



October 1, 2019

The Wildcat's Roar

DIPLOMAT MIDDLE SCHOOL

PROUD TO BE A POSITIVE - BEHAVIOR SUPPORT "PBS" - MODEL SCHOOL

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**3-HOME BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS 5:30
SGA MEETING UNTIL 5PM**

**7-BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS 5:30
@ VARSITY LAKES**

8-CROSS COUNTRY TRYOUTS

10-MCTEACHER NIGHT

11-1ST QUARTER ENDS

14- TEACHER WORKDAY - NO SCHOOL

15- VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS

16- PICTURE RETAKES

17- SGA MEETING UNTIL 5PM

18- PEACE WALK

**24-REPORT CARDS
SGA MEETING UNTIL 5PM**

29- FALL MUSIC CONCERT 6:30PM

**31- HALLOWEEN
SGA MEETING 5PM**

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Hello Wildcats,

We live in a world that is always changing. In some instances, the changes affect us directly; in many instances we are not even aware that change is occurring.

We have recently had a few personnel changes that several students have already experienced. Ms. Pratt is now our new MTSS and PBIS person. (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support and Positive Behavior Support) Mrs. Howard has moved from Reading to Mathematics. Mr. Henderson has moved from being a guest teacher in the 6th grade success class to being our new ISS (In School Suspension) person. Ms. Mills has moved to another school location. We are also expecting Ms. Wojnar back this week, 6th grade science, and Mr. Reynolds back at the end of the month, 6th grade success.

We are excited about these changes and the opportunities that have presented themselves to our faculty and staff. We are also excited to have two teachers returning to their students so they can get to know them and learn from them. Congratulations! Welcome Back!

We have recently begun our countdown and fundraising for our PEACE Walk. During the month of October, we focus on being kind and thoughtful, and having a positive impact on the lives of those around us. With the money we raise during the month we will donate a portion to charity, purchase prizes and rewards for the students, book motivational speakers for the school, and send teachers on research based professional development. All of the money raised is used for our students and teachers and a charity chosen by our students. We are proud that our students have already raised just over \$4200. Our goal is \$12,000. You may donate by writing a check to Diplomat Middle, if you so choose.

Proud to be in the Pride,

Maura Bennington, Principal

WHERE WE ARE LEAVING OUR MARK

DMS PEACE WALK

October is National Anti-Bullying Month. We are so excited that this year will mark our 4th annual Peace Walk. During this month, we will focus on how we all do random acts of kindness in and beyond our school building. Every year, our students rally together to raise money and bring awareness to the importance of being kind through all of our actions. The walk promotes self-esteem, brings us together as a family, and helps boost self-confidence.

Each year, we raise money for local charities like the Cape Coral Caring Center and the Pancreatic Cancer Foundation, as well as many yearly rewards for our outstanding students, and provide motivational speakers to come in and inspire our students to excel. Last year our students raised \$11,000. Quite the record-breaker, when each were challenged to raise a minimum of \$10. This year our goal is \$12,000. These donations should be turned into your student's first period teacher. We want our students to realize that promoting peace and kindness is always a priority at our school.

This year's Peace Walk will take place on Friday, October 18th. Students will participate in a Peace Walk around our track while listening to music through our school's sound system. In addition, any student who raises \$30 or more will be able to participate in a Color Run on the same day as the Peace Walk that will take place before or after our main track

event. The 5K Color Run will include a grand finale water slide with a pool at the end, so make sure to bring a change of clothes to school if your student plans on taking part in this challenge.

Why do we have a Peace Walk? "Our school decided several years ago that we were going to focus on peace and just being kind to ourselves, to each other, and the world," states Mrs. Bennington. She believes that "we get out of life what we put into it. So if we are working toward being kind, we will get rid of and push out the negative things like the picking-on and bullying of others. We just want to focus on the more positive behaviors."

This year we are blessed to have speaker Will Hutcherson come speak to our students. Mr. Hutcherson and Youth Leadership Collective partner with parents, educators and other organizations to heal despair in teens. Through Youth Leadership, Will Hutcherson is able to offer dynamic assemblies that focus on making positive choices. It is their mission to equip parents, educators, and mentors with tools such as media and on-site training events for impacting young adults.

