

January 4th, 2021

Dear Families of a Child Eligible for Kindergarten in September 2021:

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 2021. **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 26th at 6:30, Discovery Principal, Dr. Mathew Nelson, will host a virtual Discovery Elementary School informational presentation (attendance is optional). To register for the virtual event, please email mnelson@bhmschools.org.** During this optional presentation additional information about Discovery Elementary School will be presented along with the opportunity for question/answer time.

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 Character and Social Skills Infused:** Integrated into 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 can be returned to the Discovery Elementary Office or emailed to Discovery-Lottery@bhmschools.org to enter your child in the lottery for available kindergarten openings at Discovery Elementary. If you email your application, you will receive a receipt confirmation.*

Lottery applications must be received in the Discovery office by
Monday, February 8th, 2021.

The Discovery Kindergarten Lottery will be held on Tuesday, February 9th. All families who apply will receive a notification of the lottery results via postal mail, whether they were selected in the lottery or not.

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!”