



The Wildcat's Roar



Proud to be a
Positive Behavior Support "PBS"
Model School

Diplomat Middle School

April/May, 2015

Mark Your Calendars:

- April 21: FSA Reading—7th Grade: Session 1-Block 1**
April 22: FSA Reading—7th Grade: Session 2-Block 1
April 22: Golf Match—5:00pm to 7:00 pm
Diplomat vs. Mariner at El Rio
April 23: FSA Reading—8th Grade: Session 1-Block 1
April 24: FSA Reading—8th Grade: Session 2-Block 1
April 27: Student Government—8:40am to 9:30pm
Room 6-100
April 27: Jazz Cats Perform—5:30pm to 7:00pm
Excellence in Education Awards (Broadway Palm Theatre)
April 27: Golf Match—5:00pm to 7:00 pm
Diplomat vs. NFMMA at El Rio
April 27: SAC/PVO—6:000pm to 7:30pm
Media Center
April 28: FSA Reading—All Grades Make-ups
April 29: FSA Math—6th Grade: Session 1-Block 1
April 30: FSA Math—6th Grade: Session 2-Block 1
April 30: NJHS—4:10pm to 5:10pm
Room 5-212
May 1: FSA Math—7th Grade: Session 1-Block 1
May 4: FSA Math—7th Grade: Session 2-Block 1
May 4: Area Golf Meet at El Rio —5:00pm to 7:00pm
May 4: Spring Band Concert —7:00pm to 8:00pm
Island Coast High School—Beginning and Concert Bands
May 5: FSA Math—8th Grade: Session 1-Block 1
May 5: Spring Pictures
May 5: Spring Band Concert —7:00pm to 8:00pm
Island Coast High School—Symphonic Band & Jazz Cats
May 6: FSA Math—8th Grade: Session 2-Block 1

Hello Wildcats,

Can you believe there are only 6 1/2 weeks of school remaining and state testing has begun? The 8th graders have completed their science exam. The 6th graders have completed their reading exam. There are still reading exams for 7th and 8th, math for everyone, and civics for the 7th graders. These are fantastic opportunities for you to show us, and your parents, everything you have learned. We are excited for these opportunities for you.

While you are busy planning for your last 6 1/2 weeks and your summer months, we are busy planning for next school year. To whet your appetites, I will let you in on some news. Next year we will be offering more electives. On your registration sheet this week you will see a list of new electives from which you will choose two. You will also see all the existing electives and may choose from those as well. In addition to the course offerings, Diplomat Middle will be a *Leader in Me* school next year. We are thrilled to bring *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* to our students. In this newsletter we have included a copy of the letter we are sending, with the help of the Cape Coral Chamber of Commerce, to the business owners and community organizations within the City of Cape Coral. *The Leader in Me* is a large undertaking, and we will need to partner with our Wildcat parents and community members to accomplish all we want to for our students.

Diplomat Middle has been an A+ school since Florida began its school grading system many years ago. However, as all successful parents and business owners know, we must continue to move forward and set high standards for our students and ourselves. We want to have an even greater impact on each of our students. *The Leader in Me* is focused on academic and personal goals and, therefore, will take us in that direction.

I hope that you will join with us in our desire to bring this Fortune 100 training to our students.

Proud to be in the Pride,

Maura Bennington, Principal

Home of the Wildcats!

YEARBOOKS

FEWER THAN 40 YEARBOOKS ARE LEFT!
PURCHASES CAN ONLY BE MADE THROUGH THE SCHOOL.
PLEASE SEND IN A CHECK FOR \$35.00 MADE PAYABLE TO
DIPLOMAT MIDDLE SCHOOL.
BOOKS CAN BE PURCHASED VIA MRS. ERMACORA IN
ROOM 6119.

7th Grade Health Requirement

All students entering 7th grade next school year are mandated by Florida State Statute to have a “TDAP” immunization. Please contact your physician or the Lee County Health Department to obtain the immunization, if your child has not received it. A White Form #680 “Proof of Immunization” should be brought to the clinic before the end of this school year, if possible.

Your child must have the “Proof of Immunization” documented in the clinic by the first day of 7th grade to receive a class schedule and start school.

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Cape Coral Community Members,

Diplomat Middle School strives to create an enhanced academic culture and environment in which all students learn to take pride in themselves and their community. We have 853 students in grades six through eight and have been serving the community of Cape Coral since 1997. Since the State of Florida has been issuing school grades, Diplomat has earned an A+ each year. We believe that a well-rounded student is one who knows, and intrinsically understands, the core values of success. As you know, no matter how good you may be, there is always room for improvement. For this reason, we are embarking on an ambitious project beginning with the 2015-2016 school year: We want to implement the internationally acclaimed program *The Leader in Me*.

