

January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

Dear Families of a Child Eligible for Kindergarten in September 2020:

It's an exciting time of the year as you start thinking about kindergarten for your child next fall! You are receiving this letter if your child is registered in the Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose school district and his/her birth date indicates eligibility to start kindergarten in September 2020. **We are excited to provide you with information about Discovery Elementary School as a school of choice within the BHM School District!**

Discovery Elementary is a small school of choice based on the philosophy of multi-age, looping education. **On Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30, Discovery Principal, Dr. Mathew Nelson, will host a Discovery Elementary School informational presentation (attendance is optional) in Commons B in Discovery Elementary.** During this optional presentation additional information about Discovery Elementary School will be presented along with the opportunity for question/answer time and tours of the school facility.

Discovery is a school of choice available for children from *all* attendance areas and offers:

- **“Whole Child”** approach to education (focus on **social, emotional, and intellectual development** using creativity and critical thinking to prepare students for a changing world)
- **Looping** allows students to collaborate with a teacher for two or three years to develop deeper, meaningful, **Positive Teacher – Student Relationships**
- **Multi-Age Instruction** in grades 1-2 (Primary) and 3-4-5 (Intermediate)
- **Community Skills Infused:** Cooperate, Collaborate, Contribute, Celebrate, and Care in a small school setting
- Proven record of academic success, **Student Achievement, Authentic, and Personalized Learning**
- **Family based enrollment** – sibling are guaranteed enrollment opportunity
- Strong **Parent Involvement** philosophy and commitment to **Community Collaboration** and service

Please Note: *The enclosed application should be completed and returned to Discovery Elementary to enter your child in the lottery for available kindergarten openings at Discovery Elementary.*

Lottery applications must be received in the Discovery office by  
**Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.**

The Discovery Kindergarten Lottery will be held on Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. in the Discovery Elementary School Commons B. Parents can attend, but it is not required as **all families who apply will receive a notification of the lottery results via postal mail.**

If you any questions about Discovery Elementary or would like a tour of the school, please call us at 763-682-8426. We look forward to the potential to collaborate with you and your child!

**“Together We’re Better!”**