



**MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Dr. Mathew Nelson**



February is “I Love to Read Month”, and we had a lot of fun officially kicking it off with a gathering in the auditorium on February 1st! Mrs. Uttke has continued in her tradition of “Stop, Drop, and Read”, which is a favorite of the students. There is a good chance that your son or daughter will “get caught reading”, which is a great thing! Other planned “I Love to Read” month activities include Book Bingo, Readers Theater, Town Square Reading, Mystery Readers on the morning announcements and our Read-a-thon fundraiser. Information was sent home last week about our annual Read-a-thon fundraising event. In our Read-a-thon each student will have a reading goal of total minutes read outside of school in the month and by acquiring pledges/donations, the students are making a promise to do their best to reach their reading goal for the month.

The funds raised in this fundraiser will be used towards the purchase of additional items for student use, including additional books, and to offset field trip costs. The main advantages of a fundraiser like this are that the focus is on literacy and **100% of the donations benefits the students of Discovery Elementary**. We are excited to kick off our annual Read-a-thon, which is our **only school led fundraiser** for the year. Thank you for your support of Discovery and our Read-a-thon.

To culminate our “I Love to Read Month” activities, on Friday, **March 1st** all Discovery students and staff will be invited to watch the “G” rated movie, **Gnomeo & Juliet** in in the auditorium on the big screen! Next, we will have our school wide book character parade in which the students will parade around Discovery dressed as their favorite book character. (Additional information will be sent explaining the Character Parade.) Finally, students and staff will assemble in the gymnasium for a Town Gathering. It is always such a great, fun day for our students to conclude “I Love to Read Month”.

This year, our entire school participated in the Global Day of Play! The purpose of “Day of Play” is to encourage children to PLAY, HAVE FUN, and to be CREATIVE. In the afternoon of February 6<sup>th</sup>, the students spent two hours organizing their own “technology free” play activities, inviting others to join them, being problem solvers, and compromising! To be honest, I believe that in general children (including my own) don’t spend enough time engaging in technology-free play enough, so this was a great opportunity for us to help encourage creative play. Furthermore; we believe that this uninterrupted playtime was very important for them emotionally, socially, and academically!



**Thank you for your continued support of Discovery Elementary**

**“Together We’re Better!”**

**Greeting from Heidi Gallart**  
**Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose Elementary School Nurse**

Hello,

My name is Heidi Gallart and I am the new District Licensed School Nurse for the Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose Elementary schools. I have been a registered nurse for 14 years with prior experience in school nursing, the neonatal intensive care unit and infection prevention. I look forward to getting to work with you and your student to ensure they are in their best health to be able to focus and learn from our great teachers.

You can reach me at 763-682-8514 during the school hours. I do have voicemail, so you can leave a message anytime in the evening – especially if you want me to get your message before students arrive in the morning! Alternatively, my email address is [hgallart@bhmschools.org](mailto:hgallart@bhmschools.org). As you know, we have wonderful health paraprofessionals in the health office of each school. Please continue to work with them regarding your student's daily needs and be sure to contact me if your student experiences any changes in their daily routine requiring additional support at school.

Thank you and I look forward to working with you and your student!

**Heidi Gallart, BSN, RN, Licensed School Nurse**

***Community C for the Month of January-COLLABORATE***



***DES honors the Community C students for January. The Community C for the month was  
COLLABORATE***

Front Row: Connor Novacek, Gavin Megaw, Zander Robertson, Ruby Hinnenkamp, Emily Boillat and Luke Mueller  
Back Row: Damien Kasanezky, Lucas Ferguson, Henry Bloomquist, Patrick Breyer, and Olivia Thomas



## Kindergarten Registration Night is Coming!

**Discovery's Kindergarten Registration Night for 2019-20 school year is fast approaching on Tuesday, March 12th, 2019 from 6:30-7:30. More information will be mailed out to all of the new kindergarten families. Mark your calendars for you and your kindergarten child to attend!**

**YEAH!**



### Report Cards available on Parent Portal

Report cards are now available on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal for your child(ren). The link to the portal can be found here:

<https://campus.bhmschools.org/campus/portal/buffalo.jsp>

If you have any questions or would prefer to receive a paper copy of your child's report card please contact Sharon Uttke in the Discovery office at 682-8400 or [suttke@bhmschools.org](mailto:suttke@bhmschools.org)

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Discovery Elementary School**



Are you missing a sweater, jacket, mitts, hat or snow pants? Our bins are over flowing with items that have been left behind. Please stop in and check out our lost and found items. There are many nice items, soon we will need to donate the items to a local charity.

*Happy Valentine's Day*



Winter temperatures and winds are here to stay, but we still have a number of children who arrive at school without appropriate cold weather outer wear. Un-less the temperature or wind chill is below zero, all students go out for recess every day. It is essential that they have gloves, mittens, hats, warm coat and boots. K-2 students will need snow pants, boots, these are also recommended for the upper grade students as well. K-2 should also have an extra set of clothing in their lockers for those emergencies. Please label your items so they can be returned to your child if lost or left behind.

