



Discovery School #67
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Week 19

Mon., 1/17	Tues., 1/18	Wed., 1/19	Thurs., 1/20	Fri., 1/21
No School	E Day	F Day	A Day	B Day

ATTENDANCE RATE *Our school's attendance goal is 96%

	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	School
Weeks 1-18	91.73%	90.13%	91.85%	92.21%	92.95%	91.79%	87.66%	90.29%	87.04%	89.15%	90.42%

CELEBRATIONS

- N95 masks and COVID at-home tests were distributed. Masks were given to classroom teachers to distribute to students as needed.

CITY HONORS/OLMSTED TESTS

- Students in **Grade 4** will take the admissions test on Tuesday, Jan. 18 UNLESS a parent/guardian **opts them out**.
- Students in **Grade 6 and 8** will ONLY take the admissions test on Tuesday, Jan. 18 UNLESS a parent/guardian **opts them in**.
- Students in **Grade 5 and 7** CANNOT take the admissions test at school. Here is the link to register: <https://www.buffaloschools.org/Page/98383>

PBIS SPIRIT WEEK

Monday, January 24 - Friday, Jan. 28 – Please see the calendar below.

WIFI/ HOTSPOTS

Hotspots are available to all BPS families who do not have Internet access at home. Families are welcome to come to our open hours to pick up student computing devices, hotspots or to bring devices in for repair.

IT DEPARTMENT (1515 South Park Avenue) - Student Device & Technical Support

Monday, Thursday, Friday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

OPEN EARLY on Tuesdays: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

COVID – DIAGNOSTIC TESTING

The consent form below will be utilized by the school nurse for individuals that present symptoms during the day and receive a diagnostic test. Protocols for sick students will be followed and individuals will still be sent home. Here is the link for the form: [Consent form for Symptomatic testing](#)

THIS IS DIFFERENT FROM THE “RANDOM” TESTING PROCESS WE CURRENTLY HAVE IN PLACE. Submitting the permission slip will enable a symptomatic student to be tested at school. **Whether the results are negative or positive, a child will be sent home from school and required to follow protocols because diagnostic testing involves a rapid test. This is NOT test-to-stay.**

COVID – RANDOM TESTING via PCR TESTS

If you want your child/children tested at school, you must register and resubmit consent. Here is the link: [Quadrant Program Consent Form](#) **Currently, we only have 29 students registered! Therefore, the same pool of students is being tested. Please consider enrolling your child/children in random testing.** Testing will occur on **Wednesday, Jan. 19th at 9:30 AM**. Parents/guardians were notified via a letter.

COVID - AT-HOME TEST – POSITIVE RESULT

If a child tests positive, regardless of vaccination status, he/she must isolate for 5-days. Please inform school of the test date and self-report the positive test result on the ECDOH website. Here is the link:

<https://www3.erie.gov/covid/form/form-to-report-a-positive-covid->

COVID - LABORATORY TEST – POSITIVE RESULT

*Inform school/daycare facility

*Provide a copy of the results to school (be sure to include the test date and test site)

COVID - AT-HOME TEST – NEGATIVE RESULT

If a child tests **negative**, but is symptomatic, *the at-home test result does not suffice for a child to return to school*. **A symptomatic child may only return to school if they:**

- Obtain a negative test result from a laboratory rapid antigen test (provide school a copy of the results)
- Obtain a negative test result from a laboratory PCR test (provide school a copy of the results)
- Get a medical clearance note with an alternate diagnosis (provide school a copy of the letter)
- Quarantine for 5-days (contact school – 816-4922)

WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS

Theme: Be Your Best You! Share Kindness!

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EXTENDED HOURS on Wednesdays: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Discovery's 2021-2022 Calendar can also be accessed on our website via the Calendars Tab.



January's Trait is **Caring** *Wear **red** on Fridays

Word of the Week: 1/17-1/21 Compassion * 1/24-1/28 Charity

January 17 – MLK, Jr. Day – School will be closed ←

January 18 – City Honors/Olmsted testing for Grade 4, 6, and 8 (8:30 AM) at Discovery 67

January 19 – **Green Day – Wellness Wednesday – Be the Best You! Share Kindness!**

– Early Release Day (11:30 AM dismissal) ←

January 20 – SBMT (3:10 PM via Zoom)

January 21 – City Honors/Olmsted testing for Grade 4, 6, and 8 (8:30 AM) at Discovery 67 **Date changed!*

Monday, January 24 – **PBIS School Spirit Week** - Millionaire Monday (Dress fancy)

Tuesday, January 25 – **PBIS School Spirit Week** - Dress as your favorite movie or book character

