

Discovery Elementary

Dolphin Digest

October 2024

Mrs. Julie DeGreeff, Principal

Mrs. Dannyelle DeVarona, Assistant 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



Principal's Message

The month of October is off to a great start. Soon we will complete the first quarter of the school year. Student learning and engagement is evident throughout the school. All our students and staff are working hard each day to ensure that they reach the school's academic goals. Students in all grade levels have taken part in progress monitoring assessments in all subject areas. These assessments will ensure that we know exactly what students know and what they still need assistance with.

The annual Storybook Character Parade will take place on October 31st. This is a fun time for students to dress up as a character from one of their favorite books. Students may create a costume; it is not necessary to purchase one. We do ask that no toy weapons or other inappropriate items are used as part of the costume. This is always a fun event for students. We look forward to seeing everyone dressed as their favorite character. Students will march through the halls, so all students can be seen and come across the cafeteria stage to talk about their book and costume. This event is meant to make reading come alive for students. More information will be sent home regarding this event.

I'm looking forward to discovering the magic this school year. Thank you for all you do to make Discovery Elementary "A" Great Place To Be!

Julie DeGreeff
Proud Principal.



Fortify FL 

Fortify FL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.



Assistant Principal's Message and News



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(754) 322-9100

Greeting Discovery Families,

Our amazing students here at Discovery are officially getting acclimated with their daily school routines. Discovery's theme this school year is "Discover the Magic: Imagine, Believe, and Achieve!". Students are soaring high while learning innovative lessons in all content areas. Our magnificent teachers are working diligently planning and creating phenomenal lessons and activities for their students each day. We take pride in our students being critical thinkers and utilizing their strategies while completing class assignments and homework. As we transition towards the end of the quarter, students are excelling beyond our expectations at Discovery Elementary "A" Great Place to Be!

Mrs. DeVarona
Assistant Principal

Uniform Policy

School uniforms are highly recommended 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.



Title 1 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/sw_schoolsip.asp?school_number=3962 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 Mrs. Devarona at (754) 322-9100.



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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 Krystal Schechter, SAC Chair at 754-322-9100. Please join us for our next SAC Meeting on November 6th at 5:00PM.



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

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.





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Join PTO

We are excited to welcome you to our Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) community! By joining the PTO, you have the opportunity to actively participate in your child/children(s) educational journey and contribute to the school's vibrant community. Membership in the PTO often involves a nominal annual membership fee to support our upcoming initiatives and programs. Membership dues are \$20. Please contact the front office for more information.



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 7:20 AM is only to be used as a drop off/pick up area. No parking is allowed.** The side Parking Area (Commercial Blvd.) is only to be used for buses.



Drop off

Car Line

- 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.

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.

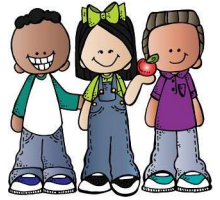
* Car Tag



* Car tags are available in the front office.



Classroom News



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Kindergarten

Kindergarten Families!

It has been a wonderful start to our new school year. We are so proud of our kindergarteners as they continue to adjust to their new school and schedule. This October, we are excited to begin our unit on rules at home and school. Our kindergarteners will learn to identify characters in a story and compare character experiences. In math, we will work on numbers 6-10 and comparing sets as greater than, less than, and equal to.

We are looking forward to our Annual Storybook Character Parade on October 31st! More information will be forthcoming. Please continue working with your child on the nightly homework and iReady lessons.

Thank you for your continued support. We cannot wait to watch our kindergarteners grow this school year!



First Grade

First Grade will have thrills and chills in October!

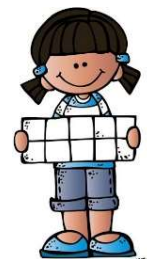
In ELA, First grade will learn about many kinds of characters. In reading, students will focus on story elements, retelling, topic & details and text features. In grammar, students will study subject/verb agreement, use of apostrophes, regular and irregular plural nouns and pronouns and simple sentences. In spelling, students will learn about short e and short u words and words with r, l, and s blends. Writing will focus on narrative and expository compositions.

In Math, students will work on subtracting with facts to 20 using many strategies including, making 10 to subtract, using addition to subtract, and solving word problems with facts to 20.

In Social Studies, students will learn about Hispanic Heritage Month, learn about time as it relates to history, and sharpen their historical thinking skills.

