

# Discovery Elementary Dolphin Digest



March 2019

Principal, Mrs. Julie DeGreeff

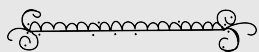
Assistant Principal, Ms. Raylene Thomas

## 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

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Spring will arrive on March 21<sup>st</sup>. It is hard to believe that we will soon set our clocks forward on March 10<sup>th</sup> and Daylight Savings time begins at 2:00 am that Sunday. We spent the last week of February celebrating Dr. Seuss and his books. We ended the week, on March 1<sup>st</sup>, with a celebration of the book Green Eggs and Ham. All our Kindergarten and First Grade students were treated to a wonderful performance and actual green eggs and ham, sponsored by PTA, after the show. This month our Kindergarten students will be taking swimming lessons. All our students will get to enjoy Book Fair the week of March 11-15<sup>th</sup> and the Family Book Fair Night is March 13<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you there. March 12<sup>th</sup> is Spring Pictures. Students may dress in any outfit you wish to have them photographed in. Students are not required to be in uniform for the Spring pictures.

All of our students are working hard to achieve their goals. Our Third Grade students are fine tuning their reading skills as they will take the English Language Arts (ELA) portion of the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) on April 1, 2019. Our Fourth Grade and Fifth Grade Students are fine tuning their writing as they prepare to take the writing portion of the Florida Standards Assessment on April 1, 2019. I am confident that they will do well as I know how hard they have worked during the year. Best regards. Happy Spring and thank you for all you do to Make Discovery Elementary School "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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With Spring Break upon us, I think about everything our students have already accomplished this year. Our students have worked very hard at their academic studies, and are preparing to take the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA), and will participate in a wide-variety of extracurricular activities in the weeks to come. We hope our students have a safe, restful, and enjoyable break. When students return from Spring Break, we will be in the last grading period, which is full of testing. Please keep updated with your child's testing schedule once it is published. Additionally, in the months ahead, several events have been planned to celebrate our hard work and success. If you are interested in volunteering and you are an approved volunteer please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Kim McFadden at (754) 322-9100. Remember parents, your support makes 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](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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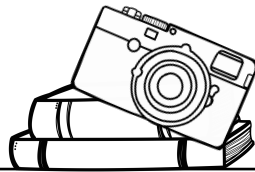
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## Scholastic Book Fair!!

Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Annual Spring Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits **Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> and Family Night on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM.** If you are interested in volunteering and you are an approved volunteer please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Kim McFadden at (754) 322-9100.

## Yearbook



Reserve your copy of the 2018-2019 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 cost of the yearbook is \$25. Please make all checks payable to Discovery Elementary PTA. Yearbooks can now be purchased online at [www.community.pictavo.com](http://www.community.pictavo.com). For more information contact Ms. Stewart at (754) 322-9100 or email [april.stewart@browardschools.com](mailto:april.stewart@browardschools.com).

## School Advisory Council

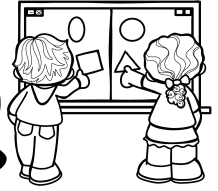
*The School Advisory Council is a group composed of the administrators, teachers, partners, community members, business partners, and other staff members. The committee reviews overall school operations and monitors student achievement. Each year the SAC team generates several school-wide objectives 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, March 20, 2019** in the Media Center.*

## Attendance

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 Manger at (754) 322-9100 should you have any questions regarding attendance. Remember: Attendance Counts! All Day, Every Day!



# Classroom News



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## Kindergarten

On March 1<sup>st</sup> we celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday! The Cat in the Hat visited us and brought along green eggs and ham for us to sample. In March we will also focus on the themes of friendship and kindness. We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day, and in science we will study repetitive pattern of day and night. We will continue to practice our subtraction skills. Please continue to spend 15 minutes reading with your child each night. Thank you for your continued support!

## Third Grade

February was filled with lots of fun learning experiences. We researched and completed projects on important African-American Inventors. Third grade is excited about earning FSA Rewards points to use on Rewards Friday each week in March. These points are earned by using their strategies, remaining focused, and showing great effort. Third grade teachers are reviewing reading skills, including editing, poetry, paired text, and text features, that will be useful on the FSA ELA test. We are also eagerly preparing for our upcoming FSA pep rally!

## First Grade

First graders have been very busy with different activities! Our students have read many well-known Dr. Seuss books and participated in fun activities in honor of him. We are working very hard with our students to ensure that they will be successful on the end-of-year reading test. In math, we will be studying data and measurement. We are also working on supporting the intermediate grades as they prepare for the FSA. Please continue to read to reinforce the academics skills being taught in the classroom. As always, thank you always for your support!

## Fourth Grade

As we begin the month of March in fabulous 4<sup>th</sup> grade, we are excitedly polishing up our writing skills in preparation for the Writing FSA on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. In math, students have been delving into geometry. In science, students have learned about renewable and nonrenewable resources and will learn about weathering and erosion. Students have enjoyed Black History Month projects this past month in Social Studies. We loved the students' enthusiasm during this unit of study.

