too much, though, they may get in the way of the important things.</p>
<p>Revisit BIG ROCKS you made. Are you prioritizing your BIG ROCKS?</p>	<p>As a family come up with the 3 most important things that should happen every day in your house.</p>	<p>Ask your parents what are the most important BIG ROCKS they have each day?</p>	<p>Make a list of things that are urgent, and you need to do NOW!</p>	<p>Talk about what you want to accomplish as a family this month.</p>
<p>Make a list of things you spend your time doing.</p>	<p>We are what we do, not what we say we’ll do. List something you followed through with this month.</p>	<p><b>FREE!</b></p>	<p>Spend some quality time doing something (go to the library, watch a movie, go to the park, etc.) as a family.</p>	<p>Think of something you’ve been putting off for a long time like cleaning your room or pumping up a flat tire on your bike. Go do it now!</p>
<p>Work on something important for 2 minutes then take a 5-minute fun break.</p>	<p>Today, if you say it, do it! Write one major thing you need to accomplish on a sticky note and Just Do It!</p>	<p>Watch Pigsty by Mark Teague on YouTube <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9CRtNt90r5A">www.youtube.com/watch?v=9CRtNt90r5A</a></p>	<p>Use your agenda to schedule your day in order to prioritize your BIG ROCKS.</p>	<p>Sometimes not being brave gets in the way of doing things that are important to you. Putting first things first might mean putting aside your fears to reach your goal. Has fear ever kept you from doing something great or important?</p>
<p>Write in your dialogue journal.</p>	<p>Do the hardest part of your homework first?</p>	<p>Ask yourself if what you are doing today is getting you closer to where you want to be tomorrow.</p>	<p>Set a timer for 5-10 minutes on your little rocks.</p>	<p>Make some goals for the new year.</p>

**FAMILIES, COMPLETE 2 BINGOS BY JANUARY 31st TO RECEIVE YOUR BRAG TAG. MAKE SURE YOU SCAN THE QR CODE TO POST PICTURES ON OUR FACEBOOK GROUP PAGE!!**

**“HABIT HOMEWORK BINGO NCES 2023-2024.”**



STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TEACHER NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

## IMPORTANT DATES

1/22 & 1/29  
College Shirt Days

1/22 & 1/23  
Spring Pictures

1/26 & 2/23  
Student Clubs

2/14  
OASIS Orientation

2/15  
Dress Down for \$1 Day

2/16  
Rodeo Day-Student Holiday

2/20  
1st Grade Field Trip

2/22  
2nd Grade Field Trip

2/22 & 2/23  
Class Pictures

2/22  
SAC Meeting 5 pm

2/22  
PTO Meeting 5:45 pm

## Out of Field Teachers

The following teachers are working out of field and currently working on certification in the following areas as of January 22, 2024:

Elementary K-6	ESOL E	ESOL E	ESOL E
Malave, Nilitza	Callahan, Emily	Mendez, Stephanie	Tiedman, Clare
Marks, Lila	Candelario, Veronica	Mogerie, Ngoki	Waters, Candice
Mulchan, Lisa	Connell, Vanessa	Mulchan, Lisa	
Negron, Yolanda	Donoso, Jean	Owen, Misty	<b>ESE K-12</b>
Owen, Misty	Ellis, Kylee	Owen, Richard	Marks, Lila
Owen, Richard	Fisher, Brittney	Payne, Jocelyn	
Pellizzi, Jacqueline	Johnson, Trey	Pellizzi, Jacqueline	
Rivera, Jazmyn	Krebs, Zumara	Rivera, Jazmyn	
Sanchez, Myrta	Manzo, Tiffany	Sanchez, Myrta	<b>Prek/Primary</b>
Waters, Candice	Marks, Lila	Stainsby, Laura	Amin, Genia

## Cafeteria Corner

**Breakfast is FREE** for all students. Regular lunch price is \$2.40 per day. Visit [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) to set up an account to deposit lunch money online.

Visit: [School Nutrition Services / Free/Reduced Meal Application \(osceolaschools.net\)](http://School Nutrition Services / Free/Reduced Meal Application (osceolaschools.net)) to access the [Free/Reduced Meal Application](http://Free/Reduced Meal Application).

Prepaid money will need to be in an envelope labeled with the student's name, teacher and student ID number, with a parent/guardian note giving permission for the change to be added to the student's account. If the envelope does not contain a note, the change will be returned to the student.

For questions please contact cafeteria manager:

Desiree Heckerman  
407-498-0309 from 7 am-2:30 pm  
[Desiree.Heckerman@osceolaschools.net](mailto:Desiree.Heckerman@osceolaschools.net)



## Transportation Information

Transportation Information Parent Hotline  
(407) 483-3673

Did you know that there are two applications you can use to track your child's bus and get daily updates regarding transportation delays and route changes?



