



December 1, 2017

THE WILDCAT'S ROAR

Diplomat Middle School

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



Upcoming Events :

December 8: 7pm - All-County Concert - Estero High School

December 19: Full Day

December 20: Full Day

December 21: Full Day

December 21: SCHOOL DAY for Students and the end of Quarter 2

December 22: 2pm Early Dismissal and end of Quarter 2

December 25-January 5: No School
Winter

Break

January 8: School resumes (Blue Day)

January 15: No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 24: Open House 5:30-7:00 P.M.

February 2: 4p - SGA Meeting

February 3: Quarter 3 Interims

February 3:FVA Solo & Ensemble (Select Students)

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Hello Wildcats,

Can you believe we have almost reached the middle of the school year? It doesn't seem possible, but you are truly almost done with one half of this school year.

I hope you all had the opportunity to attend our first band concert in our very own amphitheater. It was wonderful. The bands and the guitar players performed with such heart.

We had two very important visitors to our building last week—the Executive Director of middle schools, Dr. Santini and the Superintendent of schools, Dr. Adkins. They visited several classrooms, observing the teaching and learning that takes place at Diplomat. We were very happy they chose to visit us. It gave us the opportunity to showcase our talented teachers and students.

Students, remember that we will be in school through December 22. Monday through Thursday of that week are full school days while Friday the 22nd will be an early release day. Be sure your parents are here to pick you up for dismissal at 2:00. There are no after school activities on the 22nd.

Eighth graders, remember to attend the five high school Open House events. It is important that you choose the high school that best fits your needs. The best way to determine which one that is, is to attend their Open Houses. Make good choices.

Our own Open House event for incoming 6th graders will be January 24th, 5:30–7:00 p.m. We will be asking for student volunteers. Let us know if you want to help that night.

I am so excited to tell you that three of our Wildcat students have been named All-State performing artists. All-State Honors Orchestra – Tim Harkins. All-State Treble Chorus – Mackenzie Halter. All-State Honors Band – Dylan Mendez. We have so many talented students at Diplomat, and we are honored that three of them have been identified at the state level. A big thank you to Mr. Forti and Mr. Dahlberg for dedicating many hours to helping these student develop their talents. A big thank you to their parents for helping them make this a reality. They will be performing in Tampa on January 13. Soon we will be saying goodbye to 2017 and hello to 2018. I wish you a beautiful holiday season.

Proud to be in the Pride,

Maura Bennington, Principal

REMINDERS TO PARENTS:

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.

If your morning schedule is tight, you may use our before school care 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 before school care at a cost to parents of \$5 per school day.

Student must be picked up at dismissal each day, 4:00pm, or at the designated end time of any school sponsored event.

Math Club Meets every Monday 4:15 - 5:15 pm. All grade levels are welcome! Must provide on-time transportation or use the Activity Bus. See Mrs. Pehlke in room 6-200 for more information.

Diplomat Wildcat Band and Guitar

(Like us on Facebook @ DMS Wildcat Bands and Guitar)

Top of the Best

Band students are preparing for All-County Honor Band. The Honor Band is comprised of the area's top musicians. We hope to see many Diplomat faces on stage this year as we premiere the composition written on behalf of Linda Mann. What a great honor for our school to have a premiere of a composition by our top local musicians whom Ms. Mann was such an inspiration. The All-County Concert is on December 8th at Estero High School.

Si necesita información en Español, favor de llamar a Iris Talento a 574-5257, entre las horas de 9:10 AM y 4:10 PM.

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