

Discovery Elementary Dolphin Digest



March 2020

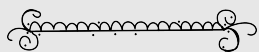
Principal, Mrs. Julie DeGreeff

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

**INSPIRE
Martial Arts**



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Principal's Message

We are already well into the third quarter of the school year. In February, our students participated in The District Day of Service and Love by taking part in our Hearts for Heroes Program. Students made cards for a Veteran or active military service member. These cards were delivered to our local Veterans Administration who will distribute them. Our annual Spring Book Fair will take place from March 9-13, 2020. Students will have the opportunity to shop one day during specials with a make-up day on Friday. Book Fair Family Night is Wednesday, March 11, 2020, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. We also have our March SAC Meeting the 11th at 5:30 p.m. Our location will change to the music room for this meeting only. All students will have Checkpoints during the week of March 9-13, 2020. We are so excited to see how much they have learned and how they have grown so far this year. There is an Early Release day on March 19, 2020. On this day students will enjoy the Annual FSA Pep Rally. Tuesday, March 17th and Friday, March 20th, are Teacher Planning Days so there is no school for students. The students will enjoy Spring Break from March 23-27, 2020 and students return to school on March 30, 2020. We hope all our students, families and staff have a wonderful and restful Spring Break. When Students return, our Third Graders will take the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) English Language Arts (ELA) Tests on Wednesday, April 1, 2020, and Thursday, April 2, 2020. Our 4th Grade and 5th Grade Students will take the Writing Portion of the FSA on Thursday, April 2, 2020. Thanks to our wonderful PTA we have many fun things planned that will provide some extra special moments for students to enjoy. We can not thank our fabulous PTA enough for all they do to ensure our students have an awesome school year and testing season. We continue to work on academics and await the next set of FSA and FCAT tests which will be in May. Due to the late testing window, we will not have STEM Night this year as we will just have enough time for the students to have their end-of-year activities, awards, matriculation ceremonies, and students will be into the summer break. It really is amazing how quickly the school year goes by. We are using every moment to the fullest and we know everyone will do their very best. We are so proud of all our students and staff and I am certain it will be a successful year.

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 parent 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, 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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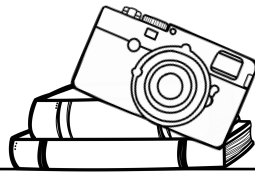
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Scholastic Book Fair!!

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 9th – Friday, March 13th and Family Night on Wednesday, March 11th 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 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 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. For more information contact Ms. Stewart at (754) 322-9100 or email 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 Dannyelle deVarona, SAC Chair at dannyelle.devarona@browardschools.com.

*Please join us for our next SAC Meeting on **Wednesday, March 11, 2020** in the Music Room.*

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. You may also go to the schools website and click the Contact tab and select Report An Absence to report your child's absence. 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.

Arrival / Dismissal

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Transportation Changes

Please note, that due to security reasons, changes to your child's transportation status cannot be delivered via telephone. This is for the safety of your child, as we cannot safely identify callers via the telephone. Please help us by sending any changes with your child in writing to be delivered to the teacher the day before. Thank you for helping us to get our students home safely.



Arrival

For the safety of our students, they should not arrive to school prior to 7:20 AM, as there is **NO** supervision available. Breakfast is served each morning beginning at 7:20 AM until 7:50 AM. Students must arrive to the cafeteria on time in order to have breakfast. The first bell rings at 7:50 AM. It is vital that all students arrive to school on time. The Front Parking Area Gate (Pine Island Rd.) opens at 7:15 AM is only to be used as a drop off/pick up area. The side Parking Area (Commercial Blvd.) is only to be used for buses.

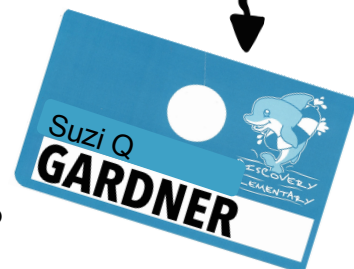
Car Line



Drop off

- For safety reasons cell phone use is prohibited.
- Only the front parking area (Pine Island Rd.) is to be used for drop off and pick up
- Please pull all the way forward, in order to keep the line moving.
- Remain inside your car.
- Once all cars have stopped, please allow your child to exit the vehicle.
- Students should exit from the passenger side of the vehicle.

* Car Tag



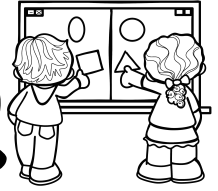
Pick up

- Please have your car tag displayed EVERYDAY for faster service.
- Pull all the way forward before allowing your student in the car.
- Remain inside your car.
- Car line closes at 2:15pm, after which you will need to go inside to pick up your student, **identification is required.**

* Car tags are available in the front office.



