



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Dr. Mathew Nelson

Welcome back to Discovery Elementary!

I hope everyone had a great summer and now find yourself excited to start the upcoming school year. I know we are very excited to start the 2019-2020 school year. There is such an awesome excitement in the air here, brought in by the students and staff as we get ready to begin another school year together at Discovery!

This fall will be a critical time for our Buffalo, Hanover and Montrose community to rally together to support our students in all of our schools. There will be many opportunities for you to get involved, and to help inform those in our community of the financial challenge we are facing. We will continue to keep you informed on ways you can help support our great school as we progress this fall leading up to a levy vote in November.

Our students are so fortunate to attend our great school, and I don't like to brag but I feel as if we have the best elementary school in the state, and we have a staff that is committed to constant improvement to do what is best for our students. We have some work to do this fall to inform our community, but I am confident this will remain to be the case!

As I have said many times in the past and every year in this introduction newsletter, there is just something special about Discovery Elementary. When we are in the middle of the school year and working so hard for the students we serve, we do not often take time to reflect on and appreciate all the great things about our school family and culture, but we have a GREAT thing going here! I appreciate our amazing team and our strong commitment to doing what is best for our students. It is hard to pinpoint exactly what it is that makes us so different and special, however I do believe the quote below really gets at the core of what we are all about in what we strive to do for kids every day.

They may forget what you said, but they will never forget how you made them feel.

~Carl W. Buechner

We are looking forward to a great school year TOGETHER! If you ever have any questions please feel free to contact me at any time.

"Together We're Better!"





Welcome

Back to School

Fall Open House at Discovery.....August 27th

Over the summer, we have been working together to present the many programs here at Discovery. Our Fall Open House night is a very busy evening. Parents and students can meet with their teachers, fill out the necessary contact and information forms, find your lockers, deliver school supplies to your classroom, set up lunch accounts, as well as let you know that we are here to help. This is also an evening that the parents can sign up for the many Discovery Volunteer opportunities.

Open House Tuesday, August 27th
5:00-7:00 pm

I Scream -You Scream-We All Scream for Ice Cream!

Please join us for an
Ice Cream Social during Open House
Tuesday, August 27th 5:00-7:00 pm





Welcome

We would like to Welcome Patti Fisher, School Social Worker as well as Special Education Teacher Mrs. Heidi Lucas and Tracey Madsen, Food Service manager to our DES staff.

Nutritional Service News

A copy of the Elementary lunch and breakfast menus for September are available for all families on the District Website. We invite you to join your child for breakfast or lunch during the school year as your schedule allows. Please call or email ahead of time to let us know if you plan on joining your child. Families can apply for the School Meals Program at any time during the year. A new application is needed each school year. Online applications are available at Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Paper applications are available in the District Nutrition Services Office. Families must apply annually for benefits. Parents will need to have a Parent Portal account to access the online application, make online meal payments, and monitor student meal purchases. See your school office if you need to set up a Parent Portal account. Prices for the school year are as follows:

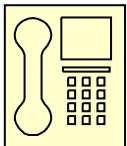


BREAKFAST

Kindergarten Students: FREE
Elementary: \$1.90
Non-Student/Second Meal: \$2.20
Single Mike: \$.50

LUNCH

Elementary: \$2.80
Non-Student/Second Meal: \$3.85
Single Milk: \$.50

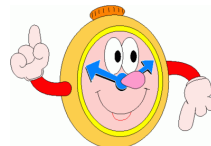


Please call the DES attendance line 763.682.8401 if your child is going to be absent or tardy from school. The attendance line will call to verify your absence if we do not hear from you.

All other early releases, bus and transportation changes should be directed to the main office

K-2 Students-Change of Clothing

Please send a complete change of clothing to school (pants, shirt, socks, underwear) for your K-2 student to keep in his/her locker for the school year. Students often need to change clothes due to accidents, spills, wet slides and puddles on the playground. Thank you



School Start Time

The elementary school schedule is 7:45-2:25 p.m. The earliest time to drop children off is 7:25 a.m. We appreciate families honoring our district's arrival time of 7:25. Safety is our priority! Students need to be in the classroom by 7:45 to avoid tardiness. Also, again this school year breakfast is FREE for all Kindergarteners.



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL



Join Our Parent Volunteer Network.....we need you!

Here are just a few volunteer opportunities:

Art Adventure, Book Fairs, Bus Safety Supervision, Classroom helpers, Enrichments, FFN Carnival, Family Fun Night, Field Trip Chaperones, Fundraisers, Lunch Room Pin Helpers, 5th Grade Celebration, Student Photo Help, Thanksgiving Food Drive, Toys for Tots, Track and Field events and much.



Community "C"- Care, Celebrate, Cheerful, Collaborate, Considerate, Contribute, Cooperate, Considerate, Courageous



Help Earn Cash for our School by supporting Box Tops for Education

Discovery Elementary has collected Box Tops for Education for many years and we will continue to do so. You can help your school earn money from Box Tops for Education and the money raised directly impacts our students through funding special projects, field trips, buses, and additional technology.

There is a good chance that many of the food products you purchase have the Box Tops for Education label on the package. If you would like to help your school you can collect and clip the Box Top label on the dotted edges and tape or glue to the student form that will come home with your child. Please note that the company will not take any out dated expirations! Start saving those Box Tops! More information will be coming regarding the classroom contest.

Thank you for helping your school!



Report Cards

All student report cards will be posted on the Parent Portal. If you have already signed up you do not need to redo. If you have not registered yet for the Parent Portal, there is a one-time permission form that needs to be signed and verified to get your login credentials. Please stop in the office to sign off and we will help you get set up. There is plenty of time before the first report card, so stop in anytime or at the evening conferences.



Picture Day is Coming!

Lifetouch School Portrait will be here for students pictures on Thursday, September 12th. Informational order packets will be coming home with your child/ren the first day/week of school. Informative information printed on your order forms. Option available to order on line with a credit card before portrait taken.

No need to send cash or flyer back to school when you place your order on line
See more options available on line
Use credit card or Pay Pal on Lifetouch Secure Site