[Here Comes the Bus](#) is a free application that gives parents and students the ability to track the location of their bus.

Information needed to get started:

- Your child's student ID number
- Your child's last name
- School Code: 73760



**BUS BULLETIN**

The [Bus Bulletin](#) notification system is a free service used to notify schools, parents, and students when there are bus delays, substitute drivers, and/or schedule changes.



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### The Joy of Giving

Thank you to everyone that contributed to the annual NCES "Gingerbread Tree." Your contributions helped 22 families and a total of 45 students to have a merrier holiday this season!



### Welcome Partners in Education

Narcoossee Elementary would like to welcome our 2023-2024 business partners. The Partners in Education Program builds relationships between businesses and schools to enhance learning and promote school improvement.

Interested in becoming a Business Partner in Education?  
Contact: Samantha Valenti  
(407) 892-6858  
[Samantha.Valenti@osceolaschools.net](mailto:Samantha.Valenti@osceolaschools.net)

### Have time? Volunteer!



To become an OASIS approved volunteer, register or renew your volunteer application on-line by visiting:

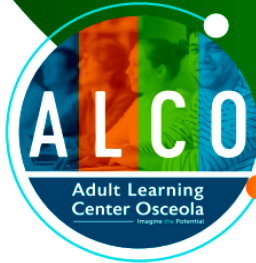
[osceolaschools.net](http://osceolaschools.net)

Visit the [NCES PTO Facebook](#) page to find out how you can become a member.

### ADULT EDUCATION QUICK FACTS

[Osceolaschools.net/alco](http://Osceolaschools.net/alco)

Adult Education programs are open to individuals 16 and over who are not enrolled in any K-12 program.



#### High School Diploma options:

- Passing the GED® tests (Student earns a Florida High School Diploma).
- Completing high school graduation requirements through the Adult High School (Student earns a standard High School Diploma from ALCO).

**Note:** Sixteen and Seventeen year-old students wishing to take the GED® will be given a waiver to take the test AFTER completing a course of study through ALCO preparing them for the test. We do not give waivers for students who are not enrolled in our program.

#### Adult ESOL classes are offered for individuals 16 and over who are not enrolled in any K-12 program:

- ESOL classes go from Level 1-6, plus an additional Career and College Readiness Class.
- Students are placed in appropriate ESOL classes through CASAS testing.
- Students may combine ESOL classes with GED® or Adult High School classes when appropriate.



#### 3 Learning Options

- GED® - Face-to-Face Instruction, Virtual Learning (nights), and Online through GED® Academy
- AHS - Online with Lab Support
- ESOL - Face-to-Face Instruction and Virtual Learning (Levels 4 and above for Virtual)



#### Testing Information

Students wishing to enter the GED® program must take the GOALS test. No testing is required for entrance into the Adult High School program, although students must take and pass required EOC assessments while enrolled if they still need to do so.

Students enrolling in the ESOL program must take the CASAS test.

ALCO is the district's designated testing site for adults (former students) who have earned a Certificate of Completion and wish to complete their testing requirements.

\*\*\*Students may enroll online for classes at [osceolaschools.net/alco](http://osceolaschools.net/alco)

\*\*\*Financial Aid for tuition and GED testing may be available through Career Source for eligible students  
\*The GED test is offered in English and Spanish, but instruction is only offered in English



#### Cost of Program

- GED® program - \$70 for first semester, \$45 per semester after the first
- Adult High School - \$45 per semester
- ESOL - \$70 for first semester, \$45 per semester after the first
- GED® test - this payment is separate and made directly to GED® testing when the student is ready to test. Cost = \$128 for all four tests.
- Semester = 5 months, students may start at any time during a semester



#### Class Sites

- GED® - Main Campus (Simpson Road) and Poinciana Campus (Cypress Parkway)
- Adult High School - online with lab support at the Main Campus.
- ESOL - Main Campus, Poinciana Campus, Flora Ridge Elementary, Celebration High School, or Narcoossee Middle School

NCES PTO Presents:  
**Sweetheart Dance**  
Friday, Feb. 2nd  
6-8pm

NCES students may bring **ONE(1)** special family member or adult to the dance.

**\$15/couple**  
**\$10 per add'l student**



- This event is **only** for NCES students.
- NO Non-NCES students allowed.
- NO infants or toddlers.
- NO drop-offs.
- Limited ticket event.
- Non-refundable.

Scan to purchase tickets.  
**Online sales ONLY!!**  
**NO door sales!!**  
Tickets Close on 2/1 at 1159pm

### Music--Food Trucks--Crafts--Games

#### Thank You to our Business Sponsors!

### Attendance Procedures

Please email all attendance notes, including doctor notes, to:

[Tanya.Sienko@osceolaschools.net](mailto:Tanya.Sienko@osceolaschools.net)

Or call 407-892-6858



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