Science will focus on living and nonliving things, plant parts and trait inheritance.

First Grade will also participate in the Storybook Character Parade on October 31st!





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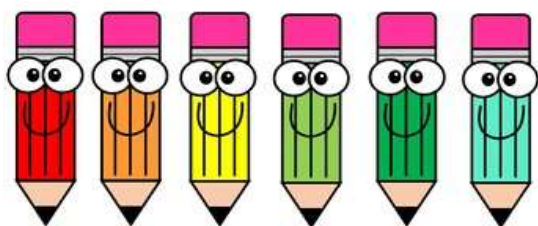
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Second Grade

It's time to shine a spotlight on the incredible happenings in 2nd grade. October is an exciting month for our second graders. We are going on our first field trip to Broward Performing Arts Center to see "Let Freedom Sing". We are excited about having our Storybook Character Parade at the end of October celebrating our favorite storybook characters and our love of reading!

We are continuing to work on plot structure in fiction texts and identifying text features in informational texts. In math, we're working on mastering the art of adding and subtracting, as well as rounding. In Science, we are finishing up our unit on matter!

Our 2nd grade bookworms need your continued support and encouragement in their reading adventures. And, of course, a gentle reminder to complete and pass those iReady lessons in both reading and math! The second-grade teachers couldn't be more grateful to have such enthusiastic and eager scholars with such supportive families this school year! We look forward to having an amazing year with our sensational second grade scholars!



Third Grade

When everything turns to pumpkin spice, students know school is about to get twice as nice! The arrival of fall brings new learning goals, school activities and our first third grade field trip.

In reading, students have been working on applying comprehension strategies, by developing a better understanding of things like text structure and author's purpose. Students are expanding their math skills by using multiplication as a division tool and applying their knowledge of these operations toward analyzing and persevering in word problems. Students have also been learning about maps, classifying matter and states of water.

The students were treated to a special presentation for our school's academic kickoff, where we highlighted behavior and academic expectations. Our school will host a Fall Book Fair the week of 10/11 - 10/18, and on October 31st, students will have the opportunity to dress up as their favorite character as they strut the hallways for the annual 'Story Book Parade'. The fun doesn't stop there, with our first field trip on November 4th at the Parker Playhouse. They will be treated to a production titled 'The Magic School Bus'.

Remember to ensure students are doing iReady lessons in both reading and math. They should be completing three lessons per week in each subject. Happy Fall!





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Fourth Grade

Our fourth graders have been busy learning and making progress in the different subject areas this month! In Language Arts, our students have been introduced to the structure of text-based expository essays with introductions, two body paragraphs, and conclusions. After working on determining central idea, analyzing author's perspective, and understanding figurative language last month, our fourth graders have worked on analyzing elements of literary texts in the month of October.

In Social Studies, the students have celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month and have also learned about the different Native American tribes.

In Math, the students have enjoyed working on multiplying greater numbers. The students loved the hands-on work in science as they have learned about .

The students were so excited about The Storybook Character Parade at the end of the month! What a month of learning and fun!



Fifth Grade

Welcome to Fifth Grade! We're off to a great start!

The students have been focused on adjusting to a new school year and applying for a few new roles. They are excited to have the opportunity to participate in Discovery's Debate Club, Safety Patrol, WDEL News Crew and campaign for 5th Grade's Student Government Positions!

The beginning of the year assessments are complete and daily routines have been established.

As the quarter continues, the ELA focus is how story elements contribute to plot and the Mathematics focus is on multiplying decimals. Science's focus is all things energy! In Social Studies, students will learn how to think like a historian through historical inquiry and analysis.

The end to Quarter 1 is quickly approaching. Parent-Teacher conference sign-ups are strongly encouraged! We hope to see you soon to discuss the goals and plans for another successful school year! Let's Go Fifth Grade!!



i-Ready Superstars

Remember to stay on top of your i-Ready goals each week! Consistent progress will help you reach your targets and improve your skills.

Discovery Elementary School

**I-READY
SUPERSTARS**



CRITERIA

- Complete & pass 3 lessons each week in reading **and** math with a 70% or higher.
- Every month that students meet this criteria, they will earn a sweet treat!



