



December 2018
THE WILDCAT'S ROAR
 Diplomat Middle School



Proud to be a Positive
 Behavior Support "PBS"
 Model School



Upcoming Events :

- December 22-Jan. 8:** Winter Break
- January 9-11:** All State Honor Band (Tampa)
- January 10:** School Choice Open House @DMS (6:00 PM- 7:30 PM)
- January 21:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)
- January 24:** McTeacher Night 3:00-10:00 P.M. @McDonalds 8 N.E. Pine Island Road
- January 28:** SAC Meeting
- January 28:** PTO Meeting
- January 31:** All County Orchestra Auditions @South Fort Myers High School (5:30 PM- 7:30 PM)
- February 1:** Straight A Breakfast (9:45 AM - 10:55 AM) Parents Welcome
- February 18:** President's Day (No School)
- February 19:** Teacher In-Service Day (No School)
- February 21:** All County Jazz Auditions (5:00 PM- 6:00 PM)
- February 28:** McTeacher Night 3:00-10:00 P.M. @McDonalds 8 N.E. Pine Island Road



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Hello Wildcats,

Can you believe we are almost halfway through the year? I am so proud of each of our students. Their grade averages are increasing and discipline incidents are decreasing. They are truly demonstrating the Diplomat Wildcat way and your principles as parents.

Soon the students will begin registering for next year's courses, and the 8th graders will be visiting high schools to decide on their next step. Our own Choice Open House is January 10, 6:00 – 7:30. Please share this information if you know any 5th graders.

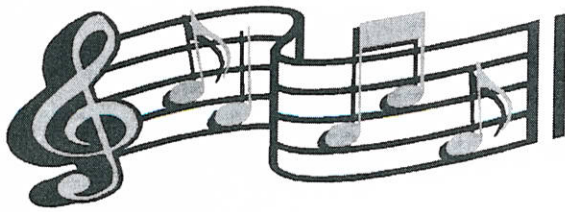
As we leave for the district winter break, remember that this is the season of giving and thinking about others. Giving does not only include spending money on a gift. In many cases a person would rather have your time—they want to spend time with you. Creating memories with someone is a wonderful gift.

We will miss you during the break and look forward to everyone returning in January. Teachers return on January 8th, students return on the 9th. Let's make the second semester a great one. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, have fun and stay safe.

Your principal,

Maura Bennington

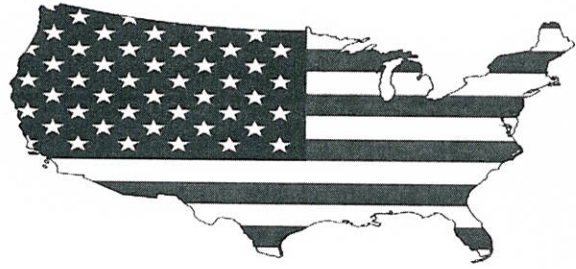




Orchestra students:

Camila Diaz, Allyssa Kendrick, Hannah Quintero & Edriana Pedraja participated in solo and ensemble and received a rating of superior – the highest rating!

Melcha Tunacao received an “Honorable Mention” for her Pride and Patriotism contest poem. She was honored at Barbara B. Mann. She also earned her citizenship and had her swearing in ceremony!



REMINDERS TO PARENTS:

Lee County School Board Policy 4.16:

No student shall be released within the final 30 minutes of the school day unless the principal/designee determines it is an emergency.

Being in school is important

It is important that our students are in school everyday and that they are on time for each class, including the beginning of the day. Just as students receive a detention during the day for being tardy to classes, students will also receive a detention on every third unexcused tardy to school. Therefore, every 3rd unexcused tardy will result in an after school detention.



Before School Care- Parent Convenience

If your morning schedule is tight, you may use our before school care for a small fee each school day. Students may come on campus at or after 9:15 am, without the need of our fee based care. Students who arrive before 9:15 am, become a part of our before school care at a cost to parents of \$35 for registration and \$5 per day that is attended.

Picking up your student

Student must be picked up at dismissal each day, 4:00pm, or at the designated end time of any school sponsored event.

If you are looking for ways to be involved at Diplomat Middle:



- Tanya Norris to learn more about our School Advisory Committee and our PTO, 574-5257
- Caroline Toadvine to ask how you can help with our spring talent show, 574-5257
- Lisa Seale if you have a couple of hours a month, or per quarter; we would love to have you assist in the copy room, at the front desk, or help with our book fairs, 574-5257.

You are invited to join the Diplomat Middle School PTO (Parent/Teacher Organization). Your PTO needs your unique talents, whether it's volunteering a few hours a month or a few hours a year, serving on the board, or attending meetings. Come join us! Why should parents get involved? Because involvement can make a dramatic difference for their children! The difference is seen both in school atmosphere and in the success rate of students—especially when parents are included as partners in the educational process.

WILDCATS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

JOIN YOUR DIPLOMAT MIDDLE PTO TODAY!

The purpose of the PTO is to enhance and support the educational experience at Diplomat Middle School, to develop a closer connection between school and home by encouraging parent involvement, and to improve the environment at DMS through volunteer and financial support.

PTO MEMBERSHIP FORM (2018 – 2019)

PARENT/GUARDIAN/TEACHER INFORMATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

CONTACT NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS WILL ONLY BE USED FOR PTO COMMUNICATION AND WILL NOT BE SHARED.

STUDENTS NAMES

NAME: _____ HOME ROOM TEACHER: _____

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VOLUNTEER PREFERENCES: (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> TEACHER APPRECIATION
BREAKFAST | <input type="checkbox"/> DELIVERIES/PICKUPS | <input type="checkbox"/> SETUP/CLEANUP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BOX TOP PROGRAM | <input type="checkbox"/> MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> CONCESSIONS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DONATION REQUESTS | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL MEDIA | <input type="checkbox"/> ADVERTISING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FUNDRAISING | <input type="checkbox"/> DECORATING | <input type="checkbox"/> PTO EVENTS |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY SERVICE | |

**Make checks payable to:
Diplomat Middle School**
PTO: Please return form
to school office

PTO FEES:

MEMBERSHIP DUES (\$5) PER HOUSEHOLD \$ _____
DONATION (OPTIONAL) \$ _____
GRAND TOTAL (CASH OR CHECK# _____) \$ _____

By submitting this application, I confirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am accepted as a member any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in my immediate dismissal.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

All non-facility must complete a separate Lee County school volunteer application and return the form to Diplomat Middle School office.

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7-Eleven (Andalusia & Diplomat)

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Buon Appetito Restaurant

Culver's (Pine Island Road)

Garden Club of Cape Coral)

Neff Studio (Kismet and Del Prado)

Publix (Kismet and Del Prado)

SAM'S Club (Pine Island Road)

Sue Ellen Florist

Stuff a Bagel (Pine Island & Skyline)

VIP LIMO of Fort Myers

*Thank
You*



If you, or someone you know is interested in becoming a business partner with our school, please contact Diane Ford (dianef@leeschools.net). Donations of time, supplies, services, or monetary support are welcome.