



The Wildcat's Roar

Diplomat Middle School



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



November 2015

Mark Your Calendars



- November 2: Encore Fundraiser continues through 11/6
- November 2: Canned Food Drive - 11/2 - 11/19
- November 2: Girls' Basketball Regional Playoffs at NFMAA - 6:00
- November 2: Volleyball Tryouts, 4:00 - 5:00
- November 2: Community Service Club, 4:00 - 5:15, Media Center
- November 3: Global Read Aloud (GRA15), 4:00 - 5:30, Media Center
- November 3: Volleyball Tryouts, 4:00 - 5:00
- November 3: Math tutoring, 4:10 - 5:10
- November 4: Volleyball Tryouts, 4:00 - 5:00
- November 4: Math tutoring, 4:10 - 5:10
- November 5: NJHS, 8:30am - 9:30am, Room 6-213
- November 6: Fall DMS Lock-In, 4:00 - 8:00 (See story in *Roar*)
- November 6: Report Cards Mailed
- November 9: SGA meeting, 4:00 - 5:00, Room 6-100
- November 9: Volleyball Tryouts, 4:00 - 5:00
- November 10: Math tutoring, 4:10 - 5:10
- November 10: Volleyball Tryouts, 4:00 - 5:00
- November 10: Global Read Aloud (GRA15), 4:00 - 5:30, Media Center
- November 11: Veterans' Day - No School
- November 12: Volleyball Tryouts, 4:00 - 5:00
- November 12: NJHS, 8:30am - 9:30am, Room 6-213
- November 13: "Straight A" Celebration, 8:50am - 11:00am, Media Center
- November 16: Volleyball practice
- November 17: Math tutoring, 4:10 - 5:10
- November 18: Spirit Cats meeting, 4:00-5:10, Room 6-119
- November 18: Math tutoring, 4:10 - 5:10
- November 18: Volleyball, DMS vs. Gulf @ DMS - Girls play first
- November 20: Interim Report Day
- November 23: SGA meeting, 4:00 - 5:00, Room 6-100
- November 24: Math tutoring, 4:10 - 5:10
- November 25: Thanksgiving Break - 11/25 through 11/27
- November 30: SAC/PTO meeting, 6:00-7:30, Media Center
- November 30: Winter Concert, Island Coast High
- December 2: Volleyball, DMS vs. Mariner @ Mariner
- December 7: Volleyball, DMS vs. NFMAA @ DMS

Hello Wildcats,

Our school year has gotten off to a spectacular start. The Leader in Me has had a tremendous affect within the building. More than two-thirds of our students earned only A's, B's, and C's on their report cards, and our referrals are down by more than half from last year at this time. Students have told me that they love the leadership class, and that they love to discuss and learn leadership skills and habits.

Our literacy electives are very popular and we have already decided to add more literacy electives for next school year. We won't take any of the courses away, on the contrary, the students love the reading, writing, and discussions around novels, historical documents, and informational texts. Examples of classes that could be coming next year—depending on many factors—are... Psychology, World Mythology & Folklore, Sports Sociology, and JROTC. The courses we currently offer and the potential new courses are perfect pathways for literacy. They allow the students to learn interesting information through research based reading strategies. The courses encourage and require high levels of reading, writing, thinking, and discussing. We are very proud of our students and their responses to all of their classes.

We will hold our first ever 4-hour Lock-in this Friday, 4:00 – 8:00pm. The two requirements to attend are:

- 1) Students may have only A's, B's, or C's on their Quarter 1 report cards
- 2) Students may not have a referral during the school year up to the time of the Lock-in.

Each year Diplomat purchases a film license and so we are legally allowed to show movies to large groups of students. We will show: Jurassic World, Inside Out, and Avengers Age of Ultron, from 4:00 – 6:00, then have a dance from 6:00 – 8:00. All students must be picked up by 8:00pm. The admission price is \$10. For an additional cost, we will be selling pizza, soda, popcorn, and other snacks. We hope to see your Diplomat Middle student there.

Thanksgiving will be upon us soon and I want you to know that I am thankful for being the principal at Diplomat. This is a wonderful school, filled with fantastic students, teachers, and staff. I am glad you chose us to be your middle school family.

Proud to be in the Pride,

Home of the Wildcats

REMINDER TO PARENTS: 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 9:05 am, without the need of our fee based care. Students who arrive BEFORE 9:05 am, 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.

Parents: If you have a Target credit card, please remember to sign in and choose Diplomat Middle as your school of choice. It costs you nothing extra, but DMS gets a percentage of the purchase cost.



