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Positive Behavior Support "PBS"
Model School

The Wildcat's Roar



Diplomat Middle School

Si necesita informacion en Espanol, favor de llamar a Carmen Abreu a 574-5257, entre las horas de 9:00 AM y 4:00 PM.

December/January 2014

Mark Your Calendars:

- December 17: NFMHS—7:00pm to 8:00pm
Winter Orchestra Concert
- January 5: Soccer Tryouts begin—4:15pm—5:15pm
- January 6: Soccer Tryouts—4:15pm—5:15pm
- January 7: Soccer Tryouts—4:15pm—5:15pm
- January 12: Soccer Tryouts—4:15pm—5:15pm
- January 13: Soccer Tryouts—4:15pm—5:15pm
- January 14: Soccer Tryouts—4:15pm—5:15pm
- January 19: Soccer Tryouts—4:15pm—5:15pm
- January 20: Soccer Tryouts—4:15pm—5:15pm
- January 21: Soccer Tryouts—4:15pm—5:15pm
- January 22: School Choice Open House—5:30pm to 7:30pm
- January 26: Soccer Tryouts—4:15pm—5:15pm
- January 27: Soccer Tryouts—4:15pm—5:15pm
- January 28: Soccer Practice—4:15pm—5:15pm
- January 28: Interims Distributed

REMINDER TO PARENTS: If your morning or afternoon schedules are tight, you may use our before and after school care for a small fee each school day. Students may come onto campus at or after 9:05am, without the need of our fee based care. Students who arrive **BEFORE 9:05am**, become a part of our before school care at a cost to parents of \$5 per school day.

Students must be picked up immediately after dismissal to avoid the need of our fee-based after school care. Those students who are still on campus, waiting to be picked up after dismissal is complete at 4:10pm, will become part of the fee based program, at the parent's expense, at a cost of \$5 per school day.



Hello Wildcats,

We are about to take our winter break and have almost reached the middle of the school year. We are at that point in the year, December, when we think of family and friends often. As a family of over 900 students, staff, and faculty, we are celebrating several different holidays. In many cases, we will be giving and receiving. We will spend time being thankful to others because of their thoughtfulness to us. In return we can strive to be thoughtful to those around us. I hope that your holiday season is filled with thankfulness and thoughtfulness.

Students, remember at the beginning of the year when I spoke with your grade level in the cafeteria about our responsibility to you? I mentioned that we are not here to prepare you for middle school; you have already met that milestone. It is our responsibility to prepare you for high school. We are preparing you for your next journey. Eighth graders, you are only six months away from becoming high school students. We will be so sad to see you go, but so happy to know you are prepared to leave. Our remaining time with you is short. Help us make the most of it.

I am so excited to tell you that three of our Wildcat students have been named All-State performing artists. All-State Jazz Band – Christian Parrinello. All-State Orchestra – Claire Schreiber. All-State Chorus – Alecia Bernau. We have so many talented students at Diplomat, and we are honored that three of them have been identified at the state level. Congratulations to Alecia, Claire, and Christian. A big thank you to Ms. Mann and Mr. Forti for dedicating many hours to helping these student develop their talents. A big thank you to their parents for helping them make this a reality.

Soon we will be saying goodbye to 2014 and hello to 2015. This is a time for identifying dreams, turning them into goals, and determining plans of action to meet them. I wish you a wonderful holiday season and a safe transition from 2014 to 2015.

Proud to be in the Pride,

Home of the Wildcats!

Maura Bennington, Principal

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Congratulations for 2015 All-State Winners

Alecia Bernau—Middle School Treble Chorus

Christian Parrinello—Middle School Jazz Band

Claire Schreiber—Middle School Honors Orchestra

Cafeteria Food Share Table:

Please be advised that we have established a food share table in our cafeteria where our students can place unopened, unwanted, packaged, food or beverage items that they have selected from our School Nutrition Department breakfast or lunch offerings. These unopened, packaged items will be made available free of charge to all students in the cafeteria during the meal periods.

Students may practice for Florida Standards Assessments by visiting the link:

<http://www.fsassessments.org/training-tests>

2014-2015 Science Fair Winners

1st Place

Dasha Zlyvko
Ania Dziarnowski
Chase Danielson
Michaela McCreary
Franklin Caceres

2nd Place

Alyssa Mitchinson
Claire Schreiber
Rachel Ermacora
Kendi Houser
Candice Hower

3rd Place

Hailey Christ-Wilson
Trinity Perez
Zoe Conway
Abigail McIntosh
Michelle Glarum

4th Place

Rachel McChesney
William Jaquiss
Jayda Farris
Melissa Pineiro
Kristen Gnagey

5th Place

Dulvi Maraina Lucero
Diego Brea
Nina McBride
Melanie Azofeifa
Alyssa Swift

Honorable Mention

Madison Matyas
Mia Degregoria
Shaun Mitchinson
Kaylyn Spahr
Trinity Worrall
Divya Kilhefner
Maria Franco
Johnny Moore
Hailey Biddle

2014-2015 Inventors Fair Winners

1st Place

Audianna Macchia
Jonathan Bush
Mya Mandat
Ariel Sweeney
Kayla Fowler

2nd Place

Allie Wilson
Alecia Bernau
James Drye
Alexa Rios

Emily Winton

3rd Place

Danieska Abad
Jadon Espinosa
Christian Rivera
Cassidy Silva
Logan Mischel