



# The Wildcat's Roar



## Diplomat Middle School

### Mark Your Calendar:

#### **September 2—16**

Broadway Café Fundraiser

#### **September 4 & 5**

Picture Day—Students will have pictures during Language Arts

#### **September 2—10**

Basketball tryouts—Teams to be chosen on September 10

#### **Tuesday, September 9**

6:30—Band & Prelude Orchestra Rental Night—Cafe

#### **Thursday, September 11**

4:10—5:10 Spirit Cats—first meeting

#### **Tuesday, September 16**

5:00 Cross country practice meet at Trafalgar Middle

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Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough Band Fundraiser begins.

#### **Wednesday, September 17**

5:15 Basketball game at Trafalgar Middle

#### **Thursday, September 18**

5:00—8:00 Chic-fil-a partnering fundraiser

#### **Saturday, September 20**

9:00—3:00 All-State Auditions at FGCU

#### **Monday, September 22**

5:15 Home basketball game vs. Mariner Middle

#### **Monday, September 22**

5:00 Home cross country practice meet vs. Mariner Middle

#### **Tuesday, September 23**

Time TBA: FVA All-State Audition #1 (Select Students)  
SW Florida Christian Academy

#### **September 25—October 3**

Book Fair begins.

#### **Friday, September 26**

6:00 National Junior Honor Society (7th & 8th grades)

#### **Monday, September 29**

5:15 Basketball game at North Fort Myers Academy for Arts

#### **Monday, September 29**

5:00 Cross country dual practice meet at NFMAA

#### **Monday, September 29**

6:00 SAC Meeting followed by Parent Volunteer Organization  
Media Center

#### **Tuesday, September 30**

Time TBA: FOA All-State Auditions (Select Students)  
North Naples Middle School

September 1, 2014

### **Hello Wildcat Families,**

We are just finishing the second week of school and, already, our parent pick-up lines are completed by 4:05, and buses are gone by 4:08. We have you, the parents and the district bus drivers, to thank for such great efficiency. As you know, we completed dismissal a bit later than those times during the first week, but everyone has worked to quickly learn the procedures, and it shows in our dismissal times this week. One more kudo to those of you who are parent-pick-up families: Our surrounding neighbors appreciate everyone using the line at dismissal, rather than attempting to park in yards, lots, and business properties.

Our first School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting was August 25<sup>th</sup>. Twelve people attended, and they had good ideas, questions, and input. We encourage you to become a part of this council. We invite parents, community members, and businesses to partner with us as we continue our work to meet the district's goal of being a world-class school system. Our next SAC meeting is at 6:00pm, September 29<sup>th</sup> in the media center. Immediately after the meeting, our Parent Volunteer Organization will meet to discuss upcoming events and opportunities. This is one more important way to become involved in your child's school life and education. If you would like to volunteer, please contact us at 574-5257. We will let you know how to get started.

**Save the Date.** On September 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm – 8:00pm, Chick-fil-a is partnering with us for a fundraiser. If you are available to eat dinner inside or go through the drive-through, be sure to let them know you are with Diplomat Middle School, and your student will receive a wristband. Your student will turn in the wristband at school to receive a free homework pass.

**Athletics are in high gear.** Basketball and cross country practices and tryouts are in progress. Games will begin the middle of September. Be sure to watch our website for game dates, times, and locations. If you haven't already, notice that you can also see important information on our new marquee by the road.

**We are off to a great start.** Our faculty and staff are working diligently to ensure great teaching, a plethora of learning opportunities every day, and a safe and orderly school.

Welcome to the new school year and to the *Home of the Wildcats!*

### **Maura Bennington, Principal**

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## **YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

The 2014-2015 Yearbook is already on sale, and this year we've made it even easier for you to purchase this treasure of middle school memories for your student!

Simply go to the Diplomat Middle School website, scroll down to the "Quick Links" area and look for the DMS YEARBOOK icon. This will take you to our online school store where you can purchase the yearbook for the low price of just \$32.00!

Act now, because this price will only be good until SEPTEMBER 30th. After that date, the book will cost \$35.00.

**PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE PURCHASING THE BOOK THROUGH THE SCHOOL, WE ACCEPT CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS ONLY. ALL CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO DIPLOMAT MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SENT TO THE ATTENTION OF MRS. ERMACORA (ROOM 6119).**

As well, we are extremely excited about offering you a unique advertising opportunity for the Diplomat Middle School 2014-2015 yearbook!

Do you own a business? If so, you can buy advertising space in this year's book for the very low price of \$20.00! Simply send in a business card attached to your check made payable to "Diplomat Middle School" in the amount of \$20.00. It's that easy!

As well, you can purchase a "Love Line" for your special student. A "Love Line" is a special statement that shares messages of support, congratulations and encouragement. At \$8.00 for 25 words or less, "Love Lines" are an inexpensive, yet heartfelt way of expressing the pride you have for your child. For further

### **Teachers who are out-of-field:**

<b>Charles Call</b>	<b>Mathematics</b>
<b>Tommerlee Castellanos</b>	<b>Autism</b>
<b>Jamilyn Cox</b>	<b>Gifted</b>
<b>Noah Gaar</b>	<b>Gifted</b>
<b>Heather Bernau</b>	<b>ESOL</b>
<b>Kelly Denney</b>	<b>ESOL</b>
<b>Jean Marie Hart</b>	<b>ESOL</b>
<b>Ben Uphoff</b>	<b>ESOL</b>
<b>Margaret Walsh-Hefner</b>	<b>ESOL</b>
<b>Jessica Winiarz</b>	<b>ESOL</b>
<b>Heather Bernau</b>	<b>ESOL</b>

### **SCHOOL MOTTO**

**"Work hard. Be kind."**