AWARDS

- Grades 3 -5 will be recognized quarterly at the awards ceremony.
- Grades K-5 - Meet your goal every month and get recognized at the End of the Year Awards.
- Top of the Class and Grade Level will also be recognized at the End of the Year Awards.



STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES



How Can I Help?

I am committed to the educational, social and emotional development of children. I am pleased to work with all stakeholders in our community to support all of our students with their academic development and personal/social development. I provide many student support services. The most frequently requested services are:

- Academic support (study and test-taking skills)
- Goal setting and decision making
- Peer relationships and effective social skills
- Communication, problem-solving and conflict-resolution
- Individual and small group counseling
- Crisis intervention

Valerie R. Gardner
Certified School Counselor

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(754) 322-9100



ATTENDANCE COUNTS!



Attendance Information

- Regular attendance is a key factor in a child's academic success. Regular attendance is when a student attends more than 95% of the academic school year; this may include up to 8 absences in a 180-day school year.

The Florida Legislature finds the association with poor academic performance and nonattendance to be so important that each school district must take an active role in promoting attendance as a means of improving student performance. The State also finds that early interventions are the most effective way of producing good attendance habits that will lead to improved student learning and achievement.

Report an Absence

- Each parent/guardian of a child within compulsory attendance age is responsible for their child's school attendance. When a child must be absent, the parent must report the reason for absence to the school's Attendance Manager.

To report the reason for your child's absence, the District offers three options:

Option 1: Online Absence Form

Click on the "CONTACT" link in the top navigation bar of the school's website. Then select the "Report Absence Online" link to complete the online form.

A copy of the form will go to the school's Attendance Manager **and** to the custodial parent(s). (Make sure your contact information is up-to-date with the school.)

Option 2: Attendance Hotline

Locate the Attendance Hotline phone number on the "Report an Absence" page.

Call the School's Attendance Hotline number.

Leave a detailed message that includes the student's name, student ID or birthdate, grade level, reason for absence(s) and date(s) of absence(s).

You can check the status of your child's attendance report via Pinnacle 24-48 hours after reporting it to the school's Attendance Manager.

Option 3: Note for the Attendance Manager

A written note can be delivered to the Attendance Manager to excuse an absence. Check

with the school's main office for delivery information. Include the following information on the note:

1. Student's first and last name
2. Student ID or birth date
3. Grade level (include the teacher's name for elementary students)
4. Date(s) of absence
5. Reason for absence
6. Parent first and last name
7. Parent contact information

* Parent includes either or both parents of a student, any guardian of a student, any person in a parental relationship to a student, or any person exercising supervisory authority over a student in place of a parent.

Approved Reasons for Excused Absences from Policy 5.5 (Attendance)

Parents should report the reason for an absence within two school days. If requested by the school, the parent must provide documentation of an illness from a licensed health care practitioner.

Students must be in school unless the absence has been permitted or excused for one of the reasons listed below:

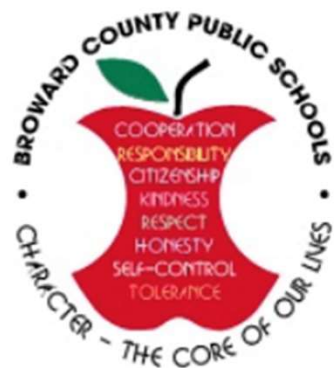
1. Illness of student (Physical or Mental Health)
2. Illness of an immediate family member
3. Death in the family
4. Religious holiday
5. Required court appearance or subpoena
6. Special event
7. Scheduled medical or dental appointment
8. Student has a communicable disease

Students on field trips, attending alternative to suspension programs, or in internal suspension programs are not considered absent.

Links to the Attendance Policy

- [Policy 5.5: Attendance](#)
- [Norma 5.5: Asistencia Escolar](#)
- [Règleman 5.5: Prezans Lekòl](#)
- [Política 5.5: Frequência Escolar](#)

OCTOBER CHARACTER TRAIT



"Responsibility finds a way.
Irresponsibility makes excuses." – Gene Bedley

RESPONSIBILITY

The character trait for the month of October is **RESPONSIBILITY**. Responsibility is meeting obligations by being reliable, accountable and dependable to self and others.

