

Discovery Elementary Dolphin Digest



January 2020

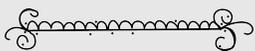
Principal, Mrs. Julie DeGreeff

Assistant Principal, Ms. Raylene Thomas



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



Principal's Message

We want to welcome everyone back from what I hope was a fun-filled and wonderful winter break with family and friends. The upcoming months are critical to our students success. We thank all of our parents for their continued support in making education the top priority. We thank you for "Making Discovery a Great Place to Be!"

The third quarter of the year has already begun and spring break will soon be here. Our intermediate students will take the writing portion of the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) when we return from spring break, so they are diligently preparing.

We are excited about the upcoming Saturday Camp. We are pleased to offer free tutoring to our students in 3rd through 5th grade on Saturdays from 8:30 am - 11:30 am. We believe all students can be successful and we would like to support their success with enrichment. High expectations are key to their success. Please help support this program by having your child in attendance each session.

It is my sincere hope that 2020 continues to bring you peace, success and much happiness. Have a positive and prosperous year!

Thank you for making Discovery Elementary a Great Place To Be!

Julie DeGreeff
Proud Principal

"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. During the month of December, all students participated in 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 at 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.



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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. You may also go to the schools website and click the Contact tab and select Report An Absence to complete the form. Both resources are available 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 Manger at (754) 322-9100 should you have any questions regarding attendance. Remember: Attendance Counts! All Day, Every Day!

Important Reminders!!

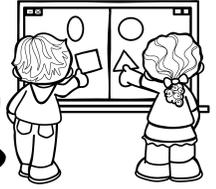
- There is **NO** Supervision before 7:20 AM or after 2:30 PM.
- Students are tardy at 8:01 AM.
- Please ensure that students who walk go directly home or to a location in where an adult supervises them. It is unsafe for students to wait for parents in public places (i.e. library, store, or park) with 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 dannylle.devarona@browardschools.com. Please join us for our next SAC Meeting on **Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 5:30 PM** in the Media Center.



Classroom News



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Kindergarten

Kindergarten had a fun-filled month in December! Together we read 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!! As the new quarter begins, in Math we are working on teen numbers, in Science, learning about Day and Night and continuing to learn about informational and Literature based texts. Kindergarten wishes you all a happy and healthy 2020! Looking forward to a successful rest of the year in kindergarten!

Third Grade

Happy New Year and welcome back! As we enter 2020, we are in crunch time to prepare the students for FSA in spring! In Reading, we will continue novel studies and learning concepts in Literature. Students should also be getting on iReady to practice reading skills for at least 45 minutes per week and reading 30 minutes per day in efforts to reach their AR goal. In Math, it is vital that students are fluent with both multiplication and division facts, students should log on Reflex Math at least 3 times a week. Thank you all for your 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

In Math, we are learning about fractions and how important they are in our everyday life. In Writing, students are gathering evidence from the text and elaborating on the information presented in the source. Soon we will begin Opinion Writing, this is where students work on giving strong opinions and reasons to support their opinions about topics. In Reading, students are learning to make connections within fictional text. We are exploring how realistic fiction compares with other topics through themes and patterns of events within the story.

Second Grade

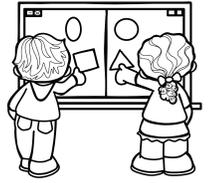
Wonderful things are happening in second grade this new year in 2020! We will be attending a field trip to see a play of the novel, The One and Only Ivan. We are incorporating science and social studies into our daily reading and math activities. We will be completing the second session of BAS (Benchmark Assessment System), iReady diagnostic test, and monitoring Reflex Math. We are looking forward to many exciting things happening in the third quarter. Parents, please continue to encourage your children to read, read, read! We thank you for all of your support this year.

Fifth Grade

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. We are excited to announce that your child will have the opportunity to go to Islands of Adventure in May! In order for your son/daughter to qualify for the end-of-the-year field trip and end of the year activities, he/she must meet the criteria outlined in the Behavior Letter that was sent out before break. Please review the expectations with your child at home. We look forward to a wonderful second half of the school year!



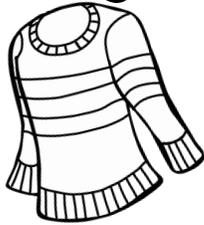
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Lost Property



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.

Yearbook

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 February 28th. Yearbook payments can be made online at www.community.pictavo.com. Advertising space is available! The deadline for placing all advertisements is Friday, February 28th. 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 email april.stewart@browardschools.com.





School News

JANUARY 2020

Congratulations!

Student of the Month

The character trait for the month of December was **KINDNESS**. Students who exhibit this character trait are helpful, thoughtful, caring, compassionate and considerate.

KINDERGARTEN		THIRD GRADE	
Ms. Callender	Angelina Santiago	Ms. Aurora	Zaray Bermudez Garcia
Ms. Clermont	Zaire Baron	Ms. Baron	Jayden Germain
Ms. Copertino	Savannah Douma	Ms. Broomfield	Sophia Williams
Mr. Coverstone	Mariella Murillo	Dr. Carey	Angelica Fortich
Ms. Harrison	Joseph Normamatov	Ms. Deshommes	La'Miyah McKinney
Ms. Kazandjian	Carter Schechter	Ms. Francis	Da'Mari Bizell
Ms. Maughn	Olivia Mattis	Ms. Podor	Jayden McGonigle
Ms. Washington	Patrick Dieurestil	Ms. Soto	Elijah Jones
FIRST GRADE		Ms. Stewart	Kayla Torres
Ms. Boutin	Antonio Long	FOURTH GRADE	
Ms. Caro	Angelie Ramos	Ms. Bienenfeld	Meghan Forsyth
Ms. DuVerge	Mia Bedoya-Santos	Ms. Bryant	Avantika Ramlochan
Ms. Held	Sariyah Grate	Ms. Facyson	Kaleb Mills
Ms. Heller	Ihara Cruz	Ms. Fortich	Salome David
Ms. Moore	Kaeley Greenaway	Ms. Levin	Lucas Tapia
Ms. Weinstein	Sahaily Morris	Ms. Suarez	Samara Little
Ms. Williams	Mark Castillo		
SECOND GRADE		FIFTH GRADE	
Ms. Bonner	Janvier Gavin	Ms. Bennett	Ashton Pierre
Ms. Castignoli	Evelyn Gamez	Ms. Boggan	Rylan Bruce
Ms. Gaston	Raulo LaFrance	Ms. Clair	Dax Richards
Ms. Halley	Serajelden Mostafa	Ms. Dekle	Autumn Stewart
Ms. Maver	Miya Romulus	Ms. Doriah	Ashlee Wilson
Ms. Shea	Troshaun Gardner	Ms. Johnson	Anaria Smith
Ms. Sloop	Chassity Herard	Mr. Marrero	Faith Jacques
Ms. Taylor	Victor Patino	Ms. Schechter	Dorian Clark
Ms. Turchioe	Leandré White	Mr. Solano	Jordan Johnson