

Sept 26th, 2016



THE WILDCAT'S

Diplomat Middle School ROAR

Proud to be a
Behavior Support
"PBS" Model School



Upcoming Events :

September 6 - November 19th: SGA Food Drive (benefits Harry Chapin Food Bank)
September 13: Odyssey of the Mind Tryouts — 4p
September 14: Boys & Girls BB Vs. GMS @ home
September 14: Boys & Girls Cross Country Vs. GMS @ home
September 14: Music Department Pictures — DMS Bandroom
September 15: Music Department Pictures — DMS Bandroom
September 20: Boys and Girls Cross Country Vs. CMS @ Challenger Middle School — 5:30p
September 20: Boys And Girls BB Game Vs. CMS @ Challenger Middle School — 5:30p
September 22: FVA All-State Exam/Audition (Select Students)
September 24: 9a All State Auditions-PL Dunbar Middle School
September 26: Girls & Boys Cross Country Vs. Oasis @ home — 5:30p
September 26: Girls & Boys BB Game Vs. Oasis @ home — 5:30p
September 28- October 13: Orchestra/Chorus baked goods fundraiser
September 29: FOA All-State Auditions (Select Students)
September 30: School Picture Retakes
October 3: Rosh Hashanah — No school
October 3-November 11: Global Read Aloud (BFG by Roald Dahl)
October 4-7: Scholastic Book Fair — Media Center
October 6: Book Fair Parent Night @ 4:15 - 6pm
October 4: Girls & Boys BB Round 2 Playoff. TBA @ DMS
October 5: Girls & Boys Cross Country Regional Meet @ TMS — 5:30p
October 5: Fall Concert (Chorus) — 7p
October 6: Boys BB QTR Finals-TBA
October 7: Fall Concert (Chorus) — 7p
October 10: Girls BB QTR Finals-TBA
October 10: Fall Concert Recital-Symphonic & Jazz — 7p
October 11: Financial Aid Night - West Zone at Cape Coral High — 6p
October 12: Yom Kippur
October 13: Boys BB Semi Finals- TBA
October 13: Financial Aid Night - East/South Zones at Dunbar High — 6pm
October 14: End of 1st Quarter
November 4: DMS Lock-In

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Hello Wildcats,

In just a couple of weeks we will have completed the first quarter of school. Time flies when you're having fun!

In addition to a few new literacy courses this year—psychology, sports sociology, mythology, and 6th Grade Success—we have also implemented a student Lighthouse course. The students in this course are fast becoming leaders in the building. They are creating a positive culture and developing a plan that encourages students to be accountable for their learning, their actions, and their own decision making.

This year our teachers and students are using a program called Castle. You will find it on the Launchpad page of your student's Chromebook. Through Castle, our teachers, students, and you, can track your child's grades, schedule, discipline records, positive behavior records, student requested passes, and track how your student is performing on the Florida State Standards. This last part is something new and we are all working through the details and challenges of how to best monitor students' progress. As educators and parents, we all want to ensure that our students are progressing well and are ready for the challenges of the next school year. Monitoring their progress through state standards enables us to know and act on that information. It is our goal to help you prepare your child for their future.

On another note, we will continue with our Diplomat Lock-ins this year. These three events will last four hours, 4:00-8:00pm, and include a dance, movies, laser tag, dodgeball, and more. To participate students must meet two requirements, 1. Earn only As, Bs, and Cs, on their report cards, and 2. have no discipline referrals this school year. The first Lock-in will happen a couple of weeks after the end of quarter one. Be on the lookout for information coming soon. One more thing...we are always interested in having parent volunteers. 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, become a part of our School Advisory Committee, or help with our book fairs. Contact Dawn Rucker if you find yourself with time to spare, 574-5257.

This is an exciting year. I hope that the beginning of the school year has been as wonderful for you as it has been for us. Have a fantastic 2016 -2017.

Proud to be in the Pride,
Maura Bennington, Principal

Home of the Wildcats!

REMINDER TO PARENTS: 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 \$5 per school day. Student must be picked up immediately after dismissal. After school care is no longer available.

**Diplomat Lock-In
Friday - 11/4/16**

4:00-8:00pm

Admission: \$10 per student

Bring: Additional money for pizza, snacks, and drinks

Criteria to Attend:

QTR 1 report card has grades of only A,B,C

No referrals during QTR 1

No referrals During QTR 2 through November 6

Must have a ride home at 8:00pm on November 6

Must return the signed permission slip

The Lock- In includes: (but is not limited to)

4:00-6:00

Movie rooms (Parent signature required, only G, PG, PG13)

Outdoor games (Corn hole, Yard golf, 4-square, etc.)

Reading Rooms (Bring own book, read one of ours)

Game rooms (Mario games, etc)

Board and card games (Jenga, chess, checkers, etc.)

6:00- 8:00

Dance in cafeteria

Parent Pick-Up at 8:00 at the front of the school

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::

Kelly Denney	ESOL
Alicia Ford	ESOL
Ben Uphoff	ESOL
Linsey Uphoff	ESOL
David Migliore	Gifted

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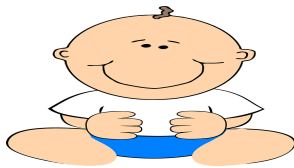


What a wonderful start to the 16/17 school year. We hope everyone has had a great first few weeks.

We are very fortunate, here at Diplomat, to have two school counselors. Gary Carden is the school counselor for the boys and Caroline Toadvine is the school counselor for the girls. We also have a school counseling secretary, Cathy Hagan – who is here to assist you. Please don't hesitate to call or email us with any questions or concerns.

We have some upcoming events that we would like to share. On Thursday, September 15th – we will hold a 6th grade student success night and ice cream social. All current 6th graders and their families are welcome to attend. If you would like to participate in the ice-cream social, it is \$2 per person. October is National Anti-Bullying Month. We will be doing activities to encourage kindness, including our PEACE Walk Fundraiser. We are challenging students from now until October 28th, to raise \$10. Monies will be collected in leadership rooms. And then on October 28th, all students will participate in a PEACE Walk to raise anti-bullying awareness.

Finally, if you are a parent of a sixth grade student – you are eligible to apply for the Take Stock in Children Scholarship. This scholarship is for low income, at risk students. Recipients will receive – a 4 year tuition college scholarship and a mentor. If you are interested in applying, please have your child stop by the school counseling office to pick up an application.



8th Graders! Bring in your baby picture!

The yearbook staff is now accepting baby pictures for the yearbook. Pictures are to be dropped off to

Mrs. Ermacora (room 5104) during 4th period. Please put your name and 4th period class on the back of the picture so that we may ensure safe return. Contact Mrs. Ermacora for additional info. lornae@leeschools.net



Pre-order your yearbook!
\$33.00 for a limited time only.
Checks made payable to DMS
Send Attn: Mrs. Ermacora room
5104
Please put your child's name on
the check.

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