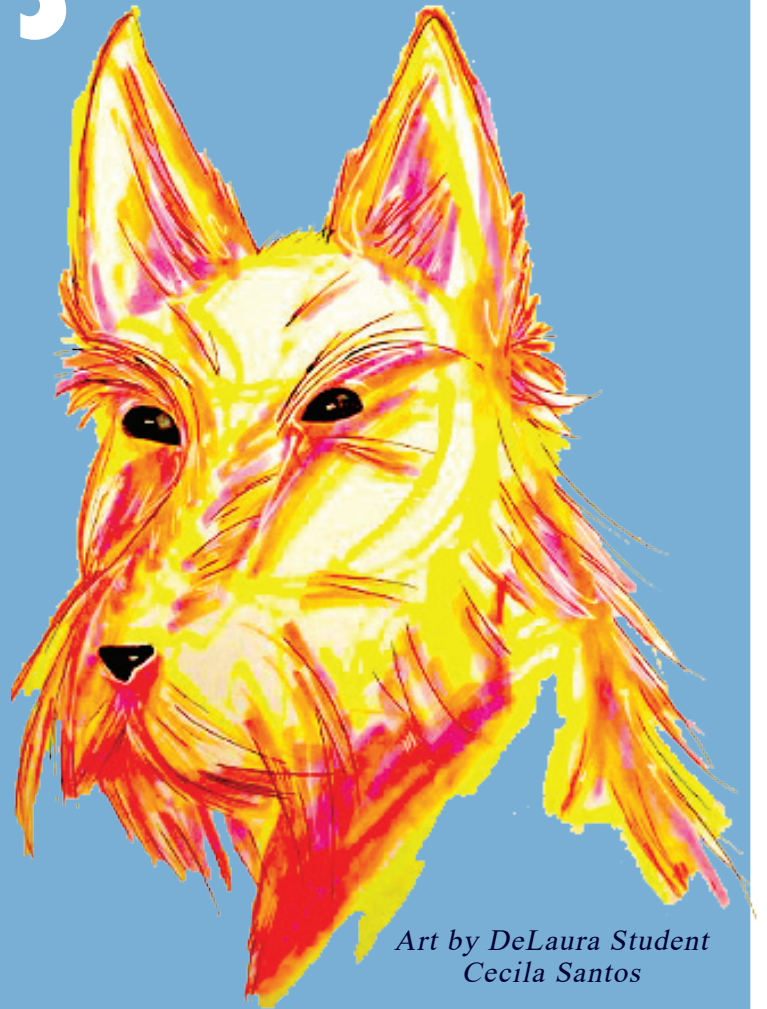


DELAURA MIDDLE SCHOOL'S PAWPRINT 2022-2023



Art by DeLaura Student
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HOME OF THE SCOTTIES

The purpose of our Paw Print is to inform our community about our core efforts, values, initiatives and future endeavors.



OUR MISSION

DeLaura's mission is to educate students while meeting their individual needs in a safe and welcoming environment that fosters kindness, respect, honesty, and a strong work ethic.

OUR VISION

DeLaura's vision is to empower students to achieve their full potential.



A Scottie's Middle School Experience

Our hope is that each and every student graduates from DeLaura Middle School having learned the importance of self advocacy, intellectual grit, and tolerance. Each day, we want our students to be safe, happy, and ready to learn.

Our School's History

DeLaura Middle School is part of Brevard Public Schools in Central Florida. Our school is located in Satellite Beach, just a few blocks from the Atlantic Ocean. DeLaura opened its doors in 1964 with a staff of 60 teachers and 1,590 students.

The school was named after Lewis J. "Scotty" DeLaura, a visionary who realized the need for a space-age education in a rapidly changing society. He was an Assistant Professor of Education at Florida State University until moving to Eau Gallie in 1958. He served as the Principal of Eau Gallie High School and Southwest Junior High School. In 1961, Mr. DeLaura was appointed Principal of Satellite High School. Our Scotty mascot, resembling a terrier, represents Mr. DeLaura's nickname.



Once a junior high school that served grades 7-9, DeLaura is now a middle school serving approximately 850 7th-8th graders. In 2022, DeLaura was recognized again by the Florida Department of Education as an "A" middle school. According to the US News & World Report, DeLaura is among the top 10% of middle schools in the state.

