

Destin Middle School HOOK, LINE & THINKER

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Notes from the Resource Officer

Okaloosa County Sheriff Department

Technology is pretty cool. It lets you connect with friends in lots of fun ways. But not everyone uses it for the right reasons. Some people use the internet, cell phones or other technology to try to hurt others. This is a type of bullying called cyber bullying.

Cyber bullying occurs when someone sends hurtful messages online or by cell phone. It can take many forms, such as writing rude comments, spreading rumors, and posting embarrassing pictures. Cyber bullies can use e-mail or instant messages, blogs or chat rooms, text or photo messages, or any other form of electronic communication.

Your children can discourage cyber bullying by giving personal information (name, e-mail address, cell phone number, name of school) to only friends. If they receive nasty e-mails or text messages, they should not respond. Replying just gives the cyber bully the satisfaction of having upset their target. A good thing to do is simply to log off the computer or turn off the cell phone. Children should tell an adult if they experience cyber bullying. Problems can be reported to your Internet provider, school authorities, and law enforcement.

Please continue to monitor your child's cyber activities on their phone or computer. Know with whom and where your child is going on the internet.



Okaloosa County School District
120 Lowery Place
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From the Desk of the Principal

Dear Marlins,

What an exceptional start to this school year! It seems it was just the other day that we began the school year. The time does fly, but we have much more learning to do.

Thank you to Mrs. Caroline Wasson, our SAC chair. We appreciate you and all the other parents involved in SAC for your support. I feel honored to work with our dedicated staff, our wonderful students, and all of the supportive parents at DMS.

We are holding strong to inspire a lifelong passion for learning and prepare all of our students to achieve excellence by providing the highest quality education possible. Please know that we care about your children and will continue to do everything in our power to fill their school days with learning that is creative, engaging, and challenging. We also know the importance of keeping our children safe at all times. As always, we know that "together we are better".

Please plan for May testing season. This spring, students will take the FSA (Florida Standards Assessments), DMS is scheduled to take these assessments during the month of May.

Students, enjoy this school year and work hard along the way. And remember, always take pride in being a Marlin!

Mr. Meyer
Principal

School Uniform Shirts

Remember, all students are required to wear uniform shirts on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week. Order forms for DMS uniform shirts are available at the school office.

The **Destin Middle School Phys. Ed Dept.** sells DMS uniform dress code shirts. Order forms are available in the front office or student services. PE uniforms will be **mandatory** the beginning of the 2nd nine weeks. You may purchase the PE uniforms from Coach Jewah. Order forms are available in the school office. For more information please contact Coach Daniel Griffin at 850-833-7655 or griffind@mail.okaloosa.k12.fl.us.

The Eagles Nest offers easy ordering at www.eaglesnestfl.com. On-line orders will be delivered to DMS campus for pick up. For your convenience in store shopping is available at the Eagles Nest located in the Publix Shopping Center in Niceville, on Hwy 20. For more information or directions to the store, please call (850) 279-4775.

TSP located at 968 W. John Sims Pkwy, Niceville offers easy online ordering or in store purchase. On-line orders will be delivered to DMS campus for pick up. www.tucknshirt.com.

Donations of DMS uniform dress code shirts are welcome. If you would like to donate shirts, please bring them to Ms. Nichols or Mrs. Stanford in the school office.



FOR THE PARENTS, STAFF, STUDENTS &
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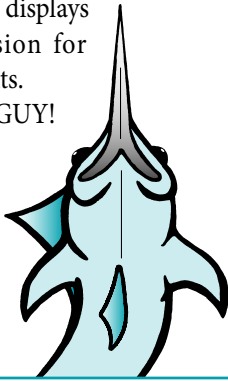


October Magnificent Marlin

Congratulations to Mr. Guy!

He received the Magnificent Marlin award. The Magnificent Marlin award goes to a staff member who displays extraordinary passion for DMS and our students.

CONGRATS MR. GUY!



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Student Change in Transportation

All changes in regular transportation MUST have a written note from a parent/guardian. The note should include who the child will be going home with and the bus number. Have your child bring the note to Mrs. Stanford in the front office and she will issue a bus pass. Your child will not be permitted to board a different bus without a bus pass.

