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Positive Behavior Support "PBS"  
Model School

# The Wildcat's Roar

Diplomat Middle School



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.

November 1, 2014

## Mark Your Calendars:

**November 1: Centennial Park—11:00**

Jazz Cats Performance at the Taste of the Town—Ft. Myers

**November 3: Gym—4:10-5:15**

Volleyball Try-outs—Team will be picked today

**November 5: 5:30-6:30**

All-County Orchestra Auditions (Select Students)

**November 6: 4:10-5:10**

Spirit Cats' Meeting

**November 6: Island Coast High School—6:30-8:30**

All-County Chorus Rehearsal

**November 7: Island Coast High School—7:00—8:00**

All-County Chorus Concert

**November 12: Gym—4:00-5:15**

1st Volleyball Team Practice

**November 13: Gym—5:00-7:00**

Volleyball Team Practice

**November 17: Home Volleyball Game—starts at 5:15**

Diplomat vs. Mariner Middle

**November 17: Winter Concert/Island Coast HS—7:00-8:00**

Beginning Band w/Drama Students & Concert Band

**November 18: Winter Concert/Island Coast HS—7:00-8:00**

Winter Concert Symphonic & Jazz Cats

**November 19: Volleyball Game—starts at 5:15**

Diplomat vs. Trafalgar Middle at Trafalgar

**November 20: Gym—4:10-5:10**

Spirit Cats' Meeting

**November 22: FGCU**

FOA Solo and Ensemble (select students)

**November 24: Media Center—6:00**

SAC/PVO Meeting

**November 25: Interim Report Day**

**November 26-28: Thanksgiving Holidays**



**REMINDER:** Remember that if your morning or afternoon schedules are tight, you may use our before and after school care for a small fee each school day. Students may come onto campus at or after 9:05am, without the need of 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 of our fee-based after school 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.

Hello Wildcats,

With quarter one behind us and the holiday season before us, we continue to focus on the best teaching strategies to help your student experience success and academic growth. In late October, all of our students participated in a progress monitoring writing exam. They read two articles and wrote an essay using the information from those articles. This exam was given for developmental purposes. Our goal is to identify students' reading and writing strengths and areas of concern. Fourteen of our teachers completed a training in which they learned how to score the writings using the state rubric (grading scale). The papers were graded several times to ensure accuracy of grading and scores. Teachers in each of our academic subject areas are now extremely familiar with the standards associated with our writing exam and are better able to share that information with our students. This style of reading and writing connectedness is important in the development of critical thinking and thoughtful expression of ideas and information.

Our after-school math tutoring is available to your student twice a week. If you or they believe a little extra help is needed, please call or e-mail your student's math teacher to schedule them into the program.

Volleyball season begins on November 17th, with our first home game. Check out the full schedule on our school website.

Saturday morning, November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Wildcat Jazz Band entertained dozens of people at The Taste of Lee, in Centennial Park. They performed ten numbers and sounded great. It was a wonderful way to spend a weekend morning—in the park, with cool weather and fantastic music. Coming soon: Our winter concerts begin in just a couple of weeks; be sure to watch our calendar on the school website.

The next SAC and parent volunteer meetings are November 24 at 6:00pm, in the media center. Attendance and participation at these meetings is another opportunity for you to be involved with important school-based decisions and your child's school life.

Proud to be in the Pride,

Maura Bennington, Principal

*Home of the Wildcats!*

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