



**Discovery
Elementary**
BHM SCHOOLS

The Discovery Connections

A newsletter for parents of Discovery Elementary students

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Message From Principal-Dr. Mathew Nelson



“Together We’re Better” at Discovery Elementary!

The week of April 7th-13th is National Volunteer Recognition Week. We have great volunteers here at Discovery and we greatly appreciate the strong partnerships we have developed. Thank you to all of our volunteers for sharing your talents and time with us!

It is hard to believe that it is April and we are gearing up for Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) testing near the end of the month, which will be continued into May. Again this year, all students in grades three, four, and five will be taking the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs) in both Reading and Math. Also, our 5th grade students will be taking the Science MCA assessment. Below are the specific dates for the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade MCAs:

April 23, 24, 25 - Reading MCA Testing
April 30, May 1, 2 - Math MCA Testing

I know it seems like so much emphasis is being put on standardized tests and although the test results are an important tool, at Discovery Elementary School we use data from multiple measures, including individual teacher assessments, benchmark tests, and MCA tests to identify individual student progress and individualize the instruction accordingly. We take great pride in making all instructional decisions based on data, current research, best practice, and the individual needs of the students. At the same time we fully understand that in today’s rapidly changing and advancing society it is important to emphasize and facilitate the development of lifelong learning traits, thinking skills, and provide students with opportunities to develop meaningful 21st century natured skills necessary to be successful in tomorrow’s world.

Looking ahead to next year.....it will soon be time to begin the process of placing students in their multiage classrooms for the 2019-20 school year. When placing students, the following factors are considered. We feel all of our teachers are very qualified and accommodating to individual student needs and that students will do well in any classroom. Even though class assignments are the responsibility of the Principal, with input from the teachers, we recognize that there are instances where a parent has a legitimate reason for a request. **If you feel you need to make a request, please stop by the office and pick up a request form** or call the office and we’ll send a form home with your child. Your concerns and input will be considered, however it may not be possible to accommodate all requests. The deadline for turning requests into the office is **Friday, April 19th**. ***After this deadline we will not be able to make any adjustments to the classroom placements.***

MCA = My Chance to Amaze . . .

. . . myself! . . . my friends!

. . . my school! . . . my parents!



Discovery Elementary Students celebrated “COURAGEOUS” for the month of March

Front Row: Kennedy Boehlke, Lydia Van Iseghem, Charlotte Anderson, Darby Rutten and Theodore Ungaro
 Back Row: Ava Havisto, Nolan Mueller, Will Selvig, Gabriel Plaisted, Doug Froberg and Keira Peterson

Start Planning for Summer!

Summer SunBlock classes are offered through BHM Community Education. These enrichment classes are a great way for your child to stay on top of his or her skills in reading, writing, math and science... all while having fun! Students can explore their creative side with a variety of art classes or stay active with recreation and outdoor games. No matter which classes you choose, you can count on A SUMMER OF FUN AND LEARNING AT SUMMER SUNBLOCK!

Classes fill quickly... early registration is encouraged. For more information or to register online, go to bhmschools.ce.eleyo.com or watch for the summer Community Education catalog in your mailbox coming out soon. If you have any questions regarding the Summer SunBlock Program call Community Education at 763.682.8770.



Are you moving? If you plan to move over the summer months, please contact the Discovery Office at 763-682-8400 with your updated information. Thank you.

DES Book Fair BOGO

DES Scholastic Book Fair
(Buy1Get1Free)



If a student buys a book, he or she will be able to get another book of equal or lesser value free. This is a great time to select books for summer reading. Research clearly indicates the value of summer reading to learning retention over the summer months. Consider having a family goal of each member reading at least one book a month this summer.

May 13 Teacher Preview

May 14 Student Preview Day

May 15 7:30-8:00 am

May 16 7:30-8:00 am & 2:30-5:30 pm

May 17 7:30-8:00 am

See you at the Book Fair!



"Together We're Better!"



Safety Patrollers Attend Twins Game May 15th

Many thanks to all of our fifth grade safety patrollers for their work all year to keep our crosswalks safe. The students will be treated to a Minnesota Twins Game outing on Wednesday, May 15th. Dr. Nelson and Mr. Lindbloom will take the students along with parent chaperones. More information to follow regarding this event for our Safety Patrol Students!!



Thank you!

