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Week 21

Mon., 1/31	Tues., 2/1	Wed., 2/2	Thurs., 2/3	Fri., 2/4
B Day	C Day	D Day	E Day	F Day

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

	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	School
Weeks 1-20	92.05%	89.65%	91.3%	92.28%	92.52%	91.66%	87.59%	90.51%	86.48%	88.7%	90.2%

CELEBRATION

- Spirit Week was a BLAST!! See pictures on pages 8-11.

AT-HOME COVID TEST KITS

The deadline to receive an At-Home COVID test kit is Monday, Jan. 31. A flyer was sent in the Wednesday folder (Jan. 26). If you have not already and want a kit, please return the slip **TOMORROW** (1/31). **A slip must be submitted for each child that attends Discovery as we need to maintain records.*

IN NEED of FOOD ASSISTANCE? Please see attached.

NYS ASSESSMENTS (Grades 3-8)

Although testing is not scheduled until March 30 (ELA) and April 27 (Math), we ask that you please consider allowing your child/children to take the NYS Assessments. Due to COVID, many students in Grades 4-5 have not experienced the assessment, MOST students in Grades 4-8 do not have CURRENT data on file, and ALL schools in NYS are expected to have a minimum of 95% participation. Schools that do not meet the 95% participation rate MUST show progress in every subgroup and subject for which the school was designated. Participation matters!! We do not want to lose out “Good Standing” status.

ED CLIMATE SURVEY – Please see the link/QR below to access the parent survey!

The Office of Shared Accountability is administering the ED School Climate Survey (EDSCLS) to evaluate student and family needs as well as school improvement activities and program effectiveness. The EDSCLS will be administered district-wide to school administrators, teachers, and non-instructional staff in buildings serving students in grades 5-12, as well as all students, grades 5-12 **unless a parent/guardian submits an opt-out form.** Parent and staff surveys are anonymous and student surveys will be confidential. The survey takes 20-30 minutes and must be completed in one sitting.

The district has established a mandatory **90% participation rate** for each school.

Please, complete the survey between January 31-February 18.

Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZH362P5>

QR Code →



HS APPLICATIONS – ATTENTION GRADE 8

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

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.

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

Testing will occur on **Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 1:30pm.** 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



Significance of the Black History Month Colors:
Green: Mother Nature
Red: People who lost their lives/History
Yellow: Sun/Prosperity/Equality
Black: Melanin/Shared identity/Unified members of one family

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 1 – High School applications are due to Mrs. Krauss, the Guidance Counselor

February 2 – AKA “Twos-day” (2/02/2022)

- Taco Tuesday (lunch)
- Bring 2 cans/boxes of non-perishable food (per family, not child) to support the Food Bank of WNY
- Wear tie-dye
- Be 2 Kind – Students will demonstrate random acts of kindness and display hands on wall

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)

– Color Blast Day in recognition of Black History Month

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| PK-1 - Green | 4-6 - Yellow |
| 1-3 - Red | 7-8 - Black |

February 19-27 – February break!

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

MONTHLY CELEBRATIONS and ACTIVITIES – HOW ARE THEY PLANNED?

Discovery's goal is to increase cultural awareness and celebrate diversity via restorative practices and the activities from the Freedom Thinkers, Character Counts, PBIS, etc. The committees are comprised of staff, parents, and students. The teams meet monthly to plan and schedule each month’s school-wide celebrations/activities. In addition, all staff receive resources aligned to the month's theme, i.e. Indigenous Peoples Month, Black History Month, Celebrations Around the World, Women's History, etc. Additional school-wide activities occur but are not always announced as they do not require specific attire and/or family input. Staff facilitate the activities in class.

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 on behalf of your child before they come to school.</u> 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 SCHOOLGY 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

Millionaire Monday	Character Tuesday	Western Wednesday	Throwback Thursday	Color Blast Friday
Liam Bolton	Emilia Richardson	Sophia Naubereit	Amelia Richardson	Mara Hartman
Lincoln Rivera	Jack Howard	Gavin Ruch	Kate Kasperek	Lilah Morgan
Charles Mayer	Fischer Piskun	Wyatt Kersten	Aubrielle Ference	Nora Spencer
Alayna Woodard	Finley Sullivan	Brayden Domhart	Evelyn Veith	Mila Gasiewicz
Pedro Santiago	Trevor Erickson	Eddie Hasan	Kylie Roth	Emma Timm
Aria Frazier	Aleena Diaz	Caleb Cruz	Tiergan Erickson	Melody Pelcynski
Aiden Bartolotta	Tim Delaney	Jayce Dils	Samantha Spence	Jake Mogavero
Kevin Wright	Aiden Ruch	Larkin Rybcznski	Audrey Warren	Morgan Kasperek
Charlie Stegura	Penelope Hufnagel	Ava Santiago	Nora Pritchard	Jaelynn Ramos
Max Jindra	Thasin Hoque	Connor O'Sullivan	Dennin White	Paisley Dejesus
Vinny Melendez	Liam Wasielewski	Margaret Lafferty	Abigail Hassett	Quinn Mogavero
James Sullivan	Camryn Howard	Genevieve Sullivan	Amarath Miranda Morales	Rylia Nicastro
Elena Garcia	Camille Miranda Morales	Raul Rodriguez	Serafina Poblocki	Frank Palumbo
Kian Lucas	Elise Gasiewicz	Jazelle Harris	Jer'nee Sharpe	Nick Maeder
Da'marri Simmons	Zoey Hodur	Jeffrey Dziedzic	Ryker Nicastro	Rystin Nicastro
Santino Serafini	Caleb Adams	Travis Bishop	Urijah Macintyre	Latia Daniels
Ben Keller	Adeline Gangloff	Nina Diaz	Cooper Jones	Darien White
Liliana Thomas	Liam Morgan	Addie Fulton	Lindy Kline	Carly Kiszka
Rory Inman	Rystin Nicastro	Jackson Kukulka	Erin Mumford-Benn	Kharionna Peoples
Brooklyn Hasan	Andreana Coniglio	Michael Hacker	Ciara Sliwinski	
Brett Jakuminiak	Kadance Sitarski	Dean DeMarco	Rilynn Nicastro	
Arrietta Hartman	Avielle Russo	Abigail Innes	Ava Howson	
Lanaiah Daniel	Katielynn Fletcher	Brynn Leonard		
Lilly Dole		Ka'marri Collins		
Carly Kiszka				
Brynn Leonard				
*All winners received a \$3 voucher to Discovery's School Store compliments of PTO!				
<i>The outfits and creativity were FANTASTIC!!! Thank you for your support!</i>				
<i>See some pictures from Spirit Week Below.</i>				

There are a lot more photos from Spirit Week, but many students did not submit a media release. Therefore, all photos could be shared.



Throwback Thursday in Grade 4-6!



Talk about family spirit!!



Western Wednesday in Latin class LOL!



Gotta love Cooper's sense of humor and style!



Jayce was so proud of his costume!



Junior High was so enthusiastic this week!
Amazing role models!!



Mary "Mrs. John" Poppins nailed her costume!



Tim was so happy!



Princess "Penny" Elsa was stunning!



Harry "Liam" Potter nailed it!



Aiden's creativity was impressive!



Millionaire Monday – Grades 1-3



Camryn's costume was spot-on!



Throwback Thursday - Grades 1-3



Ms. Andrzejewski "rocked" it out with the Jr. High!