



The Wildcat's Roar

DIPLOMAT MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 4- FBA JAZZ MPA (LEHIGH @9:30AM)
- 7- SOLO AND ENSEMBLE (9:30AM)
- 9- EDISON LIGHT CHILDREN'S PARADE (9AM)
- 10- NO SCHOOL- TEACHERS' IN-SERVICE
- 12- SOCCER GAME (ICHS@5:45PM)
- 13- MCTEACHER NIGHT (3PM)
SGA (4:30PM)
MUSIC BOOSTER MEETING (6PM)
- 14- 6TH GRADE FIELD TRIP (6AM-8PM)
7TH GRADE FIELD TRIP (6AM-8PM)
- 15- GRAND PARADE (9AM)
- 17- NO SCHOOL - PRESIDENTS' DAY
- 18- SOCCER GAME (ICHS@6:45PM)
- 20- SOCCER GAME (MARINERHS@5:30PM)
CHORUS MUSIC ASSESSMENT
- 24- TRACK TRYOUTS (4-5:15PM)
- 27- SGA (4:30PM)
ALL COUNTY JAZZ AUDITIONS (5PM)
- 28- ORCHESTRA MUSIC ASSESSMENT
- 29- ODYSSEY OF THE MIND COMPETITION
(SOUTH FORT MYERS HIGH)

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Hello Wildcats,

We are well into the second semester. That means the 8th graders are only with us for another four months. You should have all chosen your high schools by now. If you have not, do so quickly.

As you know, February is the month of LOVE. I have asked the students and teachers to email me the name of a person they love and why. They can share anonymously. I will read the information on the intercom after the pledge each day. We have been doing this for several months using different criterion--November, people they are thankful for; December, people they give to; and January, good deeds they have done for others. Throughout this time, they have also been submitting inspirational quotes. I am amazed at the research that students are completing to find quotes that are meaningful to them. We have such wonderful students.

Thank you to those students who have submitted quotes and the information mentioned above. Students, no matter what time of the year it is, always give your best. Remember that what you do is a direct representation of who you are.

Proud to be in the Pride,

Maura Bennington, Principal

WHERE WE ARE LEAVING OUR MARK

SGA IS GOING THE EXTRA MILE TO MAKE YOU SMILE

CANS
&
CARNATIONS

Join in as our SGA and the Salvation Army collect cans this year for our annual can-a-thon. Students can start bringing in cans from January 27th to March 10th. Your 2nd period teacher will be collecting cans. We are hoping that each student can bring in at least two cans. The class with the most cans (2nd period) will receive a yummy breakfast treat. Join us today in the fight against hunger.

Also, SGA is already selling single carnations for Valentine's Day. This presale started on January 27th and goes until February 10th. Flowers are \$1 a piece and will be delivered on Thursday, February 13th. The monies collected from the sale will be used for staff, custodian, paraprofessional, and teacher celebrations. See your SGA representative that is set up outside of the cafeteria near the learning lab to order your carnation today.

STEMTASTIC!

DAY OF DISCOVERY

February 8, 2020

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

STEMtastic invites all children and their families to participate in this exciting day of discovery. This event is free to the public. There will be over 125 exhibits to explore and food available for purchase.

@ **Lee County Public Education Center**

2855 Colonial Blvd. Fort Myers, FL 33966

For more information visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ulu2VdKfAQY>

<http://www.leeschoolfoundation.org/programs/student-programs/stem-initiatives/>



GRADE LEVEL REMINDERS

ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE THEIR CHROME BOOKS CHARGED AND WITH THEM EVERYDAY. STUDENT SAFETY: STUDENTS NEED TO WEAR THEIR SCHOOL ISSUED IDS EVERYDAY, IF YOU HAVE LOST YOURS, YOU CAN PURCHASE A REPLACEMENT FOR \$5...SEE MS. PRATT.

SIXTH: 6TH GRADE FIELD TRIP TO SEA WORLD IS **FEBRUARY 14TH**. MAKE SURE TO ARRIVE HERE BETWEEN **6:15-6:30 AM** IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING. DEADLINE TO ATTEND HAS BEEN CUT OFF ALREADY. **PLEASE WEAR YOUR BLUE FIELD TRIP SHIRT**. WE WILL RETURN AROUND 7PM.