Ways that students can show **RESPONSIBILITY** in action:

- Complete your homework on time without being reminded.
- Follow through on your commitments, even when you don't feel like it.
- Accept responsibility for your mistakes and learn from them. Don't make excuses or blame others.
- Take care of your things and those of other people. Return items you borrow.
- Find out what needs to be done and do it.
- Always make wise choices.
- Always do your very best. Others are counting on you!

CAR LOOP DROP OFF & PICK UP SAFETY TIPS



CAR RIDER

Please know that at Discovery Elementary School, we strive to maintain a safe and orderly environment for our students, staff and visitors. To that end, please review and adhere to the list of tips below, as this will assist in maintaining the safe standard that we are accustomed to and will help move the car line in an efficient manner.

- Hang car tags on the rearview mirror or display it on the dash, so that it is easily visible. If you do not have a car tag, you may have to go into the office with your identification in order for us to release a student into your custody.
- Refrain from talking on your cell-phone. We are a cell-phone free car line.
- Pull all the way to the front of the line, even if you do see your child.
- Students will not be allowed to access their car on the left side into traffic. Please arrange car seats so that all students enter and exit from the passenger side of the vehicle.
- All drivers and riders should remain inside their vehicles at all times, in the carpool line.
- When in the car line, please do not have students access the trunk or hatch for their backpacks. They should be in the car with the students in order to avoid oncoming traffic dangers.
- Students **MAY NOT** be dropped off in the parking lot, an adult **MUST** walk them across Dolphin Way, via the cross walk.
- When dropping off, students should be prepared to exit the vehicle once it stops.
- Parking and long-term idling are prohibited in the car line.
- Be patient – the line moves faster when you are!

CAR TAGS ARE FOR CAR RIDERS

PLEASE PICK UP A CAR TAG, DISPLAY IT & HELP OUR CAR LINE MOVE FASTER!



RED RIBBON WEEK



RED RIBBON WEEK is celebrated annually October 23rd - 31st. Wearing red ribbons during the month of October continues to represent our pledge to live drug free and honors the sacrifice of all who have lost their lives in the fight against drugs. Take the opportunity to talk to your children about drugs.

Students will be allowed to dress up for these celebratory days. If you decide that you do not want your child(ren) to participate, they must wear their regular uniform.



DISCOVERY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RED RIBBON SPIRIT WEEK 2024

"Life is a Movie, Film Drug Free!"

October 23rd – October 30th

	<p>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23rd</p> <p>YOU'RE A STAR, YES YOU ARE!</p> <p>Dress up to impress! Be red carpet ready!</p> <p><small>NO gory or scary characters, keep it clean!</small></p> <p>Discovery Dolphins are Drug Free</p>
	<p>THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24th</p> <p>"ORANGE" YOU GLAD YOU'RE DRUG FREE?</p> <p>Dress up in something orange.</p> <p>Discovery Dolphins are Drug Free</p>
	<p>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25th</p> <p>WEAR RED DAY! LET'S BE DRUG FREE!</p> <p>Wear your favorite RED shirt/t-shirt/clothing item to show your support for a healthy and drug free lifestyle!</p> <p>Discover Dolphins are Drug Free</p>
	<p>MONDAY, OCTOBER 28th</p> <p>WE ARE TOO BRIGHT FOR DRUGS!</p> <p>Wear your favorite neon colored clothing and shades!</p> <p>Discovery Dolphins are Drug Free</p>
	<p>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29th</p> <p>"LEI" OFF DRUGS!</p> <p>Wear your favorite Hawaiian print clothing, a lei and shades!</p> <p>Discovery Dolphins are Drug Free</p>
	<p>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30th</p> <p>WAKE UP DRUG FREE!</p> <p>Dress up in your favorite pajamas.</p> <p>Only school appropriate pajamas and shoes allowed.</p> <p>Crocs and open-toe shoes are not permitted.</p> <p>Discovery Dolphins are Drug Free</p>

HARVEST DRIVE 2024



Collections end on Monday, November 4, 2024

Help us help others by donating items listed below.
Students may drop off their donations in the Main Rotunda, daily.

Cereal
Powdered Milk
Pancake Mix
Canned/Powdered Gravy
Canned Cranberry Sauce
Canned Fruit
Canned Soup
Macaroni and Cheese
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Apple Sauce

Canned Vegetables
Cookies
Crackers
Canned Pasta Sauce
Pasta
Rice
Boxed Mashed Potatoes
Canned Sweet Potatoes
Stuffing
Cornbread Muffin Mix

NO GLASS JARS PLEASE!

