

January 4, 2024

Hernando County School Board
Linda Prescott, Chairperson
919 N Broad St
Brooksville, FL 34601

Dear Chairperson Prescott and Board Members:

I am writing to request that the Hernando County School Board recognize the mission of the Tampa Bay Times and Hernando Sun Newspaper in Education programs with a proclamation celebrating Newspaper in Education Week 2024.

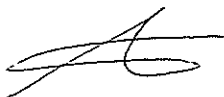
Newspaper in Education Week, celebrated annually during the first full school week in March, recognizes the accomplishments of NIE programs across the country and around the world. **NIE Week 2024 will be celebrated March 4-8, 2024.**

For more than half a century, the Tampa Bay Times NIE program has served Tampa Bay educators, students and families by providing print and digital newspapers, award-winning educational publications, teacher guides, lesson plans, educator workshops and many more resources – all at no cost to schools, teachers or families.

As our schools continue to recover from the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, our teachers, students and families need access to quality learning materials more than ever. **Please join us in supporting our community's schools by recognizing NIE Week 2024.**

Thank you very much for your support.

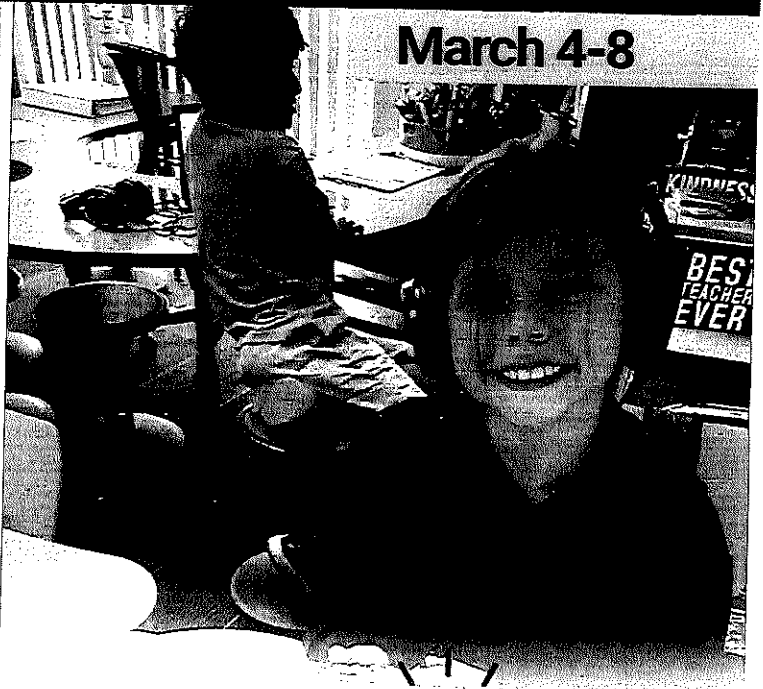
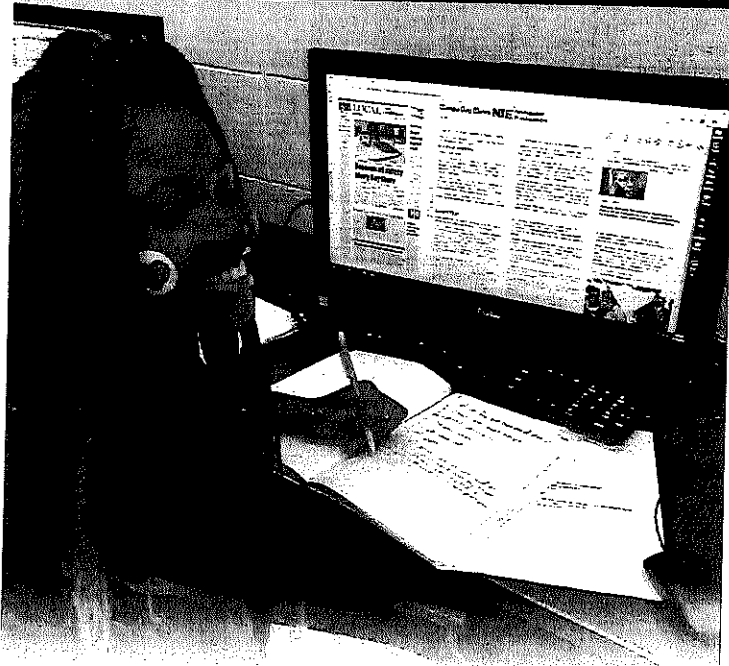
Sincerely,



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Newspaper in Education Week 2024

March 4-8



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Newspaper in Education (NIE) is an international program that promotes literacy by using the newspaper as a teaching tool – a “living textbook.”

The Tampa Bay Times NIE program provides Tampa Bay schools with class sets of the Times plus award-winning original educational publications, teacher guides, lesson plans, educator workshops and many more resources – all at no cost to schools, teachers or families.

**Tampa Bay
Times
NIE**
newspaper in education
tampabay.com/nie



DID YOU KNOW?

IN 2022-2023:

- NIE provided almost 10 million e-Newspaper licenses and more than 200,000 print copies of the Tampa Bay Times to classrooms across Tampa Bay.
- NIE served 786 teachers at 452 schools in Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco and Pinellas counties.
- NIE produced 12 original educational publications, three of which won national awards from the National Newspaper Association.

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