

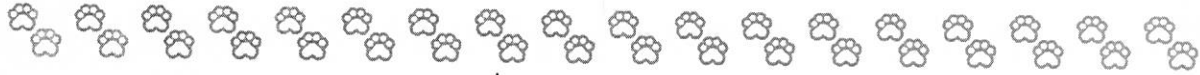


February 1, 2019

THE WILDCAT'S ROAR

Diplomat Middle School

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



Upcoming Events :

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

March 1&2: FOA concert

March 6: Cat's pride committee 8:45-
9:00 am (6-125)

March 11: SAC/PTO meeting 4:30- 6:00
pm

March 12: 5:00- 7:00 pm Silent auction
Chick-fil-a box meals fundraiser (DMS
cafe)

March 13: Leadership council meeting
(Media center)

March 15: Professional duty day (NO
SCHOOL)

March 18- 22: Spring break (NO SCHOOL)

March 27: Grade level meetings (Grade
level chair's room)

March 28: Mcteacher nights (Mcdonalds
@ NE pine island rd)

March 29: All county orchestra concert

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Hello Wildcats,

Are we really half way through the third quarter? Unbelievable! Eighth graders are busy choosing their high schools. Remember to make your choice. These are important years.

In case you are not already aware, we are having our first annual Wildcat Showcase in March. We will be showing off the talents of our artists—musical, painting, and culinary—and having a talent show. Tryout information is inside.

Parents, we offer after school tutoring for FSA standards in Reading and Math, so that all of our students have an opportunity for extra practice in the essential standards. Look inside for more information.

Students, no matter what you are getting ready for, academics or artist talents, I want you to always give your best effort. Remember that what you do is a direct representation of who you are.

Proud to be in the Pride,

Your principal,

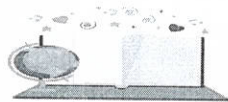
Maura Bennington



Florida State Statute 1012.42 recognizes that teachers, at times, must be assigned duties in a class outside the field in which the teacher is certified. The following teachers at Diplomat Middle School are certified, but may be assigned one or more classes outside their areas of certification and are required to take appropriate steps to comply with the statutory regulation:

William Reamer	ESOL
Nina Johnson	ESOL
Ben Uphoff	ESOL
Linsey Uphoff	ESOL
Kelly Denney	ESOL
Kathy Adams	Reading/ESOL
Ashley Ushko	Reading/ESOL
Nicholas Collins	Middle Grades English 5-9
Lauren Badger	Middle Grades Mathematics 5-9

Tutoring subjects offered:



Math: Monday (7th Grade), Tuesday (8th Grade), Wednesday (6th Grade) from 4:15pm-5:15pm.

Reading/ELA: Monday (6th grade), Tuesday (7th Grade), Wednesday (8th Grade) from 4:15pm-5:15pm

8th grade Science: Every Monday from 4:15pm-5:15pm

Civics: Every Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:15pm-5:15pm



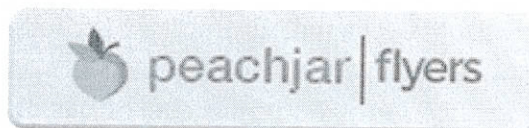
As you may know, in December, our school launched a new digital flyer communication tool called "Peachjar." This "green" initiative will save our schools paper, reduce copy costs and remove a significant administrative burden from teachers, office staff, and volunteers.

No action is required on your part. You should have received a welcome email from Peachjar that included a username and password. This was provided to give you the opportunity to manage your account and flyer delivery preferences. **You do not need to login to receive or view school digital flyers.**

To ensure smooth delivery, it is suggested that you add "school@peachjar.com" to your email contacts. Be sure to click "always display images."

We want to let you know that Peachjar is used exclusively for distribution of school-approved flyers. **Your email address will not be shared or used for any other purpose.**

Flyers will also appear on our school's website. You can access them by simply clicking the Peachjar button on the homepage.



WILDCAT SHOWCASE

Tuesday, March 12

Talent Show

5:30-8 PM

Diplomat Middle School



Art and Photography
Bake Sale
Chick-Fil-A
Kona Ice
Menchie's



Special Performances

Jazz Band
Orchestra
Guitar
Chorus
Theatre
Theatre



Bradbury, M. (2019, January 24). Eight Cape Coral teachers named Golden Apple finalists. *Cape Coral Daily Breeze*, Page 2. Retrieved from www.cape-coral-daily-breeze.com

Local News

Quinn Schnabel: Diplomat Middle School

How did you feel when you were surprised in your classroom? Is this your first Golden Apple experience?

I was actually on a charter bus on my way to Orlando for a field trip when my principal called to let me know that I was one of the 30 finalists. The assistant principal that was chaperoning with us got on the loudspeaker on the bus and announced it to everyone. It isn't my first time being a Golden Apple finalist, but it is an honor to be recognized and very humbling.

What do you teach?

I teach either-grade language arts – all levels of students.

How long have you been teaching?

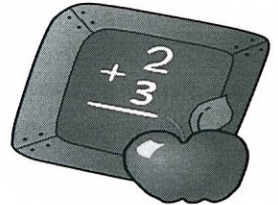
This is my 18th year teaching language arts at Diplomat Middle.

Where do you find your inspiration to keep engaging your students attention?

I had a professor in college that was very passionate about teaching students a love for reading and writing. She shared the most creative ideas, and I just took it from there. I'm always scouring Pinterest and the internet for new and engaging projects and classroom activities. I'm not afraid to dress up as a character and look silly if means keeping the attention of my students.

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

What I enjoy most is the enthusiasm and excitement of the students. It's infectious. When everything comes together in the classroom and the students have an "ah ha" moment, that is the best feeling ever!



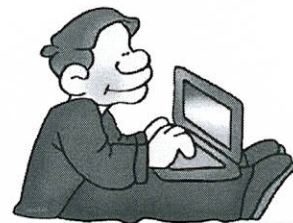
REMINDERS TO PARENTS:

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
- Caroline Toadvine to ask how you can help with our spring talent show,
- 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,

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.

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