

# Discovery Elementary Dolphin Digest



December 2019

Principal, Mrs. Julie DeGreeff

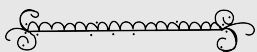
Assistant Principal, Ms. Raylene Thomas

## Principal's Message



### Our Mission Statement

*The mission of Discovery Elementary is to provide a safe and nurturing environment that enhances learning and ensures the highest education through state of the art technology. We will inspire all students to achieve social and academic excellence*



### This Month's Partner

Chick-fil-A



I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable Thanksgiving Break. It is hard to believe we are a few short weeks from the Winter Break, and soon this decade will be finished, and it will be 2020. I would like to thank PTA and all the parents and staff members who volunteered their time at the No Hassle Fundraiser Fun day. Our students had a wonderful time and it would not be possible without the support that you gave to our school to make it memorable for students. We have high expectations for our students and so we like to keep a balance and let the students have fun as well. We have the best families and the most wonderful support from all of you. You truly make Discovery Elementary A Great Place to Be!

We have a busy schedule this last three weeks before the holiday break. We have the Kids Heart Challenge (formerly going on now through next week. Students will do their jump rope activity for the event at Field day. Each grade level will have a different day to compete and to have fun with the students in their grade level. Field days are December 12<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>. PTA will have Holiday Store for students during school on the week of December 9<sup>th</sup>. This is a fun time for students to shop for things for mom and dad or other family and friends for the holidays and still be able to have a surprise gift. If you would like your child to shop, please send them with their money and a brief outline of how much they can spend for each person you wish them to shop for. Volunteers try as much as possible to assist students and help them stay within your guidelines.

The Winter Show will also take place on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Our chorus club, sponsored by Dr. Morales, will perform a variety of holiday songs for us to enjoy.

Thank you again for all of your support as we come to the close of the calendar year. I look forward to continuing to work in partnership to ensure all our students achieve to their fullest potential.

The faculty and staff of Discovery Elementary School would like to wish all of our students and their families a joyous and safe Holiday Season.

Your Proud Principal,  
Julie DeGreeff

*"When given the choice between being right or being kind, Choose Kind." —Dr. Wayne Dyer*



# Assistant Principal's Message



December 2019

December is here the holidays, the lights, decorations, shopping, and spending time with family and friends. I hope that you and your loved ones have the opportunity to share and enjoy celebrating together throughout this holiday season. This is the perfect time to go to the Library and get holiday books to read with the family. Make it a tradition to give your kids the gift of a memorable holiday experience. It's amazing how much children value and remember family traditions. Unlike anything else, they're a source of fun, they strengthen family bonds and they form a meaningful link to the past. Whether you're baking cookies, watching a favorite holiday movie or piling into the car to look at neighborhood lights, don't underestimate the value of time spent together and enjoying each other's company. Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

Raylene Thomas  
Amazing Assistant Principal

## Title I News

The Discovery Elementary School Improvement Plan is a document we use as a school to set goals for the year. It is available for review at anytime, and all interested parties are encouraged to review it. You may view it online at

[http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/ospa/school\\_sip.asp](http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/ospa/school_sip.asp), or you may request to see a copy by asking to review it at the front desk when you come to the school. The Title 1 Parent Involvement Plan is also available at our front desk along with various parent resources. The District/LEA Parent Involvement Plan is located at <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/titleone/files/LEA-Plan16-17.pdf>. If you need assistance in locating or viewing the plan please contact Ms. Thomas, Assistant Principal at (754) 322-9100.

## Unified Dress Policy - Uniforms

School Uniforms are mandatory at Discovery Elementary School. Shirts must be turquoise, gray, black, or white. All shirts must be polo style with a collar. School logo is optional, but is highly encouraged. Shorts, slacks, skorts, or skirts may be khaki or black. School Spirit shirts may be worn on Friday with jeans.



# School News

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(754) 322-9100

**Attendance Matters!** Please contact the school each time your child is absent and provide the school with the reason for the absence. The Discovery Elementary Attendance Hotline number is (754) 322-9102. This line is open 24 hours/ 7 days a week for your convenience. Phone excuses and excuse notes must be received within 48 hours of the absence. Please contact Ms. Nicholson, Attendance Manager at (754) 322-9100 should you have any questions regarding attendance.



December 12<sup>th</sup> – December 19<sup>th</sup>  
8:30 AM – 11:00 AM

## Important Reminders!!

- ❖ There is **NO** Supervision before 7:20 AM or after 2:30 PM.
- ❖ Students are tardy at 8:01 AM.
- ❖ Please ensure that students who walk go directly home or to a location in where an adult supervises them. It is unsafe for students to wait for parents in public places (i.e. library, store, or park) with no adult supervision.
- ❖ Join our PTA. We need you!
- ❖ Go to [www.getinvolvedineducation.com](http://www.getinvolvedineducation.com) to become a VIP Discovery Volunteer.
- ❖ Proper identification is **REQUIRED** when visiting the school and/or picking up a student at the office.
- ❖ Please have your Discovery Car Tag displayed when picking up students.