Our School's Initiatives

THE DELAURA RENOVATION PROJECT



The DeLaura Renovation Project is aimed to make DeLaura a place where our students, families and educators feel valued and welcomed - a place to call home. DeLaura is collecting donations from families, funds from Brevard Public Schools, and sponsorships with local businesses. Funds will be used to create an outdoor classroom, increase shade on campus, and improve the climate and feel of the interior of our school (window designs, murals, interior landscaping). We are also purchasing collaborative furniture to encourage dynamic activities within classrooms. DeLaura will be collecting donations (checks or online donations) throughout the year. <https://bit.ly/3CH2Kwd>

Four Core Values

One of our school goals this year was to establish core values at DeLaura Middle School. Core values clearly state the fundamental driving forces of our DeLaura Family. Our educators brainstormed the characteristics they want to see in their students. We received feedback from our families in the form of a Google survey. Within the first two weeks of school, DeLaura Middle School established our Four Core Values:

Scotties are...

Respectful, Honest, Hard-Working, and Kind.



ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

THE S.A.L.T PROGRAM

The Scotties Advanced Learning Track, also known as SALT, is an advanced level program designed to teach students the necessary skills needed in order to be successful in high school level Advanced Placement (AP) courses. It is a cohort of students working with a core group of teachers. Students are required to apply to the SALT program when entering 7th grade. Acceptance criteria is based on GPA, FSA/FAST scores, teacher recommendations, and a short response. Additional information on our SALT program can be found on our school website.

ADVANCED CLASSES

DeLaura offers advanced level classes in all four academic subject areas (math, ELA, social studies and science).



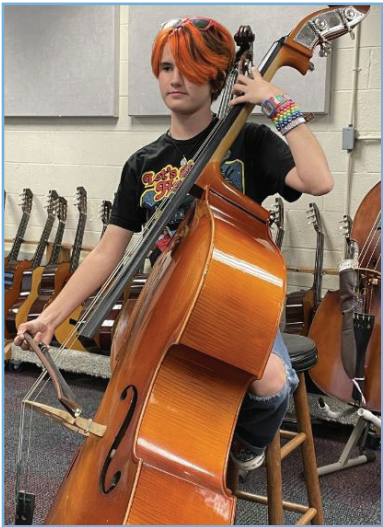
Advanced classes give our students the opportunity to be exposed to rigorous curriculum that will help prepare them for honors and advanced level classes in high school.



INTENSIVE READING

Intensive Reading is a course for students who are reading 1 or more years below grade level using Read 180 instructional materials. Instruction focuses on language development, comprehension, vocabulary, writing, and fluency across six workshops. Standards-aligned interventions are provided as well as systematic, explicit, and interactive small group instruction targeting specific needs of each student. There are multiple opportunities for students to practice targeted skills and receive feedback. Blended learning instruction is also provided (i.e. combining digital media with traditional classroom instruction) along with student progress monitoring assessment.

PERFORMING ARTS



DeLaura is extremely proud of our award winning performing arts program. We offer various levels of chorus, orchestra and band classes.

DeLaura musicians have consistently received superior ratings at district music performance assessments, and we have many students each year earn seats in the All-County and All-State honor groups. Students also learn lifelong skills in our music classes, and make many friends through learning and performing. Many of our students take multiple music classes.

SELECTIVE ARTS

There are a variety of elective courses for students to choose from. These elective classes include: forensic science, aeronautics, Spanish, creative writing, culinary arts, coding, computer applications, visual arts and physical education. Students take a total of three electives - one being yearlong PE and two additional electives. This gives our students a voice in selecting opportunities of interest during their two years at DeLaura.



ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

ESE/SUPPORT FACILITATION

The Exceptional Student Education (ESE) supports at DeLaura Middle School include a system of support facilitation in the general education classrooms known as “Push-In” support. The Push-In educator is an ESE certified educator who assists students in need of support or accommodations in their general education courses.

The Push-In system allows ESE students to be included in a classroom with their general education peers, providing them with opportunities for collaboration and personal growth. Additionally, our students benefit from the increased time, differentiated instruction, and one-on-one help available when there are two educators in the classroom.



Student Activities

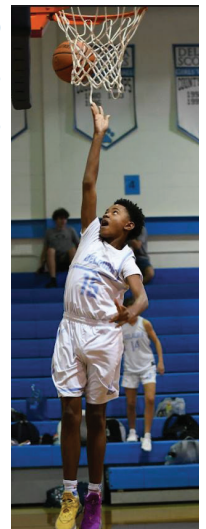
Athletics



DeLaura Middle School fosters an athletic program that provides students the opportunity to participate in sports while aiding in the development of favorable habits and preparing them for success in their adult life. Lessons in sportsmanship, teamwork, & competition are integral parts of our athletic program.

