

# Young Diplomats Magnet Academy

## Parent Teacher Association

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## September 24th 8:30am Meeting Topics

### **YDMA - will be using two apps to connect parents and teachers:**

- 1) **M?** : Literacy level based program. Teachers are currently assessing grades 1-5th and will begin assessing kindergarten in November. Results from the assessment will determine the book your teacher assigns to your child in this app. Parents will need to create a username and password
- 2) **ClassDojo**: A beautiful, safe and simple communication app for teachers, parents and students. Teachers can encourage and give students points for skills outside of the academic scope; (ie) “working hard” and “teamwork”. Teachers assign daily reports so you are always aware of how your child is doing in class. Parents can also give points from home. Parents will also need to accept the in-app invitation from their child’s teacher. <https://www.classdojo.com/>

*Question: What can students do with accumulated points.*

### **Athletic Programs at YDMA**

- 1) Soccer - Grades K-2, Tuesday & Thursday, 45min sessions
- 2) Baseball - Grades 3-5, Days TBD, 45min sessions

### **The Arts at YDMA**

- 1) Italian music is currently offered to students on a part time basis. Actions are being taken to transition this to a full time program.

## September 24th 8:30am Topics of Concern

### **YDMA- Currently there are no after school programs for Pre K students:**

- 1) Why this matters to YDMA: Efforts to increase PreK enrollment may be negatively affected by the lack of after school programming for Pre K students.
- 2) Why this matters to YDMA parents of ALL grades: School funding is heavily dependent on enrollment, enrollment is potentially negatively affected by the lack of after school programming for PreK students. Therefore we should all be concerned for the overall funding and continuity of YDMA and its guiding principles and character goals for our children.

### **Propose Solution:**

Phase 1: Parent funded and operated after school program

Phase 2: Partner with neighborhood extra-curricular program to facilitate after school program activity.

Phase 3: Receive funding from DOE for after school program currently in place.

