

The Discovery Connections

A newsletter for parents of Discovery Elementary students

May /June 2019

Message from the Principal-Dr. Mathew Nelson



As we near the end of a great school year, I believe it is important for us to reflect on and be proud of all the great things that 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, support and leadership.

I 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.

We hope you are able to make it to the Discovery Expo Night on Thursday, May 23rd. We have a three year rotation set up for our Expo nights and this year is a whole-school music program in the auditorium with our featured guest Sowah Mensah, "Master Drummer" from Ghana, West Africa. A copy of the informational sheet that was sent home can be found on the next page of this newsletter. We look forward to this wonderful opportunity for our students!

Our Healthy Heart Challenge (Jump Rope for Heart) campaign was very successful, with Discovery bringing in a total of \$12,962! As a reward for bringing in such a large total, our school will receive an \$850 gift certificate to US Games to use for physical education equipment. Moving forward we plan to partner with the American Heart Association for this **event every other year, instead of annually.**

Please feel free to contact me or stop in if you ever have questions or concerns. Enjoy the spring weather!

"Together We're Better!"





The Community C's for the month of April was "Creative" These students were recognized Front Row: Taytum Blighton, Emma Dressen, Ian Lommel, Micah Splittstozer and Lucy Dylla Back Row: Cameron Morin, Henry Greenhagen, Mackenzie Novacek, Anna Baumgard and Paxton Schmidt, not pictured Ingrid Mattson

Expo Night Is Coming! Thursday, May 23, 2019

Please join us for our annual Discovery Spring Expo Night! All Discovery families are invited to join us for Expo Night. We will all gather in the Discovery Auditorium for our whole-school music program with our featured guest and Master Drummer, Sowah Mensah, originally from Ghana, West Africa.

Evening Schedule:

- **4:45** Students meet with their teacher in their designated spot. (Adults with special seating needs arrive earlier).
- 5:00 Expo Night Concert with Sowah Mensah!

Please sit in the balcony for best view/sound and save main floor for families with those unable to climb stairs. All seats will be used; please fill in all spaces between families. If possible, students should wear bright colored shirts (no writing on shirts). Please let us know if you have any questions regarding Expo night.



A flag raising ceremony was held at Discovery Elementary School. Students from Mrs. Beth Nelson's class had the privilege to be part of the ceremony. The Buffalo American Legion Post 270 donated a new United States Flag for us to display as you enter the Discovery Center. This was the first time for many of our students to witness a flag raising event. Even though it was a very raining, windy day we were fortunate to have the opportunity to be a part of it. We are so thankful for their donation of the flag.



Good Luck 5th Graders at BCMS



DES 5th Graders off to BCMS!

Grant Benson Henry Bloomquist Maren Brockopp Kristofer Carlson Finn DeWitte Elsa Emons Graciela Gonzalez Henry Greenhagen Ava Havisto Sean Haugen Teagan Hilyar Miles Holtz Jon Huston

Garett Iverson Damien Kasanezky Karson Kramber Jackson LeClaire Aiden Marconett Madelyn McCarthy Myia McDonald Jayce Mealman Nolan Mueller Peighton Mulder Kalah Nord Mackenzie Novacek Lauren Olson Hans Pederson Gabriel Plaisted Preston Pool Hannah Price Michael(Thor) Rappe Maggie Reding Carter Robertson Baily Schindele Paxton Schmidt Ella Schrick Rachel Stefanich Olivia Thomas Miranda Wenger

DES Spelling Bee Winners



Discovery fifth grader Ella Schrick represented the school in the annual district Spelling Bee on Tuesday, May 7th in the Discovery Auditorium. Ella competed against other fifth through eighth grade students from the other elementary schools, St. Francis Xavier and middle school. Nolan Mueller was the alternate from Discovery. A job well done!

Lost and Found

We have a large supply of clothing items that are piling up on our tables. Has your child misplaced a sweatshirt, jacket, hats or gloves? If so, it might be there. Have your child stop and look at the lost and found table to see if they can find their lost treasure! We have a large supply of winter boots this year. All left over items will be donated to Goodwill at the end of school year.

COMMUNITY "C" 'S CARE-COOPERATE-CONTRIBUTE-CELEBRATE-COLLABORATE-CHEERFUL-COURAGEOUS-CREATIVE-CONSIDERATE

A big THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who helped in classrooms, chaperoned field trips, or donated your time and talent in any way at Discovery. We would not be able to do all of our activities without you. Have a great summer!! Parents of 5th graders: Track and Field Day is coming up on Friday, May 31st if you are available to help, please contact Jeff Lindbloom 763-682-8429





Bus Information

Alternate Destination Forms should be turned into the bus company by July 1, 2019. The bus company needs the information for the coming year in order to plan bus



routes. The alternate destination form is needed for all destinations other than your home location. You may call Vision Transportation with questions at 763 -682-3232. Forms are available at the bus company, in the school office, or you can print from the district website:

www.bhmschools.org/departments/transportation/ alternate-destinations



Feed My Starving Children Field Trip Gr. 3 & 4 Friday, May 31st

Third and fourth grade students will have the opportunity to participate in a service project packaging nutritious meals for needy children in desperate areas of the world. Parents are welcome to go along on this field trip.









Health Office: The health office staff would like to thank you for all of your cooperation throughout the school year. We appreciate your help in keeping all of our students healthy and safe at school. For those of you with students with special health needs or medication, further information will be sent directly to you in regard to your students needs.

We hope you will have a wonderful summer and we look forward to working with you in September!