



Discovery School #67
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Week 20

Mon., 1/24	Tues., 1/25	Wed., 1/26	Thurs., 1/27	Fri., 1/28
C Day	D Day	E Day	F Day	A Day

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

	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	School
Weeks 1-19	91.83%	89.76%	91.42%	92.01%	92.45%	91.49%	87.45%	90.2%	86.58%	88.58%	90.11%

CELEBRATION

- Remote learning went well, and it only lasted 1 day!



REMOTE LEARNING

At-home learning is **only provided** to students that test positive for COVID, are in mandatory quarantine, were approved for a medical exemption, or if Dr. Cash closes school.

CITY HONORS/OLMSTED TESTS – January 27

- Any **Grade 4** student in need of a make-up will take the admissions test UNLESS a parent/guardian **opts them out**.
- Students in **Grade 6 and 8** will take the admissions test ONLY IF 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.](#)

AT-HOME COVID TEST KITS

Additional At-Home COVID test kits will be available. A flyer will be sent in this week's Wednesday folder. Please return the lower portion of the slip if you want your child/children to receive an additional kit. **Please fill out a slip for each child that attends Discovery to enable us to maintain accurate records.*

HS APPLICATIONS – ATTENTION GRADE 8

High School Applications are due back to Mrs. Krauss, the Guidance Counselor by **February 1st**.

PBIS SPIRIT WEEK

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

The event was planned by students and they are excited! The attire is not meant to stress parents/guardians out! Students are encouraged to participate, not required. Thank you for your support and understanding.

FYI – Hats are allowed 😊

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

BOX TOPS

Box Tops app will allow you to scan your store receipts and earn cash for our school. The app automatically finds participating products on your receipts and instantly adds cash to Discovery's earnings online. Plus, you can invite friends/grandparents to earn! **Discovery has earned approximately \$100 thus far!**

→ Here is the link to set up a Box Tops account <https://www.boxtops4education.com/> -OR- download the Box Tops for Education App on your phone. Search PS 67 Discovery School using the zip code 14220. Please use the referral code XZ1F7NKT to earn 20 extra Box Tops the 1st time you scan your receipt.

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 37 students registered! Please consider enrolling your child/children in random testing.**

Testing will occur on **Tuesday, Jan. 25th at 9:30 AM.** Parents/guardians were notified via email.

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: 1/24-1/28 Charity

SPIRIT WEEK 1/24-1/28

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Dress like a millionaire!</p> <p>Be sure to wear your fanciest clothes!</p> 	<p>Dress as your favorite book or movie character.</p> 	<p>Wear your flannel and cowboy boots for Western Wednesday!</p> 	<p>Throwback Thursday</p> <p>Dress up from your favorite decade!</p> 	<p>COLOR RUSH by grade</p> <p>PK RED</p> <p>K ORANGE</p> <p>1 YELLOW</p> <p>2 GREEN</p> <p>3 PURPLE</p> <p>4 PINK</p> <p>5 GLD/BRN</p> <p>6 SLVR/WHITE</p> <p>7 BLACK</p> <p>8 BLUE</p>

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 – Jr. High Presentation on cyberbullying/Internet safety (9 AM)

– **PBIS School Spirit Week** -Western Wednesday (flannel shirts and cowboy boots)

– **Wellness Wednesday – Be the Best You! Share Kindness!**

January 27 – City Honors/Olmsted testing at Discovery 67 **Date changed – see page 1 details.*

– **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



FEBRUARY – Black History Month

Links:

[National Geographic Kids](#)

Blackhistorymonth.gov

Trait is Citizenship *Wear purple on Fridays

Word of the Week: 1/31–2/4 - Citizenship * 2/7–2/11 - Peaceful
2/14–2/18 - Teamwork * 2/28–3/04 – Society

- February 2** – AKA “Twos-day” (2/02/2022)
- Taco Tuesday (lunch)
 - Bring 2 cans/boxes of non-perishable food (per family, not child)
 - Wear tie-dye
 - Be 2 Kind – Students will demonstrate random acts of kindness

February 11 – 20-Week Report Cards mailed

February 16 – Virtual PTO Meeting (6PM via Zoom) [Click here for the link!](#)
Meeting ID: 362 097 8935 **Passcode:** Discovery

February 17 – SBMT (3:00 PM via Zoom) *Date may be moved up to discuss budget

February 18 – Freedom Thinkers’ door decorating winner will be announced (more info to come)

February 19-27 – February break!

February 28 – Early Release Day (11:20 AM dismissal) *Buses roll out at 11:30 AM

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 SCHOLOGY 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