## Second Grade

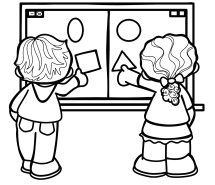
Our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders had a fantastic time on our field trip to Sawgrass Recreation Park learning about the Everglades. This month, students showcased what they had learned about black history during our Wax Museum night and did a wonderful job giving their speeches. In math, students are continuing to work on telling time to and working with coins and money. We are looking forward to continuing to learn about the life cycles of different plants and animals and our students are getting a hands-on opportunity to see plants grow from seeds in our garden.

## Fifth Grade

As we quickly approach our FSA Writing Assessment, students are eagerly preparing for this assessment. We are so pleased with the number of students who have taken advantage of the opportunity of attending Saturday Camp. Thank you allowing your child to come every Saturday, we really appreciate each of you! Since we are in Crunch Time, we ask you to please continue to encourage them to attend Saturday Camp to strengthen their skills. In addition, allow them to practice at home using online resources: iReady, and Reflex Math. Lastly, our West Pine Middle field trip was a success! Students received a snapshot of their middle school experience.



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## SPECIALS

**Art with Ms. Taylor:** Students are exploring their senses through art. They are learning about tactile and visual texture. They are doing math through art working on perspective, scale of objects and distance creating a size difference. The 10th Annual Art Showcase is May 16, 2019. Hope to see you there!!!

**Enrichment with Ms. Jibodh:** Students are enjoying story time and class discussions. They are also working on retention skills and strategies to help with this.

**Media with Ms. Boggan:** Students will continue to reinforce their ELA Common Core Standards through the use of novels. They are also working on listening skills and question and answer sessions.

**Music with Mr. Coverstone:** Students are starting to use two chords (F major and C7) on the ukulele instead of just one chord. They are also starting to explore the guitar.

**Physical Education with Coach Franklin:** Students will be learning about the game of soccer. They will understand the rules and be able to play the game.

**STEM with Mr. Dodd:** Students will be working on projects using web-based software. They will be editing movies, working with graphic design and understand how to use pictures in presentations.

## A Day of Honor in Service & Love

On behalf of the SOS Children's Village, I would like to extend a big thank you to all of our teachers, students, parents, volunteers, and community members for an overwhelming response in donations. The Children's Village staff and residents were very grateful. Thank you for always making Discovery Elementary "A" Great Place to Be!



A DAY OF SERVICE & LOVE  
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# School News

FEBRUARY 2019

# Congratulations!

## Student of the Month

The character trait for the month of February was HONESTY. Students who possess this character trait are truthful, trustworthy and sincere.

| KINDERGARTEN     |                    | THIRD GRADE    |                  |
|------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Ms. Callender    | Lehannah White     | Ms. Aurora     | Johnny Brown     |
| Ms. Clermont     | Keira Bobineaux    | Ms. Bonner     | Loukensia Pierre |
| Ms. Copertino    | Cali Perkins       | Ms. Carey      | Collin Hamilton  |
| Ms. Harrison     | Liam Pena-Martes   | Ms. Maver      | Marissa Brown    |
| Ms. Held         | Mila Silfa         | Ms. Reinhard   | Kaleb Little     |
| Ms. Kazandjian   | Elijah Acuna       | Ms. Soto       | Arianna Barreau  |
| Ms. Maughn       | Taraji Jackson     | Ms. Stewart    | D'Anna Kelley    |
| Ms. Washington   | Mack Hilaire       | Ms. Turchioe   | Tyler Dennis     |
| FIRST GRADE      |                    | FOURTH GRADE   |                  |
| Ms. Brooks-Moore | Rashad Solon       | Ms. Baron      | Madysen Hemeke   |
| Ms. Caro         | Elian Youyoute     | Ms. Bienenfeld | Amna Gul         |
| Ms. Casimir      | Franklin Lopez     | Ms. Broomfield | Kaci Shelton     |
| Ms. DuVerge      | Jasmine Rafi       | Ms. Bryant     | Antonella Medina |
| Ms. Heller       | Victor Patino      | Ms. Clair      | Amani Davis      |
| Ms. Sloop        | Sofia Garcia       | Ms. Fortich    | Valeria Colina   |
| Ms. Weinstein    | David Otero        | Ms. Levin      | JiaHua Cai       |
| Ms. Wijngaarde   | Samuel Louis       | Ms. Suarez     | Shania Marc      |
| Ms. Williams     | Derek Hollcroft    | Ms. Turner     | Anaria Smith     |
| SECOND GRADE     |                    | FIFTH GRADE    |                  |
| Ms. Boutin       | Xavior Berry       | Ms. Bennett    | Harmoni Frazier  |
| Ms. Deshommes    | Kalila Kemp        | Ms. Dekle      | Lubaba Rahman    |
| Ms. Dodd         | Aleksandrea Parkes | Ms. Doriah     | Brandon Smith    |
| Ms. Francis      | Kendal Solis       | Ms. Facyson    | Nicara Folkes    |
| Ms. Gaston       | Anaiah Durand      | Ms. Fenestor   | Micah Williams   |
| Ms. Halley       | Emmanuel David     | Ms. Johnson    | Noah Neunie      |
| Ms. Podor        | David Tackett      | Mr. Marrero    | Miley Nelson     |
| Ms. Shea         | Gabrielle Felix    | Ms. Schechter  | Ethan Gonzales   |
| Ms. Taylor       | Valentina Ramos    | Mr. Solano     | Kenneth Pierre   |