



November, 2019

The Wildcat's Roar

DIPLOMAT MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 4- POINSETTIA SALE BEGINS
- 5- CROSS COUNTRY MEET @ MARINER 4PM
- 6- ALL COUNTY BAND AUDITIONS 5PM
- 7- SGA MEETING 5PM
- 8- LOCK -IN (8TH GRADE SPONSORED)
- 11- VETERANS DAY - NO SCHOOL
- 12- MUSIC BOOSTER MEETING 6PM
- 13- VOLLEYBALL GAME @ CALOOSA 5:30 PM
- 14- MCTEACHER NIGHT
- 16- THESPIAN FESTIVAL
- 18- VOLLEYBALL GAME @ MARINER 5:30 PM
- 19- CROSSCOUNTRY MEET @ TRAFALGAR 4PM
- 20- VOLLEYBALL GAME @ HOME 5:45PM
- 21- SGA MEETING 5PM
VOLLEYBALL GAME @ HOME 5:30PM
- 22- MOVIE NIGHT & SKIT
PEP RALLY
- 25-29- THANKSGIVING BREAK

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Hello Wildcats,

This is hard to believe, but we are in the middle of Quarter 2. It feels like time is flying by. Parents, as a reminder, you have access to your child's grades through FOCUS. You can check grades anytime, day or night. We will be sending home the QTR 2 Interims on November 13th, but you can check grades at your leisure.

If you do not already know this, several of our teachers offer after-school tutoring. A few that have already told me they offer tutoring are: Ms. Murphy, math teacher, by student made appointment in the mornings; Mr. Dahlberg, music teacher, on Monday, Thursday, and Friday mornings; Mrs. Pegram, math teacher, on either Wednesday or Thursday, please email her for information; Mrs. Howard, math teacher, Mondays after school and Thursday mornings. Thank you teachers, for giving even more of yourselves to ensure your students are learning.

As you know, it is vital to be in school every day. Our school hours are 9:37 – 4:00. Be sure you are on time so you can take advantage of every minute of teaching and learning. Your education is important to your lives.

A few last words, or maybe a plethora.... November is the month of Thankfulness. Although we want to be, and should be, thankful all year round, November is truly about giving thanks. Students, please take a few minutes every day and thank your parents and families for everything they do for you. You are becoming the person you will be because of their influence on you. Parents, although friends will influence your children, it is you who will have the longest lasting impact on their lives. They will always remember the little things you have told them. As they grow, you will be thankful for the time you take now to help them mature into the adults you want them to be.

I am thankful to this Diplomat Wildcat family. The teachers and the staff are second to none. They want what is best for your child. They treat each other with dignity and kindness. They are family to each other. I am thankful that I get to be a part of this great family. My wish for all of you reading this letter is that all of your wishes come true. May you be healthy and happy throughout your lives.

Proud to be in the Pride,

Maura Bennington, Principal

WHERE WE ARE LEAVING OUR MARK

NJHS IS COLLECTING BOX TOPS

Box-tops are at it again with their all-new box-tops app. Now, you can scan your store receipt within fourteen days of purchase to earn money for our school. All you need to do is look for the box-tops logo on some of your favorite products. Then, open up the box-tops app on your phone and press the 'scan' button at the bottom middle of your screen. Now, just simply take a photo of your receipt, and you've just earned money for our school with the touch of a button. While box-tops have digitally advanced the ease of earning money for schools, don't worry if you still have some cut-outs of box-tops that have yet to expire; you can still turn those in to Room 6-213. We, the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS), plan on using this money for various things like dues, staff/teacher appreciation



gifts, and we'll make a donation to the school with some of the money left over. Our goal is to collect \$1,000 in box-tops, and with the new box-tops app, things will be much easier and much more efficient. Please help us reach our goal by looking at the bottom of items you buy to see if it includes a box top label.

**Turn them into
Mrs. Bernau in
room 6-213**

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: 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 \$40...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



Laci Larson: Hard-Worker, Great Personality, and Very Polite

Caden Warr: Always Polite and Caring. Helps out in and outside of the classroom.



