

Discovery Elementary Dolphin Digest



January 2019

Principal, Mrs. Julie DeGreeff

Assistant Principal, Ms. Raylene Thomas



Principal's Message

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We would like to welcome everyone back from what I hope was a relaxing and fun-filled vacation with family and friends. We are excited to be back at school and it has been wonderful to see everyone again and hear all about their time away and the fun they had.

The month of January starts the second half of the school year and is a very important time for students. We are back at work ensuring our students learn as much as possible and we are thankful to all of our parents for their continued support in making education a top priority. We are happy to be able to offer Saturday Enrichment Camp again this year to select students. The first session of Saturday Camp will begin on January 26th, 2019. The hours for students are from 8:30 am-11:30 am. This Camp is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn in a fun environment. This camp will benefit students greatly and we are looking forward seeing our students grow.

This month beginning January 23rd, 2019, students will take their second set of checkpoint tests. These tests will help us to know how students are mastering each of the standards and adjust instruction to ensure all students have maximum support for success. Please join us in encouraging your student to do their best each and every day.

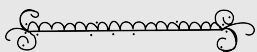
We would like to introduce two new members to the Discovery staff, Ms. Lettecia Duplessy, our front office Receptionist, and Ms. Gabrielle Aurora a Third Grade Teacher. I am confident you will love them as much as we do.

Thank you for your continued support. Wonderful families like yours makes Discovery Elementary "A" Great Place to Be!

Julie DeGreeff
Proud Principal

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

In Unison
School Apparel



"You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book". -Dr. Seuss



Assistant Principal's Message



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Happy New Year Discovery Dolphins! I hope that you enjoyed your Winter Break and had an opportunity to celebrate with your family and friends. January is always about fresh beginnings and positive change. I love the promise of the New Year and all the possibilities that exist for our students here at Discovery Elementary and their future. The month of December was an exciting month for us here at Discovery, all students participated and enjoyed our annual Field Day "Winter Olympics", and Polar Express Day. I would like to extend a huge thank you to our PTA and volunteers who volunteered in the PTA Holiday Store and Field Day activities, we could not have done it without you. If you are interested in volunteering please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Kim McFadden, at (754) 322-9100. As always Thanks for Making Discovery Elementary "A" Great Place to Be!

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, 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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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.

Important Reminders!!

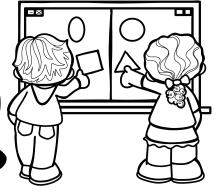
- There is **NO** Supervision before 7:20 AM or after 2:30 PM.
- Students are tardy at 8:01 AM.
- Please ensure that students who walk go directly home or to a location in where an adult supervises them. It is unsafe for students to wait for parents in public places (i.e. library, store, or park) with no adult supervision.
- Join our PTA. We need you!
- Go to www.getinvolvedineducation.com 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.

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 Dannylle deVarona, SAC Chair at dannyelle.devarona@browardschools.com. Please join us for our next SAC Meeting on **Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 5:30 PM** in the Media Center.



Classroom News



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Kindergarten

Kindergarten had a fun-filled month in December! We learned all about owls and reindeer. Together we read about the different gingerbread boy stories and even went on a hunt throughout the school searching for the gingerbread boy who left us clues to follow! Discovery Elementary celebrated holidays around the world with a beautiful show, and kindergarten put on a stellar performance! Kindergarten wishes you all a happy and healthy 2019! Looking forward to a successful rest of the year in kindergarten!

Third Grade

Happy New Year! Now that 2019 is here, we are diligently preparing for the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA). Teachers are introducing new topics and reviewing topics already learned. This is to ensure that all students are ready for the FSA. This also means that the students should be accessing iReady and Reflex as often as possible. As always, reading each night for at least 20 minutes is an excellent way to ensure your child's success. The third grade teachers appreciate our students and their families continued support.

First Grade

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful winter break. Students should continue reading AR books and taking daily quizzes. Our students are constantly utilizing their reading strategies in all subject areas. In Math, we are busy modeling, counting, creating and using different strategies to show addition and subtraction. Please continue to check your child's agenda on a daily basis. Thank you for all your support.

Fourth Grade

Happy New Year! We had a spectacular week leading up to our vacation. First, we were visited by various scientists, as our students transformed into people who have contributed to the field of science. Later that week, participated in Field Day, class celebrations, and our annual Polar Express Day. We are excited to be back starting the third quarter! Our students will be starting to learn Informative Writing, as well as continuing to master the academic standards in all subject areas.

Second Grade

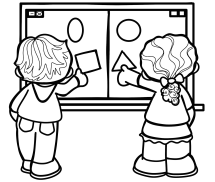
We are looking forward to our upcoming field trip to IMAX to see "Great Barrier Reef 3D" on Jan. 23. We are continuing to review for our checkpoints. In Reading, we will show how much we learned about author's purpose, using context clues, text features, elements of poetry and point of view. By reading each night for at least 20 minutes, we can improve our vocabulary, comprehension and fluency. In Math, we will demonstrate our knowledge of 2 digit addition and subtraction with and without regrouping.

Fifth Grade

We hope you enjoyed your time with family and friends. We look forward to starting off the new year with engaging lessons and interactive instruction. Our New Year's Resolution is "Come Ready to Learn". In addition, please encourage your child to read daily and check for understanding, this exercise will help build stamina and comprehension. As a way to reinforce these skills, we will be starting Saturday Camp this month, so please encourage your child to attend.



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SPECIALS

Art with Ms. Taylor: Primary grades are learning color theory through mixing tints and shades of a particular color. Students are using different media to create art and understand that there is also a tactile sensory element in the art process. Intermediate grades are learning about different cultures and the media they used to create their art. Students are starting to connect the past to the present through artwork, and are looking at and understanding that art plays a vital role in trends of today. The 10th Annual Art Showcase is May 16, 2019. Hope to see you there!!!

Enrichment with Ms. Jibodh: Primary grades are exploring books through Storytime. Our focus will be the winter, cooler months. Intermediate grades are working on improving listening and retention skills using short stories with question and answer periods as well as whole group discussions.

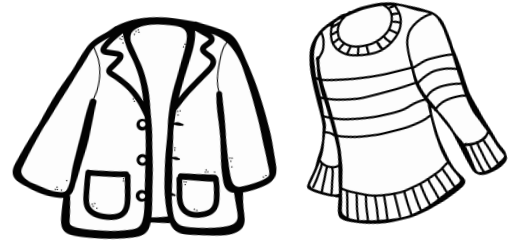
Media with Ms. Boggan: Primary and Intermediate grades will continue to work on novels and explore ways to access resources through Broward Single Sign On. Students can visit the website at: <https://broward.identitynow.com>. This will give them access to the Library Media Online Resources including Destiny, Britannica School, Atomic Learning, Gale Cengage Learning, ProQuest SIRS, Teachingbooks.net, Sun Sentinel, TumbleBook Library, plus other useful district links.

Music with Mr. Coverstone: Primary grades have started learning about and playing instruments. Intermediate grades have been learning about whole notes, half notes, quarter notes and eighth notes, and rests. Students will create their own short rhythm compositions showing mastery of the symbols learned.

Physical Education with Coach Franklin: Primary grades and Intermediate grades are now beginning a new year and a new unit. They will be working on the rules of basketball, also they will demonstrate functional patterns of catching, passing, and shooting baskets.

STEM with Mr. Dodd: Primary and Intermediate grades are working on a Robotics unit where students are using both computer software and robotics kits to build on their knowledge of engineering.

Lost Property



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.