Please discuss with your child these upcoming events and encourage them to ask family members, friends, and neighbors to join our efforts in promoting kindness.

4TH ANNUAL
PEACE WALK

GRADE LEVEL REMINDERS

ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE THEIR CHROME BOOK CHARGED AND WITH THEM EVERYDAY.

1ST LOCK-IN OF THE YEAR IS NOVEMBER 8TH; PLAN TO BE THERE!

YOU MUST HAVE ALL A'S, B'S, & C'S AND NO REFERRALS.

SIXTH: PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENT TO USE THEIR PLANNER EVERYDAY TO WRITE DOWN ASSIGNMENTS AND CHECK THEM EVERY NIGHT FOR COMPLETION.

SEVENTH: WE NEED BOX TOPS! PLEASE START COLLECTING THESE AND TURN THEM IN TO MRS. BERNAU.

EIGHTH: DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR 8TH GRADE CLASS SHIRT, PRICE IS \$10, TURN IN SHIRT MONEY TO YOUR LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER. 8TH GRADE YEARBOOK ADS ARE ON SALE STARTING AT \$25, GO TO BALFOUR.COM TO DESIGN YOUR STUDENT'S AD TODAY!

YEARBOOKS ARE NOW ON SALE FOR \$35 UNTIL **OCTOBER 31ST**...HEAD OVER TO BALFOUR.COM AND RESERVE YOUR STUDENT'S COPY TODAY BEFORE THE PRICE INCREASES.

RESPECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS – ON TIME; ON TASK

PRIDE CORNER: WILDCAT SPOTLIGHT



Chase Williams: Awesome Personality, Go-Getter, Polite, and Hard-Working

Avril Wenk: Very Kind, Dedicated to Studies, Very Conscientious, and a Friend to All



Eva Alvarez: Always Joyful, Works Hard, and is Always Kind to Others

ATTITUDE – RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTIONS

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STUDENT SAFETY



FORTIFYFL

Senate Bill 7030:

This bill requires us to have a link to the FortifyFL site on devices issued to students. I want to let all of you know that within the next few days the FortifyFL icon will show on all student Chrome books.

FortifyFL is a tool students (and anyone in the community) can access to report suspicious activity. By accessing FortifyFL, students can provide a description of the threat, share pictures and video and optionally submit their contact information.

These tips go directly to law enforcement for investigation. School officials also receive them. Here is a link to the website to learn more: <https://getfortifyfl.com>

In addition there are links on our school website to this FortifyFL website. This tool will help instantly report any suspicious activity that needs to be relayed to law enforcement or our schools officials to continue all efforts to create safe learning environments for our students.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE

OUT OF FIELD

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 teachers listed below are certified, but may be assigned one or more classes outside of their areas of certification and are required to take the appropriate steps to comply with statutory regulations, or are engaged in training to add English to Speakers of Other Languages(ESOL) to their Florida Teaching Certificate.

Katharine Adams, Reading/ESOL; Shakira Bidasee, Reading/ESOL; Kelly Denney, ESOL; Nina Johnson, ESOL; Andrea Lowther, Reading; William Reamer, ESOL; Benjamin Upoff, ESOL; Linsey Upoff, ESOL; Kathryn Howard, Math; Anca Strauss, ESOL

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ODYSSEY OF THE MIND FUNDRAISER:

SCRUNCHIES



\$2.00 EACH
SEE MS. LETCHER

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

7-Eleven at Andalusia and Diplomat

7-11 at Andalusia and Kismet

BJ's on Pine Island Road

Target on Pine Island Road

Garden Club of Cape Coral

SuEllen Florist on Del Prado

Stuff-a-Bagel

Pincher's Crab Shack Tarpon Point, Cape Coral

Heavenly Pizza

Luciano's Pizza

Publix at Pine Island and North Del Prado

VIP Limo of Fort Myers

Escape the Cape in Cape Coral

Menchie's on Pine Island Road

Dairy Queen in Cape Coral

Culver's on Pine Island

Buon Appetito in Cape Coral

Wawa at Pine Island and Del Prado

Play It Again Sports of Fort Myers

Sam's on Pine Island Road

Walmart on Pine Island

Yucatan on Pine Island Road, Matlacha

Miceli's on Pine Island Road

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Diplomat Middle School would like to send out a BIG Wildcat thank you to all of our Community Partners. Your generosity allows us to reach educational goals. To say we couldn't have had a successful school year without you is an understatement. Thank you again for all that you continually do.

