



Discovery School #67
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Week 5

Mon., 10/4	Tues., 10/5	Wed., 10/6	Thurs., 10/7	Fri., 10/8
A Day	B Day	C Day	D Day	E Day

CELEBRATIONS

- Marquel Kalczynski** (boy in white) and **Brodie Gesel** (boy in blue) exemplified what Discovery is all about! The boys *acted in such a way that we will be proud of ourselves, and others will be proud of us, too.* (Discovery's Morning Inspiration).
 As the boys walked past me on Friday I said, "You boys are true models of teamwork". Teamwork was a word of the week we recently highlighted to support the CC! trait **Citizenship**.

Thank you to Mrs. Santiago for capturing the photo and capturing the moment!

Had to capture this moment and share it because heaven knows we can use some more GOOD in our lives.

The boy in the white asked the boy in the blue if he needed help and then they carried it TOGETHER. What a lesson in sharing the load that can sometimes feel too heavy for one person to carry.

To their parents 🙌🙌... and the school for focusing on character traits 👍👍.



- We had our district walk-through on Friday (10/1/21) and received positive feedback. **Mrs. Lawrence** and **Mrs. Klubek** were shouted out in Dr. Cash's Weekly Brief (see attached).

PTO T-SHIRT SALE

Monday, 10/4 is the last day to submit orders for the short sleeve green Gator shirts.

DATA DISCUSSIONS (Grades 3-8)

Each student will participate in data discussions this week and review their progress. Students will also set goals for the next 5-weeks. Data discussions will be held at the close of every Marks Reporting Period. The purpose is to engage students in the goal setting process and develop accountability for their own progress.

BUDDY SYSTEM (Begins Oct. 15th)

We are happy to announce we will continue our **Buddy System**. The intention of this program is for students new to Discovery to be partnered with a "buddy" student to help acclimate them to school. "Buddy" students will be chosen by teachers and paired with a student who is new to Discovery. Teachers will select students who they feel will benefit from participation in this opportunity to socialize, and/or students who are friendly and accepting of others. Permission slips for all participants are forthcoming.

COVID TESTING

COVID testing for consenting staff/students will continue on a weekly basis. Randomly selected individuals will receive letters prior to being tested. If you consented, please be on alert for the notification.

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

October



CC! Trait and Word of the Week: Respect
It's Hispanic Heritage Month! [Click here for details.](#)
Fire Drills will continue

Buffalo Fire Open House dates are attached (Free detectors, coloring books, and tips!)

- October 4-8 – Grades 3-8 will engage in Data Discussions
- October 6 – *Every Wednesday will be "green" days. Wear green to show school spirit.*
- October 8 – Week 5 ends (grades close for students)
 - **Wear yellow** for the CC! Trait, Respect.
- October 11 – **No school on Monday (Indigenous Peoples' Day)** ←
- October 13 – *Every Wednesday will be "green" days. Wear green to show school spirit.*
- October 15 – Buddy System begins (see description above)
 - **Wear yellow** for the CC! Trait, Respect.
 - Hispanic Heritage Month ends
- October 20 – *Every Wednesday will be "green" days. Wear green to show school spirit.*
 - PTO Meeting (6:00 PM – location TBD)
- October 21 – School-Based Management Team Meeting (Zoom link will be sent)
- October 22 – Picture Day (information will be sent in the Wednesday folder)
- October 25-29 – **Red Ribbon Week** (see the calendar of events below)
- October 25 – Week 5 Progress Reports are mailed home for students in grades K-8
- October 27 – *Every Wednesday will be "green" days. Wear green to show school spirit.*
- October 27 – Trunk or Treat (PTO event - tentative – still awaiting approval)
- October 29 – **Wear yellow** for the CC! Trait, Respect.

RED RIBBON WEEK

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
October 25th	October 26th	October 27th	October 28th	October 29th
<p>Be Ready to make healthy choices for a happy life!</p> <p>Wear Red to show you are Ready!</p> 	<p>Make healthy choices for a BRIGHT future!</p>  <p>Wear neon or bright colors!</p>	<p>Team up against drugs!</p> <p>Wear your favorite sports team apparel!</p> 	<p>Heroes make healthy choices!</p>  <p>Wear your favorite superhero shirt!</p>	<p>Say "Boo" to Drugs!</p>  <p>Wear your Halloween Costume</p> <p>Please, no masks or props!</p>

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!

COVID

As you may be aware, the Superintendent of Buffalo Public Schools (BPS), Dr. Kriner Cash, has created a re-open plan that shares a multi-layered approach to safety and protection for all of our staff and students. This plan implements recommendations made by the BPS Medical Team, the American Association of Pediatrics (AAP), the Center for Disease Controls (CDC), and the Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH).

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. If you do not receive a text or email, please call school (816-4922) and update your contact information.
COVID-19 Testing	To ensure safety for all, parents will need to SIGN OFF TO CONSENT to ensure that their child(ren) can participate in randomized less invasive PCR testing at no charge.
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.
Immunization Requirement	Please be informed that it is a New York State Requirement that all students participating in in-school learning have up to date immunizations on file in their schools by June 21, 2021. Students without proper immunizations will be excluded from school starting September 22, 2021. For additional information please visit www.buffaloschools.org/Page/1958 .

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!

DOCUMENTS

If you did not submit Discovery's required school forms, students will be provided hard copies in the Wednesday folder. Please complete and return the forms as soon as possible.

[Consent for Outdoor Activity](#) – Required for outdoor PE classes and Recess

[Student Information Sheet](#) – Submit if you are new to Discovery or your contact information has changed

[Walker Permission Slip](#) (Grade 4-8 only)

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/>

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