Classroom News



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Kindergarten

March will be a very busy month for kindergarten! We start off by celebrating the birthday of Dr. Seuss and learning about dental health and weather. In reading we are practicing our diagraphs and blends, and in math we are learning how to sort objects different ways and all about 2D and 3D shapes. This month we will have a book fair, so come pick up some new reading material for home! On March 19th, we will have our FSA Pep Rally, followed by our spring break! Don't forget to keep practicing those sight words and reading during break. Thank you for your continued support at home!

Third Grade

As Spring Break is quickly approaching, we are working hard towards preparing ourselves for the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA). Once we return from a well needed and deserved break, our 3rd graders will be ready to show that they know and ROCK the ELA portion of the FSA. The ELA portion of the FSA will be given on Wednesday, April 1st and 2nd. Please make sure your child has a nutritious dinner, lots of rest the nights before, and a well-balanced breakfast. Also, please ensure that they arrive to school on time and ready to pass the test!

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 test. In Math, are 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 academic skills being taught in the classroom. As always, thank you for all your support!

Fourth Grade

Fourth grade is working hard to master all the new and exciting challenges before us! Our Fabulous 4th Graders are preparing for the FSA Writing test. We are delving into Opinion Writing as well as perfecting our Informative Writing. We are working hard to make sure we have what it takes to score a 10 on both opinion and informative prompts. In reading we have been analyzing literature and informative text standards. In Social Studies we are learning about Florida's History. we are working on perfecting our understanding of fractions in Math. We are getting ready to transition into Geometry.

Second Grade

March is an exciting time in second grade. We will be taking checkpoints to target our progress before our end of the year assessments. These checkpoints will tell the teachers what skills they need to reinforce. Please continue to encourage your child to read a minimum of 30 minutes each night. Students should be building stamina and be able to read for a steady thirty minutes. This does not come naturally it must be practiced daily. Students should practice mental math as well as it will be helpful with addition and subtraction facts and strategies. Thank you for all you do.

Fifth Grade

We are quickly approach our FSA Writing Assessment and students are eagerly preparing. They are working hard on Opinion Essays. We are all looking forward to The Golden Pencil Awards! Our fluent writers will be recognized for their efforts in six different categories of writing. Students will be acknowledged for their ability to write a well-organized, multi-paragraph essay. In addition, we have learned how to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions! We are practicing graphing data with line plots, line graphs and coordinate grids. In science, students are digging deep into learning all about metamorphic rocks, sedimentary rocks and igneous rocks!

Discovery Elementary School
Presents...



Monday, March 9th - Friday, March 13th

9:00 AM - 1:30 PM During Specials

Family Night
Wednesday, March 11th
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM



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Congratulations!

Student of the Month

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

KINDERGARTEN		THIRD GRADE	
Ms. Callender	Ramon Martinez	Ms. Aurora	Jahmar Wright
Ms. Clermont	Pheonix Custis	Ms. Baron	Noah Hemeke
Ms. Copertino	Dillon Caldwell	Ms. Broomfield	Mia Pimentel
Mr. Coverstone	Alexandra Sherwin	Dr. Carey	D'Andra Vazquez
Ms. Harrison	Makayla Rickey	Ms. Deshombres	Savion Spence
Ms. Kazandjian	Leah Johnson	Ms. Francis	John Hollcroft
Ms. Maughn	Ashton Jules	Ms. Podor	
Ms. Washington	Michael Vilsaint	Ms. Soto	Isabella Escalante
FIRST GRADE		Ms. Stewart	Maya Morrison
Ms. Boutin	Isis Richards	FOURTH GRADE	
Ms. Caro	Javan Deer	Ms. Bienenfeld	Jasmine Scott
Ms. DuVerge	Kharyss Mullings	Ms. Bryant	Aleisa-Joi Francis
Ms. Held	Khloe Clough	Ms. Facyson	Bryce McClover
Ms. Heller	Erik Cobb	Ms. Fortich	Aiden Allen
Ms. Moore	Anuja Ramlochan	Ms. Levin	Thi Phan
Ms. Weinstein	Hailey Singh	Ms. Suarez	Destiny Manuel
SECOND GRADE		FIFTH GRADE	
		Ms. Bennett	Naima Bien-Aime
Ms. Castignoli	Nicole Acebal	Ms. Boggan	Mekkai Duncan
Ms. Gaston	Gabriel Granados	Ms. Clair	Kyle Pearson
Ms. Halley	Yanceyvette Wys	Ms. Dekle	Isabella Pimentel
Ms. Maver	Julian Orta	Ms. Doriah	Amani Davis
Ms. Shea	Anne Merlien	Ms. Johnson	Andre Wilson
Ms. Sloop	Damoya Ludford	Mr. Marrero	Jaleel Durand
Ms. Taylor	Genesis Gordon	Ms. Schechter	Destiny Sxymanski
Ms. Turchioe	Chace Hawkins	Mr. Solano	Sacharna Ribourg
Mrs. Williams	Xiaoqi LiZeng		