Wednesday, January 26 – **PBIS School Spirit Week** -Western Wednesday (flannel shirts and cowboy boots)
– **Wellness Wednesday – Be the Best You! Share Kindness!**

January 27 – **PBIS School Spirit Week** - Throwback Thursday - Wear attire from your favorite decade

– Virtual Parent teacher Conferences (5-7 PM)

Friday, January 28 – 20-week grades close

– **PBIS School Spirit Week** - Color rush by grade level

Pre-K: Red

3rd grade: Purple

7th Grade: Black

Kindergarten: Orange

4th grade: Pink

8th Grade: Blue

1st grade: Yellow

5th grade: Gold/Brown

2nd grade: Green

6th Grade: Silver/White

Discovery's Procedures

ARRIVAL

Doors open for students at 8:00 AM. Please do not drop students off early as we do not have staff to supervise students.

BITMOJI CLASSROOM - [LINK](#)

Mr. Zeis will post the daily AM announcements. The resource also has links to the monthly newsletters, the lunch menus, and other school-related information. Please check it out!

Listed below is a concise summary of The Buffalo Public School’s high standards for a successful September and beyond. We will need and expect, your strict adherence to effectively implement these protocols:

School-Based COVID 19 Safety and Protection Protocols:

Masks	Masks are required for ALL staff and students inside of our school , regardless of vaccination status. No exceptions. If students do not have a mask, the school will provide the student with a mask.
DAILY Student Health Screener	Please be sure to <u>submit an electronic daily health screener</u> on behalf of your child before they come to school. Please do your part to keep our school community safe. Robo texts and emails via School Messenger will be sent daily.
Social Distancing	Schools will adhere to the CDC distancing requirement of a minimum of 3 ft. amongst persons.
When Your Child is Ill	When your child is ill before the start of the school day, it is required that you keep your child home. If your child becomes ill during the school day, the student will report to the school’s CARES Room and you will be contacted to pick the child up, as quickly as possible.

CONTACTING TEACHERS VIA SCHOOL PHONE

Please avoid calling teachers directly via classroom phones during school hours. Rather, call the main office and the message will be relayed.

DISCOVERY’S WEBSITE <https://www.buffaloschools.org/Page/44648>

Please refer to our website as it contains information about our school, upcoming events, scheduled days off, etc.

DISMISSAL **Thank you for your patience!**

Buses will arrive at 2:30 PM and depart at 2:45 PM.

Walkers: 2:30 PM (PK-2), 2:35 PM (3-6), and 2:40 PM (7-8)

Walkers/students that get picked up will exit in the front of school. Signage is displayed.

Students in Grades PK-3 MUST be signed out by an adult. Please bring identification!

FAMILY HANDBOOK <https://www.buffaloschools.org/Domain/3688>

Newly enrolled students received a Discovery School Family Handbook. An electronic copy of the booklet is available on our school’s website.

FIRST VIEW

Yellow Bus Tracker App - First View

<https://firststudentinc.com/innovation/on-board-bus-technologies/firstview-bus-tracking/>

PARENT SCHOOLOGY ACCOUNTS

Click here if interested in establishing a parent account on Schoology.

If you experience issues, please call the IT Dept. at (716) 816 – 7100.

PARENT PORTAL

The Office of Parent and Family Engagement (OPFE) is proud to partner with the IT Department and schools to significantly propel BPS Parent Portal usage! Based upon feedback, IT has developed an easier way for parents to access the Portal to proactively monitor their child’s academic progress, attendance, and more. These instructions will soon be shared with families.

Our ask of principals is to: Encourage your parents to share their email address which is required to access the portal. <https://www.buffaloschools.org/Page/93811>

PARKING LOT

Please do not attempt to pull in the driveway. Visitor parking is not available during arrival/dismissal due to busses having to pull in/out the driveway.

TRANSPORTATION

Please send in a note if you choose NOT to have your child ride a district provided bus. Last minute requests for picking up children and requests for alternate bus assignments will not be accepted.

Discovery is not able to provide temporary bus passes. All bus changes must be submitted to the district and will require 10-14 days to process. Please plan accordingly.

Transportation Contact Numbers

Discovery School #67 – Mrs. Coleman –	816-4922
District Transportation	816-4895
200 buses	874-0544
300 - 400 buses	835-5410
500 buses	826-4771
600 buses	896-1171
700 - 900 buses	894-4778

DISCOVERY’s BIG ROCKS

1. Integrate Daily Independent Reading and Writing Opportunities to Allow for Demonstration of Deep Understanding
2. Triangulate Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment to Facilitate Active Student Engagement
3. Differentiate to Deliver Data-Driven, Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Instruction