SEVENTH: 7TH GRADE FIELD TRIP TO DISNEY'S ANIMAL KINGDOM IS **FEBRUARY 14TH**. DEADLINE TO ATTEND HAS ALREADY PASSED. MAKE SURE YOU ARRIVE AT THE SCHOOL BETWEEN **5:45-6:00 AM**. WE WILL RETURN AROUND 8PM.

EIGHTH: IF YOU HAVEN'T CHOSEN YOUR HIGH SCHOOL BY NOW, PLEASE DO THAT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

YEARBOOKS ARE NOW ON SALE FOR \$40 UNTIL MARCH 27TH...HEAD OVER TO BALFOUR.COM AND RESERVE YOUR CHILD'S COPY TODAY.

RESPECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS – ON TIME; ON TASK

PRIDE CORNER: WILDCAT SPOTLIGHT



Myla Willis:

Very Kind and Polite,
Dedicated to Studies, Very
Giving, and a Friend to All

ATTITUDE – RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTIONS

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LET'S GO WILDCATS

Boys Soccer Team

Diego Torres
Stefano Berbey
Caleb Reyes
Culel Shirley
Hayes Hanson
Jake Giron-Miranda
James Owen
Josh Garcia
Matthew Rua
Oscar Santo
Ruben Hernandez
Ryan Mitchenson
Santiago Carcamo
Angel Cruz
Lane Marks
Jose Torres
Jesus Osario

Girls Soccer Team

Avril Wenk
Lilliana Porcelli
Annabella Brown
Aurora Kerwin
Sarah Billhorn
Nancy Jaquiss
Abrianna Romero
Caroline Kamphouse
Trinitee Stevens
Dalila Palenzuela
Kalynn Marshall
Elizabeth Robb
Keira Morehead
Aleigha Dekeyser
Maya Torres
Briena Alexander
Bella Gibson



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; Jacqueline Morales-Ward, K-12 ART; Lynnda Shawver, Reading

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OM COMPETITION FEBRUARY 29TH - ALL DAY



**SOUTH FORT MYERS
HIGH SCHOOL
14020 PLANTATION DRIVE
FORT MYERS, FL 33912**

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.

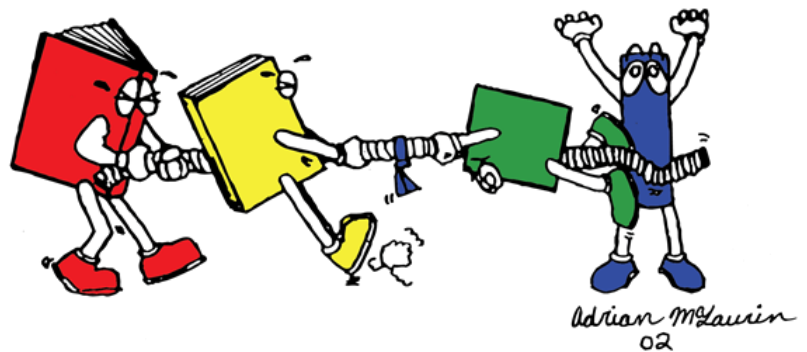
If you would like to become one of our business partners, please contact Diane Ford for more information at DianeF@leeschools.net

CLUB INFORMATION

CULINARY DONATIONS



Our culinary class is in need of dish soap, sponges, paper towels, flour, sugar, brown sugar, and vanilla extract. If you could help us out by sending these items in with your child, we would be so grateful.



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.

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



PBIS: POSITIVE BEHAVIOR

Get out your dancing shoes, February 13th is our Valentine's Day Dance. The dance is for students who have no D's or F's on their interims and no referrals for Quarter 3. February 21st is the next Clean Cat Card Reward for students with no cat cards/referrals from February 3rd through February 20th. We are glad to report that 21% of the student body were on the no Z's report for January 31st.

Teacher of the Month - Andrea Lowther

Staff of the Month - Charlie Agricola

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)



PRIZES AND SPOILS

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.

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



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District 2

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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							
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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
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December 2019							June 2020							
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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