DeLaura Middle School participates in the Brevard County Middle School League. Competitive girls & boys basketball is offered in the fall. During this season, cheerleading is also offered, along with students participating as our Scottie Mascot. Girls & boys competitive track is offered in the spring. We are excited to be able to use the Satellite High School Track as our home facility. Each team competes against other Brevard County Public & Charter Schools.

Brevard Middle Schools will offer two new sports at the intramural level. Fall Boys & Girls Soccer & Winter Boys & Girls Volleyball will be offered for a 5 week season. During these seasons, players will only be allowed to play against other DeLaura students. The purpose of intramural sports is to learn more about the sport and gain skills that will allow students to compete at the high school level.



Clubs

DeLaura offers a variety of different clubs during the school year. Each club is sponsored by a school employee and typically meets once per week. Examples of clubs offered this year include National Junior Honor Society, Newspaper, Beta Club, Art Club, Future Educators of America, Student Government and much more! You can find a list of clubs with teacher sponsors on our school's website.

student support systems

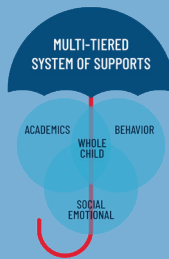
Guidance Center



The Guidance Center consists of two school counselors: one counselor for the 7th and one for 8th graders.

The guidance center also has an office/data clerk, and testing/ESOL/gifted coordinator. The Guidance Center offers academic, emotional, social, and behavioral support to students. The school counselors work with students, families and educators to provide the best learning environment.

MTSS MTSS stands for multi-tiered system of supports. It's a framework many schools use to give targeted support to struggling students. Our MTSS team meets on Fridays. Our team discusses all students who may need extra support. We look at attendance, academics and behaviors. We then produce a plan on how to support the student. The meetings consist of our ESE support specialist, school psychologist, school counselors, administration and teachers.



Tutoring DeLaura offers weekly tutoring for all academic subject areas. Tutoring opportunities are offered either before or after school by DeLaura teachers. We also offer peer tutoring. You can find specific tutoring information on our website and in our weekly Family Communications.

Media Center

The DeLaura-Satellite Media Center is unique because it is shared by two schools and staffed by two certified Media Specialists. This arrangement allows for a diverse collection of quality materials and provides access to information and ideas for all students. The Media Center inspires a love of reading through book talks, reading promotions, book clubs and author visits. Our substantial and carefully curated book collection offers something for every student. Our Media Center delivers opportunities for students and educators to appreciate literature, practice creative thinking skills, become critical explorers of information and ideas, and to use technology effectively. The DeLaura-Satellite Media Center is a place for Scotties to question, explore, discover and realize their full potential!

Mentor-Mentee Program

DeLaura's Counseling Department has created a Mentor/Mentee Program. Students who need a little extra support are assigned a mentor who is also an educator on campus. The purpose of the program is to create a sense of belonging and to foster encouraging and supportive relationships. Mentors and Mentees try to meet at least once a week throughout the year.



DELAURA LEADERSHIP

DeLaura Leadership consists of the principal, assistant principals, counselors, secretary, athletic director and our school resource officer. DeLaura Leadership meets Monday mornings after the school day has started. We discuss our communication, upcoming activities, and possible solutions.

DEPARTMENT CHAIRS

DeLaura Department Chairs are teacher stipend positions. Each department (English-Language Arts, Electives, Math, Science, Social Studies) is represented by a chairperson. The department chair serves as an advocate to represent the views of their colleagues.

SHARED DECISION MAKING

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The School Improvement Plan (SIP) is an annual document representing our school's ongoing, reflective cycle focused on higher levels of achievement for all students. It is developed with the input of teachers, staff, families, and students using multiple sources of student performance data. The result is a plan of action with defined instructional and intervention strategies, supporting our school's goals for increased student learning across all content areas, for each and every student.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Each school in Florida must have a School Advisory Committee, or SAC. By law, each SAC must be composed of the principal and an appropriately balanced number of stakeholders. DeLaura's SAC consists of administrators, teachers, classified staff, members of the Parent-Teacher Organization, families, and community members. The SAC meets monthly and discusses events and news related to DeLaura Middle School.



OUR COMMUNITY

DeLaura Middle School is located in Satellite Beach, Florida, just south of Patrick Space Force Base. We are proud to serve many military families. Students come from both Viera and Satellite Beach to attend DeLaura. Most of them will attend either Satellite High School or Viera High School. Our community takes great pride in DeLaura Middle School.