Thank you to all of the Parent Volunteers who give of your time. To the parents who provided the meals on conference evenings for the staff, Field trip chaperones, Mystery Readers, Open House, Hearing & Vision Screening, Book Fairs, Classroom helpers, FFN Volunteers, and the list goes on!!! We would not be able to accomplish all that we do with out you!

Know that we appreciate you.



Look What's Happening at DES

* April 8	National Volunteer Recognition Week
* April 23	Gr.3-5 MCA Reading
* April 24	Gr.3-5 MCA Reading
* April 25	Gr. 3-5 MCA Reading
* April 25	K-2 Field Trip-Stages Theatre
* April 30	Gr. 3-5 MCA Math
* May 1	Gr. 3-5 MCA Math
* May 2	Gr. 3-5 MCA Math
* May 6	National Teacher Appreciation Week
* May 7	MCA 5th Gr. Science Test Schedule
* May 8	Gr. K-2 MN Children's Museum
* May 13	Scholastic Book Fair Set Up
* May 14	Scholastic Book Fair Student Preview
* May 15	Scholastic Book Fair 7:30-8:00 am
* May 15	5th Gr. Safety Patrol Twins Game
* May 16	Scholastic Book Fair 7:30-8:00 am
* May 16	Scholastic Book Fair 2:30-5:30 pm
* May 17	Scholastic Book Fair 7:30-8:00 am
* May 23	Expo Night 4:30-6:00 pm
* May 24	Gr. 3-5 Fort Snelling Field Trip
* May 27	NO SCHOOL
* May 31	5th Grader Track & Field Day-BCMS
* May 31	Gr. 3 & 4 Feed My Starving Children
* June 5	5th Gr. Celebration 1:00 pm auditorium
* June 6	Last Day of School-All School Picnic



Has your child misplaced a sweat-shirt, jacket, t-shirt, sweater, hats, gloves, shoes or boots? We have a large selection of clothing items that are piling up on our racks

and bins. The next time you are in please stop and go through the items. If you are unable to stop, please have your child stop and look at the lost and found items to see if they can find their lost treasures. We are unable to keep the clothing over the summer months and will need to donate any items that are left at the completion of the school year to the Goodwill.



March 3rd-9th was Paraprofessional Recognition Week. We are fortunate here at Discovery Elementary School to have such dedicated ESP's. Thank you for all you do for the students.

ESP's at Discovery are: Callie Aspen, Sheila Dudley, Shelley Fadden, Ellen Halvorson, Julie Hemze, Heidi Lucas, Cheri Knop and Kathy Moews



Thank you!!!

Hello Discovery Families!

We are so excited to be partnering with the American Heart Association this year! We will be participating in **Kids Heart Challenge** and look forward to introducing your students to the Heart Heroes who work together to fight heart disease. We'll be doing LOTS of fun things in PE to keep our hearts working hard during Kids Heart Challenge.

We're challenging EVERY STUDENT to join our team online and accept one of these health challenges: do a good deed daily, choose water over sugary beverages, or exercise every day. Students who accept a challenge will earn an official HEART HERO wristband at school!

To join our Discovery team and accept a health challenge visit: <http://www2.heart.org/goto/discoverybuffalo> or download the FREE Kids Heart Challenge app on your mobile device. Once the challenge is accepted, share the message with others to promote healthy hearts and raise donations for the American Heart Association. If you have any questions please let me know.

Thank you for your support!
Jeff Lindbloom, Physical Education Teacher
763-682-8429





Literacy Tutor Needed – Minnesota Reading Corps

Make a difference in your community and join our team as a reading tutor.

Discovery Elementary, Northwinds Elementary, Parkside Elementary, and Tatanka Elementary STEM Schools are looking for reading tutors for next school year to give their time and talent to help our kids become successful readers and learners.

Tutors work one-on-one or in small groups with students during school hours throughout the school year. No matter if you're a recent grad, career changer, stay-at-home parent or retiree, you can make a great tutor. No experience? No problem. Minnesota Reading Corps provides comprehensive training in strategies proven to help students learn, so tutors are well equipped to help students grow.

Perks as A Tutor

- Receive a stipend every two weeks
- Earn up to \$4,200 for college tuition or student loans. Tutors 55 and older may gift the award to their child, grandchild, stepchild or foster child.
- Free health insurance and child care assistance for those who qualify.

Ready to be the change for struggling students? Learn more at ReadingAndMath.net. Questions can be sent to join@servetogrow.org or call 866.859.2825.