Student Check Out

Student check out will not be permitted after 3:15 p.m. during a regular school day. Pep Rally days there will be no check out after 2:30 p.m. Parents who wish to check out their student during a Pep Rally will be asked to go to the gymnasium and pick up their child. Please plan for an extra few minutes to locate your child in the gymnasium during the Pep Rally.

Destin Middle School Calendar

**All dates and times are subject to change*

November 1, 2018	SAC Meeting – Media Center – 7:30 am
November 9, 2018	Veterans Day Ceremony in Gym
November 12, 2018	Veteran's Day Holiday
November 19-23, 2018	Thanksgiving Holiday
November 26-30, 2018	Book Fair in Media Center
November 30, 2018	6th Grade Field Trip to Florida Cavern's
December 8, 2018	Several Groups Participating in the Destin Christmas Parade
December 14, 2018	Pep Rally – Winter Sports
December 11, 2018	Band Concert/Silent Auction 6:00 p.m. at Village Baptist Church
December 20, 2018	End of the 2nd Nine Weeks/1st Semester
Dec. 21, 2018-Jan. 4, 2019	Winter Break Holidays
January 7, 2019	Teacher Work Day/Student Holiday
January 8, 2019	Student's First Day Back to School after Winter Break
January 16, 2019	Report Cards go home -Grades 6, 7 & 8
January 17, 2019	Report Cards go home-Grade 5
January 21, 2019	Martin Luther King Day
February 18, 2019	President's Day Holiday
March 14, 2019	End of 3rd Nine Weeks
March 15-22, 2019	Spring Break Holidays
March 25, 2019	Teacher Work Day/Student Holiday
April 3, 2019	Reports go home – Grades 6, 7, & 8
April 4, 2019	Reports go home – Grade 5
April 12, 2019	Pep Rally
April 19, 2019	Progress Reports go home
May 27, 2019	Memorial Day Holiday
May 31, 2019	Report Cards go home – Grade 5
May 31, 2019	End of Second Semester/Last Day for Students
June 4, 2019	Last Day for Teachers

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Media Center News

WOW! It's hard to believe we are already nearing the end of October! It is exciting to see all the new students coming in to get acquainted and begin checking out books.

Want to know if we have book in the media center? Visit SUNLINK@http://www.sunlink.ucf.edu. Students can find books available in our collection or search the other schools throughout the state to be sent to Destin Middle School for check out.

Please come visit any time.... our doors are open from 7:30-3:00.

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- Jacqueline Kennedy

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Mrs. Judy at hallj@okaloosaschools.com

with any questions or suggestions. Start Clipping!

Last year, Destin Middle School's October submission was over \$300.00. Thank you parents/grandparents for taking the time to clip and send in your box tops.

We will do another submission in March.

Grades On-Line with "Parent Portal"

1. Go to <http://okaloosaschools.com>.
2. Go to "Parent Portal" (scroll down, look for orange box titled "Parent Portal").
3. Use your child's school ID number for the username. Parents can find the student ID number on your child's report card or progress report. The last 4 digits of the username is (student ID number) is the PIN. Follow directions on "Parent Portal" for various parent options, including sign-up for automatic email notification of grades by the "Parent Portal" program.

Establish a Solid Home-Study Routine with Your Student

Encouraging, supporting, and participating in this vital activity will improve your student's attitude and performance at school and support a work ethic that endures for a lifetime.

1. **SET A SCHEDULE:** Establish a regular timeslot for this important daily activity. Seek your child's agreement and commitment to reserve this time each day for homework and study. Encourage this habit. In many ways, it's his/her job and should become routine. Your support and involvement in your student's home-study effort makes a huge difference in the high school experience.
2. **CREATE THE ENVIRONMENT:** Students can be easily distracted. Teach them to create an atmosphere conducive for concentration. Having a defined study area works with some students but not all. The most important requirements are time, focus, and your support. Minimizing social media access, loud music, and other detractors will improve effectiveness and retention.
3. **OBSERVE AND ENGAGE:** Psychologists suggest that it takes three weeks to break or establish a habit. Now that the new school year has begun, commit three weeks to this routine with your student. Make it become a habit for both of you. Your daily assistance and attitude toward school have a huge impact on your child's success.