Keelin Fitzgerald: Always Smiling, Works Hard, and Friendly

ATTITUDE – RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTIONS

IMPORTANT TO NOTE

K-2 SOLUTIONS

Meet Reed. Students in Mrs. Larson's class were invited to meet Reed, a bomb detection dog. Reed and her handler get to travel to professional sporting events and concerts, in order to sniff out potential bomb or arsenal threats to the patrons that attend those events. The students got to see her work and also love on her during their visit.



WE ARE SOCIAL BUTTERFLIES



ARE YOU FOLLOWING US?



@DiplomatMiddle
<https://twitter.com/diplomatmiddle>



Diplomat Middle School
Diplomat Middle School Parent Page!!!



PEACE WALK RESULTS

Peace Walk this year exceeded our goal - by raising \$13,400! \$1,500 of that will go to St. Jude's Cancer Research Center, and the rest will go back to the school to support various programs. We are very proud of our Wildcat family for coming together for a positive purpose. Everyone had a great time at the Peace Walk and the addition of the color run was a huge success. Thank you Caroline Toadvine and everyone who took time and energy to put together this wonderful event for our students. It was a great way to bring awareness to each of us to spread kindness to all.



CONGRATS WILDCATS

PLEASE PUT YOUR HANDS
TOGETHER AND
CONGRATULATE OUR
STUDENT ATHLETES!



CROSS COUNTRY

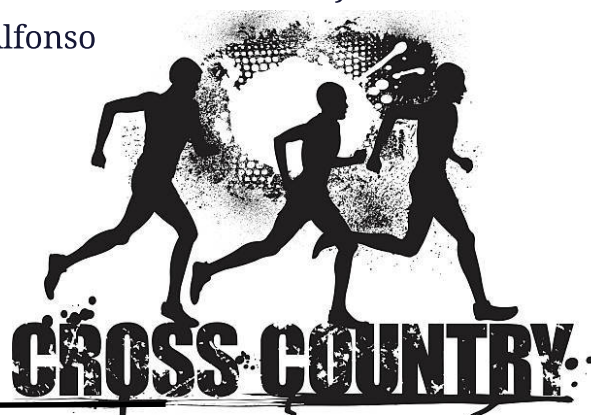
Annabella Brown
Jose Chapman-Segura
Angel Cruz
Ya'Varris Fletcher
Abigail Hatto
Dale Lau
Danella McCrackin
Ryan Mitchinson
Sandra Moore
Olivia Parker
Cesar Rios
Isabella Schmitt
Nicholas Sheehy
Mackenzie Simmons
Karina Vega
Jake Giron
Katie Lopez
Lilliana Porcelli
Ethan Garland

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Denis Schmidt
Grant Coppens
Ryan Mueller
Kobe Johnson
Blake Tran
Henry Upoff
Victor Holt
Noah Riascos
Nicholas Rockafellow
Caleb Kiraly
Jordan Stroman
T'onyai Wells
Bryce Duross
Williams Alfonso

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Vanessa Norris
Isabella Gibson
Kasey Munera
Julia Ton Nu
Willow Ritch
Hailey Tracy
Kenzie Wallace
Jardan Rosciti
Alexa Moloney
Dianca Iten
Nalah Smith
Jailee Costello
Jennifer Munera



When we say "Wildcats," You say "Go!" **Go Wildcats!**

POINTSETTIA SALES ARE HERE

Make your Holiday Festive by purchasing your
Poinsettia from
Diplomat Middle School Music
Department....THEY ARE HUGE!!