Diplomat Middle School's Fall



- Friday, November 6th from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.
- Cost is \$10.00
- Open gym, movie rooms, video game room, board game room, reading/drawing room, followed by a dance in the gym!
 - Concessions: pizza, drinks, candy, and popcorn will be sold (Not included in the ticket price)
- Bring permission form and money to your first or second period teacher beginning the week of November 2nd
- Eligible to attend: DMS students with no referrals for Quarter 1 and no D's or F's on their report card



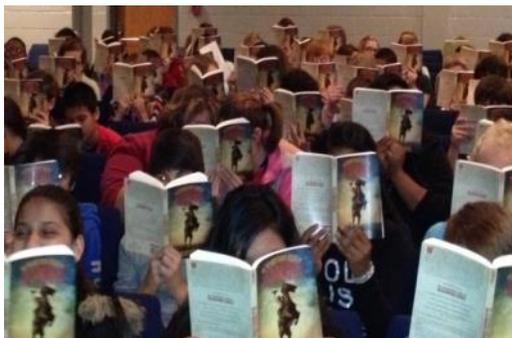
COUNSELOR'S CORNER

It has been a very busy quarter! We hope your child has adjusted well to their new schedule and routine. We have been working on implementing some very exciting programs as part of our comprehensive plan. Some programs include: academic counseling, peer mentoring, staff mentoring and small groups to address student needs. Please remember you can always contact the counselor's office with any issues or concerns – **we are here to help!**



November is a special month because of Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. We will be speaking to the children about the character words of the month, citizenship and patriotism and how our veterans have contributed to securing, and protecting our freedoms in the country. This is a month to take the time to reflect on our blessings and be grateful for what we have. We here at Diplomat Middle are thankful for our students and we thank you, the parents and guardians, for sending us your best. We appreciate you.

Gary Carden and
Caroline Toadvine
– School Counselors



GOBBLE GOBBLE!

ARSAC (Amazing Readers Student Advisory Committee) meets during lunch on Fridays with

Mrs. Adams to brainstorm and implement ways to encourage students to love reading! The committee is currently gathering peer recommended titles for the Media Center's Divergent Reading Program. DMS students have the opportunity to read one book in each of five different genres to receive the Divergent Award at the end of the year. Committee members also help plan and implement the school's two Scholastic Book Fairs. Mrs. Adams believes, "Kids have the best ideas!"

INTERNET SAFETY

Technology is changing the way students explore, interact and learn. As technology grows and changes, children need to learn how to be safe, responsible and respectful online. Teachers are having the conversation in the classroom. It is also important to set technology guidelines at home. The following websites have tools and resources for parents/guardians to help guide conversations about technology and keep your student safe online.

www.common sense media.org

www.nsteens.org

www.isafe.org



Global Read Aloud 2015



Students at Diplomat Middle School are collaborating with classrooms as far away as New Zealand as they read “Fish in a Tree” by Lynda Mullaly Hunt together for The Global Read Aloud 2015!

GRA15 is a DMS club this year, meeting after school on Tuesdays until November 17th. Over 500,000 students in over 60 countries have participated in the project worldwide. Mrs. Adams and her students are sharing an online classroom with students in California, Chicago and New Zealand for this year’s project. A variety of technology is being used including Skype, Padlet and Edmodo.



Google What???

What is Google Classroom? Do you want to understand more about the Google Apps for Education that your student is learning? Many of the resources online are written towards students or teachers, but are still great for parents to explore. Here are a couple of links to check out:

Video: Google for Education 101 <https://goo.gl/Lnyv0M>

Web: Google for Education <https://www.google.com/edu/>

Web: Google Classroom Help Center <https://goo.gl/9gq2No>



A Novel Idea

TeenBiz3000.com

Helping our scholars become stronger readers. The best part of the program is that it adapts each month to meet the reading capability of each student! These tips for students will ensure success:

- Read the article carefully.
- Be sure to either summarize often or complete a graphic organizer while reading.
- Remember to use “setting the purpose” during your summarizing, if you want those responses saved for the thought question.
- Complete the thought question.
- “Refer to the article” while answering the questions.

Remember to answer each question carefully, as we hope to see first try scores of 75% and higher.

Please contact AliciaLF@LeeSchools.net for more information.



Congratulations to DMS winners of
All-County Band Auditions on October 20:

Riley Harman - Clarinet
Kara White - Clarinet
Lydia Kim - Oboe
Natalia Sanchez - French Horn
Vershawn Wright - Trumpet
Jacob Woodard - Trumpet
Scott Claflin - Trumpet
Brandon Pooser - Tuba

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Our new website is live!
<http://dpm.leeschools.net>

VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Boys play first...
on Mondays;
Girls play first...
on Wednesdays

Wed., Nov 18
vs Gulf @ DMS
Wed., Dec. 2
vs Mariner @ Mariner
Mon., Dec. 7
vs NFMAA @ DMS
Wed., Dec 9
vs Caloosa @ Caloosa
Wed., Dec. 16
Round 1 of playoffs
Thurs., Dec. 17
Round 2 of playoffs

Yearbooks are
still available!

Purchase yearbooks online at:

<http://dpm.leeschools.net>

Or, send a check, payable to Diplomat Middle School
Attn: Lorna Ermacora. Room 5-109

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