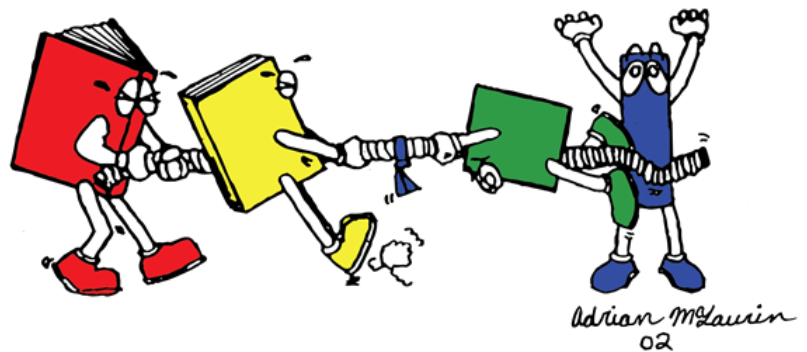
If you would like to become one of our business partners, please contact Diane Ford for more information at DianeF@leeschools.net

CLUB INFORMATION

CULINARY DONATIONS



Our culinary class gladly accepts donations to allow the students to expand their experiences from scratch in the kitchen. If you would like to donate, please send in cake and brownie mixes, foil, paper towels, and dish soap.



ART DONATIONS

Our art classes are in need of monetary donations. If you are able to help, please turn in any money to Mrs. Ward the art teacher.



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Students! Have you been on a Battle of the Books team in the past? Did you want to be, but it didn't work out? Are you interested in being on the Book Battle team for DMS in May of 2020? Please join the DMS BOB Google Classroom using code 6scadkx or contact Mrs. Adams at kathyca@leeschools.net

for more information.

DMS READING CHALLENGE

ARE YOU UP FOR IT?

Book List:

1. Island of the Blue Dolphins (194 pages)
2. Walk Two Moons (288 pages)
3. Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry (238 pages)
4. Lord of the Flies (224 pages)
5. The Giver (240 pages)
6. Number the Stars (137 pages)
7. Call of the Wild (232 pages)
8. Treasure Island (288 pages)
9. Shiloh (144 pages)
10. The Witch of Blackbird Pond (249 pages)
11. Sarah, Plain and Tall (58 pages)
12. Bud, Not Buddy (245 pages)
13. From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler (162 pages)
14. The Voyages of Dr. Dolittle (364 pages)
15. The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe (208 pages)



Read 1-3 books: Snack prizes

Read 4-6 books: Snack prizes + popcorn and a movie on the 1st Early Dismissal Day

Read 7-9 books: Snack prizes + popcorn and a movie on the 1st Early Dismissal Day, plus pizza and a movie on the 2nd Early Dismissal Day

Read 10-15 books: Snack prizes + popcorn and a movie on the 1st Early Dismissal Day, plus pizza and a movie on the 2nd Early Dismissal Day, plus lunch & all-day Field Day on the last day of school.

*** Golden tickets are earned after finishing their 10th book and one Golden ticket is earned for each book after that. The Golden tickets will be put into a drawing for prizes like gift cards, TBD.

Drawing will be held on Monday, June 1, 2020.

PRIZES
AND
SPOILS

IMPORTANT PARENT REMINDERS

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.

Morning Open Gym- Parent Convenience If your morning schedule is tight, you may use our open gym 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 open gym 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, 4:00 pm, or at the designated end time of any school sponsored event.

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY



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The School District of Lee County

2019 -2020

School Calendar

July 2019							January 2020						
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December 2019							June 2020						
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- Holiday – schools closed
- Professional Duty Day – no school for students
- Teacher In-Service Day – no school for students
- First and Last Student Day
- Early Dismissal Days – students
- Hurricane Make-Up Day
- Pre-School Days

- A Days A=ODD
- B Days B = EVEN
- 8/6 Elementary District In-Service Day/Secondary Pre-School Day
- 8/7 Secondary District In-Service Day/Elementary Pre-School Day

Special Notes

- *All Jewish Holidays begin at sundown the day before they are listed*