DELAURA PTO

The PTO stands for Parents and Teachers Organization. Just like in elementary school, the PTO provides support for the educators and administration to make this the very best middle school education opportunity in our area. The PTO has helped organize school dances, student holiday grams, fundraising, volunteer opportunities, and is an important partner in our Renovation Project.



Surfing is an important part of Satellite Beach's culture. Former professional surfers CJ and Damien Hobgood attended DeLaura Middle School.

DELAURA'S SPONSORS

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Scottie's Scoop

Scottie's Scoop is a weekly electronic newsletter for all educators. It is sent out on Thursday via email to all DeLaura staff members. The Scoop provides information about upcoming events, best practices, and miscellaneous information.

Mr. Corso's Weekly Family Message

Blackboard is the Brevard Public Schools system to notify families with information. The information can include upcoming assemblies, deadlines, events/dates, etc. With this system, Mr. Corso emails out a weekly family message sent on Friday afternoons with information about the past week in addition to upcoming events. It is an opportunity to highlight all the great work that is done by our students and educators. The messages are also posted on our website.



Words Matter at DeLaura:

Every single adult on our campus is an EDUCATOR who contributes to the middle school experience at DeLaura.

We serve FAMILIES because so many people raise our children.

how we communicate

DeLaura's School Website:

<https://www.brevardschools.org/Page/41>

Daily Announcements

During an extended period, students watch our video announcements each day. DeLaura's TV Production class creates daily news segments that provide important information about upcoming events, core values reminders and Scottie community stories.

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YouTube
<https://bit.ly/3SRP19M>



TEACHER TEAMS

At DeLaura Middle School, each of our teachers belong to a “team” that is dedicated to making our school culture and instruction the best that it can be. Below are descriptions of each team:

ESE & GIFTED TEAM

The ESE (Exceptional Student Education) & Gifted Team is instrumental in collaborating each month on ways to meet the needs of DeLaura’s ESE & Gifted students. The stakeholders in this group teach and/or develop plans called IEPs (Individualized Education Program) & EPs (Educational Plans for Gifted Students) to meet each of these students’ individual needs. In addition, team members share lessons, strategies, and differentiated approaches that encourage student success across all content areas. Providing enrichment is also a priority; therefore, community service opportunities and requirements for SALT students have been implemented and are revisited monthly.

FACILITY RENOVATION TEAM

(AKA THE SCOTTIE NEW-DO COMMITTEE)

The Facility Renovation Team is a collaboration between a group of teachers and our Parent-Teacher Organization. The purpose of our committee is to identify areas that need to be improved, raise funds, and create an action plan to improve our facilities. Funds are received from family donations, business sponsorships, and district support.

SITE EQUITY TEAM

DeLaura’s Site Equity Team is a collaboration of educators and students working on creating a safe, equitable, and more community-based environment for the school. Our goal is to ensure that every student and educator that steps foot on this campus feels heard, represented, and respected. We also work in partnership with our school’s Recognition Team to help make sure that everyone is celebrated for being their true and unique selves!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & TEACHER RESOURCE TEAM

The Professional Development and Teacher Resource Team is composed of educators who have volunteered to share best practices and assist their fellow teachers. Their areas of expertise include FOCUS (our Student Information system), Google Classroom, Microsoft Office, classroom management, and differentiated instruction. They also act as a conduit for information and innovations coming from the district office and the community.

LITERACY TEAM

The Literacy Team is comprised of teachers, administrators, the media center specialist, and our literacy coach. The team meets monthly to review assessment data, discuss opportunities to increase literacy awareness, and offer strategies and activities for collaboration with all content areas. The team supports annual literacy events like the Book Bash and Literacy Week, coordinating school wide activities for students and staff to encourage and celebrate the love of reading.

STUDENT & TEACHER RECOGNITION TEAM

DeLaura’s Student & Teacher Recognition Team is composed of a dedicated group of teachers & administrators with the shared goal of recognizing and celebrating exceptional students & faculty. Students that demonstrate DeLaura’s core values are recognized & rewarded through initiatives such as the Scottie Superhero Pass & student of the month award. Teachers of the month are selected through monthly student polls. The team works together to plan & implement events including end of semester and honor roll celebrations with the mission of boosting morale and building relationships.

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Mondays-Thursdays: 8:30am-4:30pm

Fridays: 8:30am-3:30pm



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