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Model School

# The Wildcat's Roar



## Diplomat Middle

October 1, 2014

### Mark Your Calendars:

**October 1: Media Center**

Book Fair: October 1— 3

Parents' Night October 1 in Media Center—5:00—7:30

**October 1: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Diplomat Middle**

Cross Country Home Practice Meet vs. Caloosa Middle

**October 1: 5:15 pm to 7:15 pm at Diplomat Middle**

Basketball Game vs. Caloosa Middle

**October 6—17**

Yankee Candle Fundraiser for Art

**October 6: Wear Blue-T-Shirts for Anti-Bullying**

**October 7: 7:00 pm at Island Coast High**

Jazz Cats, Concert Band, Symphonic Band & Special Performance by Island Coast Jazz Band

**October 7: 5:00 pm—6:00 pm at Trafalgar Middle**

Cross Country Regionals at Trafalgar—5:00 pm—6:00 pm

**October 8: 5:00 pm-7:00 pm**

Basketball Playoffs Begin—Round 1—More TBA

**October 9: 4:10 pm to 5:10 pm**

Spirit Cats' Meeting

**October 9: 5:00 pm-7:00 pm**

Basketball Playoffs—Round 2—More TBA

**October 10:** School Checks Sales Begin—History Fair Club and OM

**October 13: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

Boys' Basketball QTRS—more TBA

**October 14: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

Girls' Basketball QTRS—more TBA

**October 15: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

Boys' Basketball Semifinals—more TBA

**October 16: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

Girls' Basketball Semifinals—more TBA

**October 21: Cypress Lake Center for the Arts**

FVA All-State Exam Audition #2 (Select Students) - more TBA

**October 21: 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm at P. L. Dunbar Middle**

All County Concert Band Auditions

**October 22: Wear Orange T-Shirts for Anti Bullying**

**October 21: 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm**

Cross Country Finals—TBA

**October 22: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

Basketball Finals—more TBA

**October 23: 4:10 pm to 5:10 pm**

Spirit Cats' Meeting

**October 24: 4:10 pm to 7:00 pm in Cafe**

8th Grade Quarter Fall NFL Dance

**October 25: 4:00 pm-6:00 pm at Ft. Myers High School**

National Anthem Performance FBA Marching MPA

**October 27: 6:00 pm—7:30 pm in Media Center**

SAC/PVO Meeting

**October 29: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Island Coast High**

All County Chorus Rehearsal

**October 31: Wear Favorite Team Jerseys for Anti-Bullying**

**October 31:**

Report Card Day

Hello Wildcats,

Only twelve days remain in the first quarter. The time is going by too fast. Basketball and cross country are in full swing; we currently have a medieval themed book fair in the media center; our Chick-fil-a fundraiser has come and gone; and many of you are taking advantage of our before-school and after-school care. All of this is taking place with a full schedule of academics as well.

Our medieval fair activities, so far, have included archery-with Nerf arrows, jousting-with pool noodles, and royal feasts-school and homemade lunches in the media center. Our students and staff are enjoying watching and participating in the activities. Who knew you could make a horse out of a rolling chair? If you do not already have plans for the evening, stop by our media center for PARENTS' night at the book fair, 5:00 – 7:30pm.

Remember that if your morning or afternoon schedules are tight, you may use our before-school and after-school care for a small fee each school day. Students may come onto campus at or after 9:05am, without the need to enroll in our fee based care. Students who arrive BEFORE 9:05am, become a part of our before-school care at a cost to parents of \$5 per school day. Students must be picked up immediately after dismissal to avoid the need to enroll in our fee-based afterschool care. Those students who are still on campus, waiting to be picked up, after dismissal is complete at 4:10pm, will become part of the fee based program, at the parent's expense, at a cost of \$5 per school day.

Our teachers and students are busy teaching and learning. A few of our teachers have put on their creative hats and are currently writing and submitting grant applications. We are hoping to create a park atmosphere just outside our cafeteria with picnic tables, flowers, and a vegetable and fruit garden. We plan to have a 'Sidewalk Art Walk' around the amphitheater, and our students will be studying the life cycle of tilapia, as well as the DNA of strawberries. If you, or a local company you know, would like to volunteer your time or donate funds for our school wide projects, please contact the office at 574-5257, and we will put you in touch with the right teacher.

Proud to be in the Pride,

Maura Bennington, Principal

### Home of the Wildcats!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ATHLETES!**

Last Week: Boys' & Girls' Teams Won Basketball Games

Boys' Team Won Cross Country

This Week: Girls' Basketball Team Won

Boys' Basketball Team Lost in Overtime

Boys' & Girls' Cross Country Teams Won

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## Upcoming Bullying Prevention Events

### October 6th:

Blue T-Shirt Day for Students and Teachers.

Let's SEE a SEA of blue to Stamp Out Bullying.

Teachers pay to wear jeans to raise funds to celebrate National Bullying Prevention Month.

### October 22nd:

Wear Orange T-Shirts for National Bullying Prevention Unity Day

### October 31st:

Team Jersey Day

Wear your favorite sports team jersey.

THANK YOU to our September Volunteers!

Monica Toia

Brittany Agricola

Ana Rodriguez

Barbara Wilson

Aaron McDonald

Patty Phelan

Suzan Jennings

Anthony Bell

A SPECIAL THANKS to Linda Palmer and

### SCHOOL MOTTO

**“Work hard. Be kind.”**

Si necesita informacion en Espanol, favor de llamar a Carmen  
Abreu a 574-5257, entre las horas de 9:00 AM y 4:00 PM.

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:

Tommerlee Castellanos	Autism
Bryan Surich	Autism
Jamilyn Cox	Gifted
Charles Call	Gifted
Tim Schnabel	Gifted
Heather Bernau	Gifted

In addition, the following teachers are engaged in training to add English for Speakers of other Languages (ESOL) to their certificates:

Kelly Denney	ESOL
Jean Marie Hart	ESOL

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