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Teacher:	Email:	Days/Times:
Anderson	taylor.anderson@okaloosaschools.com	By appointment
Barron	tina.barron@okaloosaschools.com	By appointment
Bettinger	mary.bettinger@okaloosaschools.com	Wed 8:15-8:40 & By appt
Bevino	bevinotoni@okaloosaschools.com	Tuesday 8:15-8:45
Carnahan	patrick.carnahan@okaloosaschools.com	By appointment
Carty	cartyt@okaloosaschools.com	M-F 8:00-8:40
	Students check the calendar for availability for Mrs. Carty	
Cole	colep@okaloosaschools.com	By appointment
Davies	katherine.davies@okaloosaschools.com	By appointment
Davis	davisl@okaloosaschools.com	Wed 3:30-4:30
Edgerton	autum.edgerton@okaloosaschools.com	By appointment
Farland	farlandp@okaloosaschools.com	Wed 8:15-8:45 & By appt
Giraldo	giraldoa@okaloosaschools.com	Wed 3:40-4:15 & By appt
Goodson	della.goodson@okaloosaschools.com	Wed & Thurs 8:15-8:40
Gulledge	gulledget@okaloosaschools.com	Wed & Fri 8:15-8:45
Heyse	heyser@okaloosaschools.com	Algebra and Geometry Wed 8:15-8:45
Hinterthan	mark.hinterthan@okaloosaschools.com	M-F 8:15-9:00
Jerome	lorrie.jerome@okaloosaschools.com	By appointment
Kelly	jennifer.kelly@okaloosaschools.com	Mon & Wed 8:15-8:45 & By appt
Kersey	kerseyt@okaloosaschools.com	By appointment
King	kings@okaloosaschools.com	Wed 8:15 - 8:45
Lasalle	lasallep@okaloosaschools.com	Wed 8:15-8:45
Mac Isaac	denis.macisaac@okaloosaschools.com	Wed 3:45-4:15
Malpass	malpassp@okaloosaschools.com	Wed 8:15-8:45
Markey	markeym@okaloosaschools.com	Wed 8:15-8:45
McGill	mcgilll@okaloosaschools.com	Wed 8:15-8:45
Miller	ruth.miller@okaloosaschools.com	homework help Wed & Thur 3:40-4:40
Ortiz	emibel.ortiz@okaloosaschools.com	Wed 3:40 - 4:15 & By appt
Pack	packd@okaloosaschools.com	By appointment
Pittman	melody.pittman@okaloosaschools.com	By appointment
Pool	poolj@okaloosaschools.com	Wed 3:30-4:00
Reeder	reederi@okaloosaschools.com	By appointment
Ruyan	cory.ruyan@okaloosaschools.com	Wed 8:15-8:45
Sansom	sansomt@okaloosaschools.com	Wed 8:15-8:45
Satterfield	satterfieldc@okaloosaschools.com	AM & PM By appt
Stevens	stevensd@okaloosaschools.com	By appointment
Tuthill	tuthillk@okaloosaschools.com	Wed 8:15 - 8:45 and By appt
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Players should bring proper tryout clothes (shorts, t-shirt, shoes or cleats, shin guards, etc.) during the tryout days. Duffle bags can be kept in the storage rooms next to the boys and girls locker rooms. These doors will be open at 8:15 until 9:00 each day during tryout week.

NO CELL PHONES!

Cell Phone Reminder

Cell Phones will be put away and are not permitted to be used by students at school. Any phone that is in use will be confiscated and sent to the Assistant Principal. Infractions will be handled in the following manner:

- 1st Offense:** Phone confiscated and logged into the Electronic Device Violation Book in the office. Parent notified. Student can pick up the device at the end of the school day.
- 2nd Offense:** Phone confiscated and logged into the Electronic Device Violation Book in the office. The phone will only be released to a parent/guardian and not before the end of the school day.
- 3rd Offense:** Phone confiscated and logged into the Electronic Device Violation Book in the office. The phone will only be released to a parent/guardian and not before the end of the school day. Student assigned STP.