Only \$20.00 each

(Checks made payable to Diplomat Middle School)

These plants are **BEAUTIFUL!!!**
8" Diameter **pot**, stand 2+ feet tall with an average
of 8 -15 blooms with foil wrapped pot.
See your favorite musician today or
email...markld@leeschools.net

STUDENT SUCCESS

TUTORING TIME

MRS. HOWARD - PRE ALGEBRA

Monday After School - 4:15 to 5 PM

Thursday Morning - 8:45 to 9:15 AM

MRS. PEGRAM - MATH

Wednesday After School - 4:15 to 5 PM

Thursday After School - 4:15 to 5 PM

MS. MURPHY - MATH

Mornings By Appointment

MS. STRAUSS - MATH

Monday After School - 4:15 to 5 PM

Thursday Morning - 8:45 to 9:15 AM

MR. DAHLBERG - BAND

Monday, Thursday, and Friday Mornings

FOCUS PORTAL

Focus is the software program Lee County uses for purposes of scheduling, attendance and grade reporting. Lee County's FOCUS Parent Portal provides you with a real-time view of your student's assignment grades, attendance information, current grade averages in all classes, as well as progress monitoring results. For the protection of your student's confidential information, we have created the following secure procedures for you to register for a Focus Parent Portal account online. Please visit https://www.leeschools.net/our_school/focus for information about creating your account.

If you have not completed the emergency contact and student health information online, we ask that you visit the Focus Parent Portal to complete these forms.



PBIS: POSITIVE BEHAVIOR

In October, we held an ice cream social for students who made all A's, B's and C's on their report card and received no referrals from Quarter 1. We had 437 students who met the criteria. Wow, that means half of our student body received the treat. On the 31st, we allowed students with no cat cards and no referrals to wear flip flops or slides to school. We also have a Pep Rally scheduled for November 22nd, to show off our school spirit. Please encourage your student to always do their best in school. Help them by checking Focus and making up any missing assignments as well as being a great role model for others to follow. Together, we make a difference.

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.

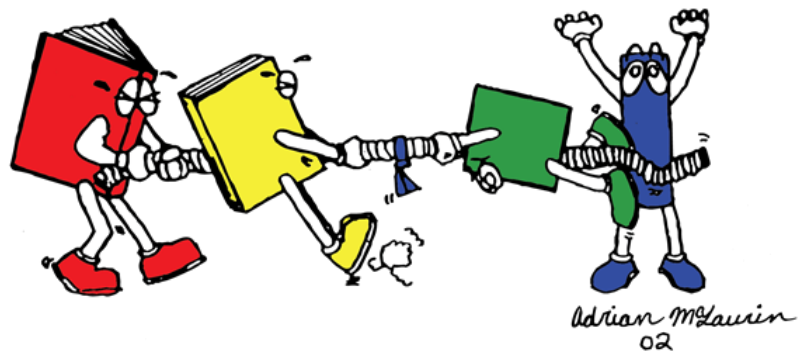
If you would like to become one of our business partners, please contact Diane Ford for more information at DianeF@leeschools.net

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 baking items, 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 6scadx 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



MARY FISHER
District 1



DR. GREG ADKINS
Superintendent



MELISA GIOVANNELLI
District 2

DEBBIE JORDAN
District 3



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The School District of Lee County

2019 -2020

School Calendar

July 2019							January 2020							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
	1	2	3	4	5	6				1	2	3	4	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	JUL 4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18	19	20		12	13	14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25	26	27		19	20	21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30	31	
August 2019							February 2020							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
				1	2	3							1	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	AUG 5 Teachers First Day	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	AUG 5, 8, 9 Pre-School Days	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	AUG 6,7 Teacher In-Service Days	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	AUG 12 First Day Students	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
September 2019							March 2020							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	SEP 2 Labor Day	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14		8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21		15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28		22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30						SEP 29-30 Rosh Hashanah	29	30	31				
October 2019							April 2020							
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12	OCT 9 Yom Kippur	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	OCT 11 End of Quarter 1	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	OCT 14 Professional Duty Day	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
27	28	29	30	31				26	27	28	29	30		
November 2019							May 2020							
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16	NOV 11 Veterans Day	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	NOV 25-29 Thanksgiving Break	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	NOV 28 Thanksgiving Day	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
								31						
December 2019							June 2020							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7			1	2	3	4	5	6
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	DEC 18, 19, 20 Early Dismissal Days	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	DEC 20 End of Quarter 2	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	DEC 23-JAN 3 Winter Break	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
29	30	31					DEC 25 Christmas Day	28	29	30				

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*