

The Discovery Connections

A newsletter for parents of Discovery Elementary students

May /June 2020

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 to be honest the

most difficult of my professional career - it aged me a little bit, I think :) 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 we have.

Even though the year is not ending the way we would like it to, 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, 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.

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.



Have a great summer, everyone!

"Together We're Better!"

Community C-CONSIDERATE

The Community C's for the month of May was "CONSIDERATE" These students were recognized by their teacher



Keenan Lemke-Gr. K Ms. Tacke Class



Jase Henre-Gr. K Mrs. Grams Class



Brandon Rau-Gr. 2 Mrs. Schroeder Class



Elsie Johanson-Gr. 2 Mrs. Schrick Class



Charlotte Anderson-Gr. 3 Ms. Nelson Class



Cecelia Martin-Gr. 2 Mr. Mueller Class



Evelyn Mills-Gr. 1 Mrs. Samuelson Class



Wilder Warhol-Gr. 5 Mrs. Bauernschmitt Class



Zander Robertson-Gr. 3 Mrs. Nelson Class



Lizzy Plaisted-Gr. 4 Mrs. Swedal Class



Lucy Mills-Gr. 5 Mrs. Ericson Class







Jade Anderson Rayna Anderson Avery Baker Anna Baumgard Kelcie Bode Patrick Breyer Lydia Carlisle Hailey Coleman Brooke Doggett Charlotte Eby Adlee Elsenpeter Isaac Erhard Zayne Feeks Douglas Froberg Connor Gallart Sterling Grams Wyatt Gustafson Noah Holt Isabella Johnson Samara Kasanezky Emily Klatt Ava Kramber Charles Lefstad Claire Martin Grant Merz Lucy Mills Cameron Morin Josiah Nord Mira Prell Lucas Samuelson

Arianna Sargent Kale Sarvie Kennedy Sarvie Anna Scherber Sadie Scherber Madison Schindele William Schmidt Riley Schmitz Adeline Splittstozer Honor Swenson Harlow Tierney Brendan Vizzard Mee Joo Wachter Wilder Warhol

Please join us for a "drive-up" closure of our school year at Discovery Elementary School on Monday, June 1st

• Discovery Elementary Teachers will be spaced 10-plus feet apart on the sidewalk in front of the main (canopy) entrance of Discovery (2nd Avenue NE) starting to the north of the flagpole and ending in front of the gym doors. The Kindergarten teachers will be first in the line, then Music/Physical Education, then 1st-2nd grade, followed by 3rd-4th-5th teachers. Please plan to arrive from the north and pull up to the flagpole area. When you arrive please pull up to the " parking spot" in front of your child's teacher.

• Please bring with you any school materials that were distributed when we started distance learning (any technology, book boxes, books, etc. Your teacher may give you special instructions on any other items to bring to "turn in"). We will have the DES yearbook ready to distribute to you as well!

- When you park, we ask that you **remain in your vehicle the entire time.**
- Social distancing guidelines apply and all staff will be wearing gloves and masks.

• If you have multiple children, please do continue on and pull up to each of your children's teachers. Again, the teachers will line up with the Kindergarten teachers first, then Music/ Physical Education, then 1st-2nd grade, followed by 3rd-4th-5th grade teachers.

• Our "drive-up" closure event will occur rain or shine on June 1st!

To provide the safest and healthiest pick-up, please come during the following times according to **your last name:**

- 8:30 am 9:15 am A through E
- 9:15 am 10:00 am F through J
- 10:00 am 10:45 am K through O
- 10:45 am- 11:30 am P through S
- 11:30 am 12:00 pm T through Z

If you are not able to make it to our "drive-up" closure event, please contact our office at 763-682-8400 to make arrangements.

It certainly has been a unique year at Discovery Elementary, but we have all come together to make the most of it. "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.

We hope to see you on Monday, June 1st! "Together We're Better!"