

# Discovery Elementary

*Together We're Better!*



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## Welcome to Discovery Elementary

We take great pride in being part of your child's education and will work hard to help your student excel. Our small-school environment offers unique multi-age classrooms and looping, which allows children to form long-term, positive relationships with teachers. Our success stems from active parent involvement, personalized learning and the connections we make inside and outside of the school. We infuse the five Cs in all we do: Cooperate, Collaborate, Contribute, Celebrate and Care. These traits help students build character and find meaningful learning opportunities. You will find our curriculum emphasizes creativity and critical thinking, resulting in students who consistently perform above state averages. It takes a village to raise a child, and we are committed to working together to help all children reach their fullest potential and become life-long learners.

**"My children say  
Discovery is a welcoming  
environment, with  
teachers who are very  
understanding of the  
students, and that it  
feels like a home away  
from home because  
everyone cares so much."**

—Amy, parent



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## What Makes Discovery Unique

### School of Choice

Discovery is a school of choice. Any student within the district in grades K-5 can apply for placement, which is determined through a lottery process. Each year, the lottery is held in February for admittance into kindergarten.

### Multi-Age Instruction and Looping

Multi-age instruction (grades 1-2, and 3-5) ensures differentiated, individualized instruction that challenges students to reach their full potential and grow individually.



Looping allows students to remain with a teacher for two to three years, which personalizes learning and develops positive relationships. Kindergarten is a stand-alone grade at Discovery.

### Hands-On Learning

Hands-on experiences promote active learning, problem solving and collaboration. In Discovery classrooms, you'll find students working cooperatively, often in small groups, conducting investigations, exploring key concepts and principles and figuring out solutions to challenges.

### Meaningful Use of Technology

A purposeful use of technology enhances learning outcomes, and a 2:1 student-to-device ratio ensures access for all. BHM Schools partner with Google Apps for Education to improve communication, learning and collaboration.



### Caring Connections

Students learn more when they form connections between themselves and their community. Two days per week,



Discovery students participate in a mixed K-5 class called "Town Square." Here they have opportunities to develop life skills such as respect for others, citizenship and leadership. Community service projects are embedded



### WE STRIVE TO...

provide community connections and a focus on social, emotional, and intellectual development in a multi-age setting that gives our students authentic learning opportunities using creativity and critical thinking to prepare them for a changing world.

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into learning experiences in "Town Square" and regular classes. Students remain with their same K-5 "Town Square" classes throughout their years at Discovery.

### Daily Specialist Classes

All students have 25 minutes of both physical education and music every day. Classroom teachers also accompany their students to the nearby Parkside Elementary Library weekly.

### Strong Parent Involvement

Strong parent involvement contributes to a culture of sharing and engagement at Discovery. The Discovery Parent Involvement Committee works with staff to plan many activities each school year to increase belonging and participation. Parents volunteer in the classroom and help organize such activities as a back-to-school open house, book fairs, Town Square readers, Art Adventure, a year-end celebration, Thanksgiving food drive, an annual community Family Fun Night Carnival, and much more.




### Other Important Information

**Transportation:** Vision Transportation of Buffalo provides bus service for BHM Schools. Families get free busing from anywhere within the district to Discovery and can designate up to one alternate location such as daycare or a relative's house for pick-up and drop-off. Contact Vision of Buffalo at 763.682.3232 for routing and other information.

**KidKare:** On-site KidKare extends your child's learning day while providing high quality care in a safe and fun environment. KidKare is offered before and after school, full days on school release days and during the summer. Call 763.682.8787 for more information.



### Discovery Elementary School

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