(Don't forget to bring your water bottle, towel, hat, and sunscreen)

Kindergarten	Thursday, December 12 <sup>th</sup>
First Grade	Friday, December 13 <sup>th</sup>
Second Grade	Monday, December 16 <sup>th</sup>
Third Grade	Tuesday, December 17 <sup>th</sup>
Fourth Grade	Wednesday, December 18 <sup>th</sup>
Fifth Grade	Thursday, December 19 <sup>th</sup>

If you are interested in volunteering for field day please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Kim McFadden, at (754) 322-9100. If you have not yet applied to be a volunteer this year, please visit <http://browardschools.com/getinvolved/application-note> and complete the volunteer application.



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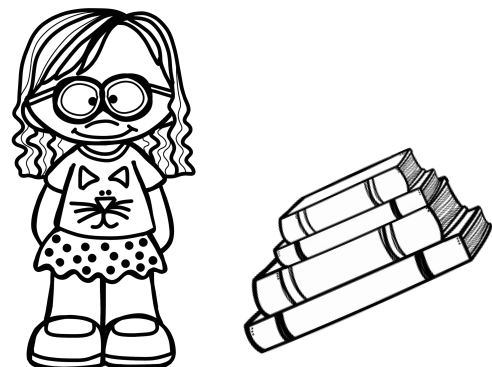


## Yearbooks

Reserve your copy of the 2019-2020 yearbook. The yearbook will be filled with students' pictures by class, many special events, field trips, ads from loved ones and fun times at Discovery! The pre-sale cost of the yearbook is \$20. The cost of the yearbook will increase to \$25 on January 7<sup>th</sup>. All yearbook payments must be made online at [www.community.pictavo.com](http://www.community.pictavo.com). Advertising space is available! The deadline for placing all advertisements is Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. Advertisement payments will be accepted in the form of cash or check. Please make all checks payable to Discovery Elementary PTA. For more information contact Ms. Stewart at 754.322.9100 or e m a i l [april.stewart@browardschools.com](mailto:april.stewart@browardschools.com).

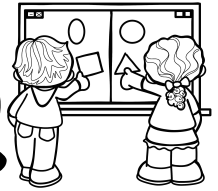
## School Advisory Council (SAC)

The School Advisory Council is a group composed of the administrators, teachers, partners, community members, business partners, and other staff members. The committee reviews overall school operations and monitors student achievement. Each year the SAC team generates several school-wide objectives for the following year. These objectives are the cornerstone of our school improvement plan. The school improvement plan outlines our objectives along with the actions being implemented throughout the school aimed at assisting us in attaining our goals. The SAC committee meets monthly in the media center. These meetings are open to the public and we welcome and invite all to participate. If you are interested in participating in our SAC meetings, please contact Danylle deVarona, SAC Chair at [danylle.devarona@browardschools.com](mailto:danylle.devarona@browardschools.com). Please join us for our next SAC Meeting on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 5:30 PM in the Media Center.





# Classroom News



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## Kindergarten

Season's Greetings from Kindergarten! We have so many fun activities and events coming up in the month of December! Kindergarten Winter Olympics are scheduled to take place Thursday, December 12th! If you are an approved volunteer you are welcome to come volunteer and help out at one of the many exciting events planned for the morning. All parents are welcome to come show support by cheering on our kindergartners! Hope to see you there! We wish you all a wonderful and relaxing holiday season, and we look forward to a happy and healthy new year!

## Third Grade

We hope you and your families enjoyed the Thanksgiving Break! We will start the month off with an innovative field trip to the Coral Springs Center for the Arts on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Third grade will continue to sharpen our multiplication skills and move towards studying fiction and novels as we get closer to the FSA. December will be packed with activities! As we near the end of 2019 with a new decade on the horizon, we wish you and your loved ones a happy holiday! We'll see you in 2020.

## First Grade

We hope everyone had a joyous time with family and friends during the Thanksgiving holiday. Last month we enjoyed learning about Thanksgiving traditions and a variety of engaging activities. We've explored many non-fiction texts as we made new discoveries in science and states of matter. We are excited about strengthening our literacy skills as we go into the gingerbread unit. We have lots of fun activities planned. In math, students are learning various addition and subtraction strategies. Thank you for all of your continued support!

