



**Osceola County**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Educational Choices and **INNOVATION**



*Welcome*  
*Back to*  
**SCHOOL**

## NEW THIS MONTH:

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Making the Most of the 2023-2024 School  
Year

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## Home and School Connection Making the Most of the 2023-2024 School Year

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! The new school year provides opportunities for parents to partner with their child's school, strengthen home-school connections, maximize their child's learning experience, and help foster the love of learning to develop independent lifelong learners. A bit much? It really doesn't have to be an exhausting feat. Here are some tips and suggestions to stay involved and support your child's education:

- Ensure your child attends school regularly
- Keep the lines of communication open with the teachers and school - (update your telephone number, email, and address)
- Review school policies with your child
- Ask your child questions about their day and listen to their responses
- Practice coping skills and talk about difficult situations
- Read with your child - visit [www.fldoe.org/bookofthemoth](http://www.fldoe.org/bookofthemoth) for suggestions
- Volunteer - visit [www.osceolaschools.net/Domain/149](http://www.osceolaschools.net/Domain/149) to register

When parents are involved with their children's education, it reinforces the importance of school. Studies show that students perform at higher levels and value school when parents are active in their school life. We encourage you to stay connected and make the most of the 180 days of learning.

Wishing you a wonderful school year!

## Kids Eat Right Month

Now that school is back in session, your child is getting acclimated to their new surroundings and nutrition and the role it plays in optimizing their performance can be overlooked easily.

Help keep your child performing optimally. Set aside time to create a plan with your child to meet their nutritional needs to help them keep up with their busy schedule. Planning meals and snacks ahead of time can seem daunting for today's busy family but there are many quick and simple recipes that will help fuel the body with nutritious options.

Begin by compiling a list of foods that your child enjoys including healthy superfoods. Visit the websites below for ideas and obtain the school's menu, create your My School Bucks Account, and complete a free/reduced meal application.

- [www.todayparent.com/recipes/easy-superfood-recipes/](http://www.todayparent.com/recipes/easy-superfood-recipes/)
- [www.osceolaschools.net/Domain/158](http://www.osceolaschools.net/Domain/158)

*Just for the health of it!*

# SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

## NARCOOSSEE MIDDLE SCHOOL

*Home of the Black Bears*



Narcoossee Middle School is an AVID National Demonstration School. At Narcoossee Middle School, we are not only using the AVID Framework to ensure that students succeed academically. We are preparing tomorrow's leaders through programs that will enable students to gain leadership skills and build their own efficacy. The Narcoossee Leadership Project offers NCMS Ambassadors, National Junior Honor Society, Latinos in Action, and Student Government programs. The NCMS teaching community will utilize tools such as the **NEW Paxton-Patterson Lab** to engage students in exploring multiple areas of interest. By offering an array of hands-on programs that directly expose students to different aspects of the technology career field, students will gain real-world skills that will serve them as they enter high school and beyond. Narcoossee Middle's pride is real; if you are fortunate enough to become a Black Bear, you will experience it for yourself.

### Specialized Choice Programs:

Leadership  
Culinary Arts  
Jazz

### Enrichment Offerings:

Battle of the Books  
Science Olympiad  
Odyssey of the Mind  
Student Government

### CTE Programs:

Business Technology  
Biomedical  
Robotics  
Project Lead the Way

Visit [www.osceolaschools.net/nems](http://www.osceolaschools.net/nems) to learn more about our school.

## DISTRICT NUMBERS TO KNOW

<b>Educational Choices and Innovation</b>	<b>407-870-4847</b>
<a href="http://www.osceolaschools.net/choice">www.osceolaschools.net/choice</a>	
<b>Early Childhood Learning</b>	<b>407-870-4911</b>
<a href="http://www.osceolaschools.net/Domain/133">www.osceolaschools.net/Domain/133</a>	
<b>Elementary Curriculum and Instruction</b>	<b>407-870-4849</b>
<a href="http://www.osceolaschools.net/Domain/134">www.osceolaschools.net/Domain/134</a>	
<b>Middle School Curriculum &amp; Instruction</b>	<b>407-870-1485</b>
<a href="http://www.osceolaschools.net/Domain/147">www.osceolaschools.net/Domain/147</a>	
<b>High School Curriculum &amp; Instruction</b>	<b>407-870-4901</b>
<a href="http://www.osceolaschools.net/Domain/141">www.osceolaschools.net/Domain/141</a>	
<b>Exceptional Student Education</b>	<b>407-343-8700</b>
<a href="http://www.osceolaschools.net/Domain/135">www.osceolaschools.net/Domain/135</a>	
<b>Extended Day Program</b>	<b>407-343-8780</b>
<a href="http://www.osceolaschools.net/Domain/136">www.osceolaschools.net/Domain/136</a>	
<b>Student Services</b>	<b>407-870-4897</b>
<a href="http://www.osceolaschools.net/Domain/161">www.osceolaschools.net/Domain/161</a>	
<b>Transportation</b>	<b>407-518-4540</b>
<a href="http://www.osceolaschools.net/Domain/163">www.osceolaschools.net/Domain/163</a>	

## Dress Code

Osceola is a uniform district. The following dress code is acceptable at all district-managed schools.

- Shirts with collar - white or navy blue (check with your child's school for additional colors and spirit shirts)
- Bottoms - navy blue or khaki pants, shorts, skirts, jumpers

## Start Times

### **Elementary Schools**

8:20 a.m. – 3:20 p.m. (Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.)  
Wed. early release - 2:20 p.m.

### **K-8 Schools & Middle Schools**

9:20 a.m. – 4:20 p.m. (Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.)  
Wed. early release - 3:20 p.m.

### **High Schools**

7:20 a.m. – 2:20 p.m. (Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.)  
Wed. early release - 1:20 p.m.

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

**August 10th** - First Day of School

**September 4th** - Labor Day - No School

**October 27th** - 1st 9 Weeks Report Cards

**November 16th** - 2023 CHOICE Fair