

The Discovery Connections

A newsletter for parents of Discovery Elementary students

May/June 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Dr. Mathew Nelson

In these times, and all times, "Together We're Better" resonates at Discovery Elementary! It certainly has been a unique year for us and we are proud of the way we stayed together to make it the best that it can be for our students. Words can't adequately describe my appreciation for all of your support of Discovery Elementary throughout this school year. Thank you! I have said it before, but "Together We're Better!" is more than just a slogan, and everything we went through this year has brought us closer, made us stronger, and more appreciative of all the opportunities and gifts we have.

As we near the close of the 2020-2021 school year, I believe it is important for us to reflect on and be proud of all the great things that happened and continue to happen here at Discovery Elementary! There are many individuals and groups that have made a positive difference to our students, staff, and families; too many to recognize within the confines of this brief note, but I do want to recognize a few groups. Thank you to the Discovery parents, families, supporters, and volunteers for their time, talents, and support.

We would like to recognize the staff for their commitment to the students and families of Discovery Elementary. They have worked very hard to provide a high quality educational experience and help all students reach their full potential. It has been fun and exciting to see the students learn, progress, grow, and develop throughout the course of the school year. I would also like to offer congratulations to the Discovery Elementary 5th graders as they move on to the middle school. At the beginning of this year I challenged this class to be great leaders of Discovery Elementary and set the example and tone for the building. You have indeed done that and are a big part of making this such a great place to be! We are proud of all you have accomplished thus far and wish each of you well in middle school.

There are obviously a lot of unknowns as we enter into next fall and a new school year, but please know that I will keep you informed as I receive information. Next year should look a lot different and one thing is for sure, we know that together we will make it what it should be for the students we serve! I get emotional when I think about it, but we have such a great thing going on for students at Discovery and I couldn't be more proud to be a part of the great work we all do, together, for our students!



April Community "C" Students of the Month "Creative"





Discovery Elementary

Announces the

2020-2021

5th Grade Celebration Ceremony

Wednesday, June 9th at 1:00 PM Discovery Auditorium

Please join us as we wish our 5th Grade Class a fond farewell!





Discovery Elementary End of the Year Celebration Picnic

You are invited to join us for our annual Discovery Elementary End of the Year Picnic to celebrate and wrap up a great year of learning! We will barricade the road between Discovery and Parkside to set up picnic tables for the festivities.

This year, we are encouraging students and families to dress in beach attire to honor one of our all-time greats, Mrs. Schroeder, who is retiring at the end of the year!

When: Thursday, June 10th (last day of school)

Time: If attending, please meet your child outside underneath the main entrance canopy at the lunch times stated below, which are based on your child's homeroom teacher. If they have an older sibling, please plan to eat with them as well during your youngest student's lunch time.

Grams/Tacke: 10:30-11:00

Samuelson/Schroeder: 11:00-11:30

<u>Schrick/Mueller:</u> 11:30-12:00

B. Nelson/Swedal/Bauernschmitt: 12:00-12:30

Ericson/H. Nelson: 12:30-1:00

Menu: Our Discovery Elementary Food Service will be serving a grilled hot dog meal, chips, carrots, fruit, milk, and a special treat!

Cost: Students under 18 -Free, Adult Meal is \$4.25 - please note you will pay the day of the picnic

What to bring: We will have picnic tables, but please feel free to bring lawn chairs, or blankets to sit on.

Other Notes: We have to separate lunch times to accommodate social distancing. Please be mindful of the time listed for your student and plan to remain on site only for that duration of time to allow our staff to sanitize in between groups. Thank you in advance for your understanding!

After the picnic, you are welcome to take your child home with you and they will not be marked absent. If you plan to take your child with you after the picnic, please just let your child's teacher know before leaving.

Please note: In the event of inclement weather we will move to the gym/cafeteria area. Masks will be required to enter the premises should we need to move the event inside.

Please reach out to the Discovery office prior to May 28th if you plan to attend to assure we can give a proper meal count to our kitchen staff.

Thank you and we look forward to celebrating with all of you!