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Elementary & Secondary Lunch: \$2.70 Adult Lunch: \$4.00

Pay for lunch on line: Parents can add money to lunch accounts on line, receive notifications about account balances and stay up to date with student spending. Go to www.myschoolbucks.com and create an account. The site accepts credit cards as payment. Once an online payment is made, money is added to your student's account within 24 hours. The payment amount and a small transaction fee are charged to your credit card. The information needed to add a student to your account is: school district, school name, student identification number, street address, student date of birth, and a valid e-mail address. If you have any questions about lunch prices, free and reduced lunch applications, or on-line payments please contact Food Services at 301-3020.

OCSD Attendance Policy

The following is the attendance policy for the Okaloosa County School District concerning absences five (5) days or greater:

- Students will have five (5) school days, including the day they return, to bring in written verification for an excused absence. The absence will be considered unexcused if the school does not receive written verification for the excused absence within that time frame.
- After the fifth (5th) absence, but before the eighth (8th) absence (excused or unexcused) per semester, the parent or legal guardian will be notified of the absences in writing.
- For every absence after the 9th (excused or unexcused), in any class during a semester, the student must have a note from a doctor or official agency in order for those absences to be excused. A middle school student enrolled in a high school course can still pass the course if, at the end of the semester, he/she passes a comprehensive exam and earns a passing grade. *After the 15th absence per semester in any class period, an attendance expectation agreement may be initiated, outlining the consequences of non-attendance.*
- After the 15th absence, no make-up work will be allowed. The student can still pass the class if at the end of the semester he/she has a passing grade. A middle school student enrolled in a high school course can still pass the course if, at the end of the semester, he/she passes a comprehensive exam and earns a passing grade. The student's parent or legal guardian can appeal to the school's attendance review committee for permission to make up work. Each absence after 15 days must be appealed by the parent or guardian within 5 days after the absence. In order for a student to be considered for make-up work, the reason for the absence must be due to an insurmountable or extraordinary situation or event that placed an undue hardship on the student. No consideration will be made of an appeal without the student and parent/guardian present.

If you have any questions concerning your child's attendance, please phone Destin Middle School at (850) 833-7655 and ask for the attendance office.



Band News

Beginning October 8th band members will be selling the 'World's Finest Chocolate' bars. Each candy bar will be sold for \$1.00. Also, check out the Destin Christmas Parade on December 6th, the band will be performing along with several other groups/clubs from Destin Middle School. 'Save the Date' December 11th Winter Band Concert at the Village Baptist Church beginning at 6:00 p.m.



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Destin Middle School Club Schedule 2018-2019

Name of Club	Grade Level	School Advisor/Sponsor	Date/Time of Meeting	Location of Meeting
Builders Club	5th/6th	Ms. Giraldo, Ms. Martin	Every Wednesday 8:10 a.m.	RM 140
Interact Club	7th/8th	Ms. Bettinger	2nd and 4th Thursday 8:15 a.m.	RM 307
NJHS Club	7th/8th	Ms. King	2nd/4th Monday of the month 8:15 a.m.	RM 311
Academic Team	5th/6th 7th/8th	JV/V – Ms. Giraldo	Every Thursday 8:15 a.m. OR Every Thursday 3:30 p.m.	RM 140
Fishing Club	5th	Mr. Gullede	Varies	Varies
FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) Girls	5th-8th	Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Willis	Every Tuesday 8:15 a.m.	RM 306
FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) Boys	5th-8th	Mr. Wade Smith	Every Tuesday 8:15 a.m.	RM 403
FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) Girls/Boys	5th-8th	Mrs. Kelly	1st Friday of each month 8:15 a.m.	Media Center
Chess/Gaming Club	5th-8th	Mr. Cole	Every Wednesday 3:30-5:00 p.m.	RM 206
Archery Club	5th-8th	Mrs. Treadway Mr. Tuthill	Varies Start Date TBD	Varies

*Scheduled Days/Times may vary
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