## Fourth Grade

It's December already! Although the winter break is quickly approaching, our Fourth grade students are hard at work. Students are preparing to present their famous scientist projects. We are excited to see the students' creative costumes as they present their findings. In Math, students are learning about factors, multiples, and fractions and their importance to our everyday lives. In ELA, students are working on writing well-organized informative pieces. In Reading, students are diving into quality literature. We want to extend best wishes to our students and their families during the holiday season.

## Second Grade

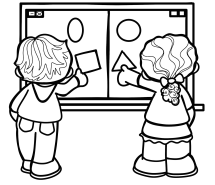
Second grade is on a roll! Exciting things are happening around here. We have plants growing in our garden outside, we completed our first checkpoints, and we are learning new and exciting things in all academic areas. Parents, please continue to encourage your children to read a minimum of 20 minutes each night. This will ensure that they are growing as readers. As the saying goes: Readers are Leaders! Utilizing Reflex Math and iReady at home is also helpful. The second grade teachers love and appreciate our students and their families.

## Fifth Grade

WOW! Fifth grade has been busy learning our FSA Standards through real word events. Fifth grade had a wonderful time at JA Biztown. Each student assumed a job to produce and/or sell products, received a paycheck, repaid loans, managed a personal bank account, and voted on important issues. They were encouraged to use critical thinking skills to learn about key economic concepts as they explored and enhanced their understanding of free enterprise. Our fifth graders also completed their second set of Checkpoints. We are all excited and prepared for what lies ahead.



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Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> will be our annual Polar Express Day. All Students are invited and encouraged to wear their pajamas to school as they participate in a movie day with a winter theme. We will all be engaging in standards-based activities around the movie, The Polar Express.



Our Discovery Elementary PTA invites you to shop at the Holiday Store Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Shopping will be done during specials, please see the schedule below.

Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>: Art  
Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>: Music  
Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>: PE  
Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>: STEM  
Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>: Media



Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly marked with your child's name and encourage your child to take responsibility for his/ her own belongings. We have a **lost and found located in the cafeteria** where children may search through the lost items. Please have your child check lost and found, items are donated to charity every quarter, please ask at the front office. Parents we please remind your child not to take items that do not belong to them, if by chance an item does come home that does not belong to your child please return it to the school.



# Discovery Elementary School

## December Holiday Spirit Week

Monday, Decemeber 16 ~ PEPPERMINT DAY ~  
Wear red & white to look like this favorite treat!

Tuesday, December 17 ~ TRADITION TUESDAY ~  
Wear clothing that celebrates holidays from around  
the world (Christmas, Hannukah, Kwanzaa, etc.)!

Wednesday, December 18 ~ GRINCH DAY ~ Wear  
your favorite Grinch gear or wear green clothing!

Thursday, December 19 ~ HOLIDAY HEADWEAR ~  
Wear Santa hat, elf hat, other holiday hat,  
headband!

Friday, December 20 ~ Polar Express Day ~ Wear  
your favorite school appropriate pajamas!





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YOUR

# Yearbook!



Purchase your  
2019-2020  
Discovery Elementary Yearbook  
today for **ONLY...**

# \$20

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JOURNEYS  
**BEGIN**  
WITH SMALL  
**STEPS**

YEARBOOKS CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE!!  
**WWW.COMMUNITY.PICTAVO.COM**

Order a yearbook today by filling out this form and attaching the correct payment. Please return to your child's teacher.

Please make all checks payable to: DISCOVERY ELEMENTARY PTA

STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF YEARBOOK(S) : \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Full Page Size  
\$100

## Yearbook Display Ad Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher Name & Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity	Ad Type	Total
_____	Business Card \$25 each	\$ _____
_____	Quarter Page \$50 each	\$ _____
_____	Half Page \$75 each	\$ _____
_____	Full Page \$100 each	\$ _____
	Total Amount Enclosed	\$ _____

\_\_\_\_\_ Artwork Attached (photo or business card)

\_\_\_\_\_ Please See Attached (photos, business cards and print is attached. We are not responsible for typos, errors or omissions. Please print copy clearly or type).

Half Page Size \$75

Quarter Page Size \$50

**All Payments in Full by 2/28/20**

**Payment Method:**

**Cash**

**Check (payable to Discovery PTA)**

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Rec'd by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Leave last line blank for PTA)

Business Card Size  
\$25

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**GRAND OPENING**

9101 NW 50th STREET



**Wednesday, December 11, 2019**

**6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**

**\*Ribbon cutting ceremony at 7:00 pm**

**Explore your new neighborhood park!  
Refreshments • Giveaways • Family Fun**

Pinwheel of four youth baseball/softball fields  
Four batting cages  
Pitcher's warmup area  
Two-story concession building / scorers' tower

Large multipurpose natural grass fields  
Large covered playground  
Natural wetlands and butterfly garden  
Security features

***On-site parking is limited: Neighbors, please walk or bike!***



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