Thank you for generously supporting the Harvest Drive and our efforts to provide a happy and healthy Thanksgiving to food insecure families in our Broward County Schools.

AWARDS CEREMONY SCHEDULE



Grades 3 – 5

5th Grade – 8:30am

4th Grade – 9:05am

3rd Grade – 9:40am

1st Quarter Awards – Tuesday, November 19, 2024

2nd Quarter Awards – Tuesday, February 11, 2025

3rd Quarter Awards – Tuesday, April 23, 2025

NOTE: 4th Quarter and End of the Year Awards schedules will be released in April 2025.

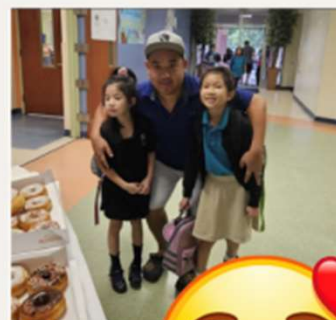
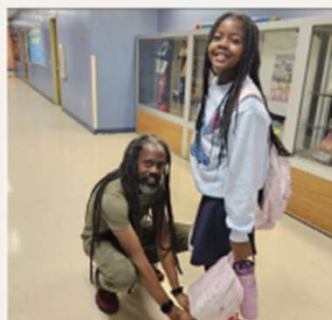
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THANKS TO ALL OF OUR DADS FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION



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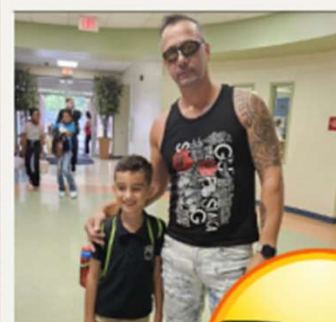
TAKE YOUR CHILD TO
SCHOOL DAY



OUR DADS MATTER



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OCTOBER 10, 2024

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

THE PIPER HIGH SCHOOL ZONE

PIPER HIGH SCHOOL 8000 NW 44th St
Sunrise, FL 33351



BCPS School Counselors Present

A Family Resource Fair

Join us for an evening of fun, games, and excitement at our School Counseling Family Resource Night! This event is a fantastic opportunity for families with children in grades PK-12 to access valuable school counseling resources and information that will be beneficial throughout the school year.

**An Evening of Fun and Exploration
for the Whole Family!**

**JOIN
US!**



Dinner provided by





School News

SEPTEMBER 2024



Student of the Month

The character trait for the month of September was **COOPERATION**. Students who exhibit this character trait work with others to accomplish a common purpose.

KINDERGARTEN		THIRD GRADE	
Mrs. Gordon	Tristin Corbin	Ms. Boutin	Kailee Voltaire
Ms. Hefner	Adriana Hogu	Ms. James	Carter Marcelin
Ms. Kazandjian	Phoenix Roach	Mrs. Powell	Milo Claudio
Mrs. Maughn	Alejandro Permenter-Rodriguez	Mrs. Rickey	Lizabelle Mills
Ms. Regis	Biancy Senate	Mrs. Soto	George McKay
FIRST GRADE		FOURTH GRADE	
Dr. Clermont	Kimberlee Thomas	Ms. Aurora	Michael Grant
Ms. Esposito	Ophelia Wang	Mrs. Forbes	Ja'Kayla Harden
Ms. Heller	Justys Robinson	Mrs. Fortich	John Leach
Ms. Hope	Kai Daise	Mrs. Halley	Emmanuel Garces
Ms. Popescu	Jase White	Mrs. Laessig	Mason Chau
		Mrs. Levin	Layla Bonner
SECOND GRADE		FIFTH GRADE	
		Ms. Garcia	Onivea Johnson
Mrs. Barclay	Nohely Daboin	Mr. Marrero	Justin Wright
Mrs. Moore	Tiana Dacres	Ms. Ramdan	Jordan Burnett
Ms. Sloop	Andrew Mattis	Mr. Shelton	Alexis Pericles
Mrs. Struber	Leilani Flores	Mr. Solano	Luis Vivieca
Mrs. Taylor	Nakia Orleus	Mrs. Stewart	Lia Wynter
Mrs. Washington	Amayah Stropp		