The Leader in Me is based on Steven Covey's *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. The program promotes such qualities as leadership, accountability, problem solving, creativity and teamwork. It empowers students with the skills to achieve their highest potential in and out of the classroom and encourages them to develop the qualities that are needed to be competitive in the 21st century. What we find most exciting about this concept is that it involves everyone on campus. Teachers, students, support staff and administrators will all participate in the program thus ensuring that the end result will be students who are prepared to be tomorrow's leaders. It does not reward – it empowers.

We are sharing this information with you because it is important that we become partners in developing our future decision makers and business owners. Diplomat sees the potential in all of our students, and our students are beginning to discover what the community will need from them within the next few years. Who better to assist us with this than our parents and local businesses? When parents, schools, businesses, and students all work toward the same goal, nothing can stop us. This is why we are reaching out to you, a valued member of our city, to help us prepare the children of this community by giving them the opportunity to become active, engaged and contributing members of the world around them.

Implementing *The Leader in Me* is quite simply a fantastic opportunity. Our staff will participate in several days of training, including *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. This is the same training that the Fortune 100 companies receive. In turn, our staff will train our students throughout the school year and will continue to do so each year. This endeavor comes at a cost of \$35,000. We hope that you will consider becoming a sponsor of *The Leader in Me* at Diplomat Middle. Your donation, no matter the size, will help us reach our goal.

Please see the enclosed sponsorship level descriptions. There are different benefits for your business depending on the level you choose. Some of the benefits include: a corporate table at our 2-day, 7 Habits training; being a guest speaker in our leadership classes; and receiving public recognition on our website, our marquee, and in our newsletters. Additionally, your donation is tax-deductible. These are just a few of the benefits you can receive.

If you have any questions, or would like to know more, please contact me, Maura Bennington, at 239-574-5257.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

DIPLOMAT MIDDLE SCHOOL

THE LEADER IN ME

<p align="center">Founding Partner \$6,500</p>	<p>Corporate table for 4 at the 2-day, 7 Habits training in August 2015 (same 7 Habits training the Fortune 100 companies receive) 2 minute marketing speech the first morning of the 7 Habits training in August Placement of corporate promotional materials on sponsor table at training Corporate name AND logo on 7 Habits (The Leader In Me) training event t-shirt Founding Partner Plaque for your office Guest speaker in leadership class once a month (that school year) Full page ad in school yearbook (that school year) Name on marquee (that school year) Name on school website (with link to your business website, for that school year) Newsletter recognition (that school year)</p>
<p align="center">Platinum \$2,600</p>	<p>Corporate table for 2 at the 2-day, 7 Habits training in August 2015 (same 7 Habits training the Fortune 100 companies receive) Placement of your corporate promotional materials on sponsor table at training Corporate name AND logo on 7 Habits (The Leader In Me) training event t-shirt Platinum Sponsor Plaque for your office Guest speaker in leadership class four times per semester (that school year) Half page ad in school yearbook (that school year) Name on marquee (for first seven months of that school year) Name on school website (with link to your business website, that school year) Newsletter recognition (for that school year)</p>
<p align="center">Gold \$1,900</p>	<p>Placement of your corporate promotional materials on sponsor table at training Corporate name on 7 Habits (The Leader In Me) training event t-shirt Gold Sponsor Plaque for your office Guest speaker in leadership class three times per semester (that school year) Half page ad in school yearbook (that school year) Name on marquee (first semester of school that year) Name on school website (with link to your business website, that school year) Newsletter recognition (minimum of four times that school year)</p>
<p align="center">Silver \$1,200</p>	<p>Corporate name on 7 Habits (The Leader In Me) training event t-shirt Silver Sponsor Plaque for your office Guest speaker in leadership class twice per semester (that school year) Quarter page ad in school yearbook (that school year) Name on marquee (first month of school that school year) Name on school website (that school year) Newsletter recognition (minimum of three times that school year)</p>
<p align="center">Bronze \$500</p>	<p>Guest speaker in leadership class once per semester (that school year) Business card size ad in school yearbook (that school year) Name on marquee (first month of school that school year) Name on school website (that school year) Newsletter recognition (minimum of twice that school year)</p>
<p align="center">Wildcat Pride \$25 - \$499</p>	<p>Name on school website (that school year) Newsletter recognition (minimum of twice that school year)</p>