

# Discovery Elementary

*Together We're Better!*



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## Welcome to Discovery Elementary

We take great pride in being part of your child's education, and will work hard to help your child excel. Our small-school environment offers multi-age classrooms and looping, which allows students to form long-term, positive relationships with teachers. Our success stems from active parent involvement, personalized learning and the connections we make inside and outside of school. We infuse character education in all we do through our Community Cs: Cooperate, Collaborate, Contribute, Considerate, Celebrate, Cheerful, Courageous, Creative and Care. These traits help students build character and find meaningful learning opportunities. Our curriculum emphasizes creativity and critical thinking, resulting in students who consistently perform above state averages. It takes a village to raise a child. We are committed to working together to help all children reach their limitless potential, and to become life-long learners.



Discovery Elementary has been named a Minnesota School of Excellence for its commitment to modern teaching and learning.

**"The teachers and staff at Discovery truly represent, 'Together we are better.' They truly care and teach from the heart. Our family loves walking through the doors each day knowing we are part of something great, and our children will be loved."**

—Amy L., parent



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# What Makes Discovery Unique

## School of Choice

Discovery is a school of choice. Any student within the district in grades K-5 can apply for placement, which is determined through a lottery process. Each year the lottery is held in February for admittance into kindergarten.

## Multi-Age Instruction and Looping

Multi-age instruction (grades 1-2 and 3-5) ensures differentiated, individualized instruction that challenges students to reach their full potential and to grow individually. Looping allows students to remain with a teacher for two to three years, which personalizes learning and develops positive relationships. Kindergarten is a stand-alone grade at Discovery.



## Hands-On Learning

Hands-on experiences promote active learning, problem solving and collaboration. In Discovery classrooms you'll find students working cooperatively – often in small groups – to conduct investigations, explore key concepts and principles, and figure out solutions to challenges.

## Meaningful Use of Technology

Devices are employed as tools when they can enhance learning, but do not replace personal interaction with teachers or classmates. Our district partners with Google Apps for Education to improve communication, learning and collaboration.



## Caring Connections

Students learn more when they form connections with their community. Two days per week Discovery students participate in a mixed K-5 class called "Town Square." Here they have opportunities to develop life skills like respect for others, citizenship and leadership.



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provide community connections and a focus on social, emotional and intellectual development in a multi-age setting. This gives our students authentic learning opportunities, using creativity and critical thinking, to prepare them for a changing world.

Community service projects are embedded into Town Square and regular class learning experiences. Students remain with their same Town Square group throughout their years at Discovery.

## Daily Specialist Classes

All students have 25 minutes of both physical education and music every day. Classroom teachers also accompany their students to the nearby Parkside Elementary Library weekly.

## Strong Parent Involvement

Strong parent involvement contributes to a culture of sharing and engagement at Discovery. The Discovery Parent Involvement Committee works with staff to plan many activities each school year to increase belonging and participation. Parents volunteer in the classroom and help organize activities like the back-to-school open house, book fairs, Town Square readers, Art Adventure, a year-end celebration, Thanksgiving food drive, an annual community Family Fun Night Carnival, and much more.

## Other Important Information

**Transportation:** Vision Transportation of Buffalo provides bus service for BHM Schools. Families get free busing from anywhere within the district to Discovery and can designate up to one alternate location, such as daycare or a relative's house, for pick-up and drop-off. Contact Vision of Buffalo at 763.682.3232 for routing and other information.

**KidKare:** KidKare extends your child's learning day while providing high-quality care in a safe and fun environment. KidKare is available across the street from Discovery at Parkside Elementary. It is offered before and after school, full days on non-school days, and during the summer. All-day preschool programming is also available for children ages 3-5. Call 763.682.8787 for more information.



## Discovery Elementary School

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