



Discovery School #67
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Week 10

Mon., 11/8	Tues., 11/9	Wed., 11/10	Thurs., 11/11	Fri., 11/12
F Day	A Day	B Day	No School	C Day

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

	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	School
Week 1-9	91.25%	90.95%	93.67%	94.87%	94.76%	93.54%	92.15%	93.05%	88.99%	91.52%	92.50%
Week 10	92.17%	90.46%	93.31%	94.37%	94.30%	93.97%	91.36%	92.25%	89.11%	90.73%	92.15%

**Increase since last week. *Decrease since last week.*

DIGITAL EQUITY SURVEY

NYSED is requiring all school districts in the state to collect and report digital equity data from parents. We have assigned surveys to all BPS students in eDoctrina. Parents may complete the survey in two ways:

1. The parent can log in to the child's eDoctrina account and complete the survey -or-
2. The parent can request an eDoctrina bubble sheet and send the completed survey back to the school with their child.

Parents should either complete the paper survey or the online survey but not both.

Parents must complete the survey for each child in the household (one bubble sheet per child). If there are three children in the family, the parent must complete the survey three times.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the survey!

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

What does the BIG ROCK *Differentiate to Deliver Data-Driven, Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Instruction* look like in school?

Teachers plan lessons after they gather data from assessing students. Teachers also input data into an Excel spreadsheet we titled, "Multiple Measures". The data base depicts students RtI/AIM levels, subgroup affiliation, and yearend goals. As a result of continually completing the DDI cycle, teachers are able to plan deliberate lessons and individualize instruction.

DATA DISCUSSIONS (Grades 3-8)

Each student will participate in data discussions next week and review their progress from weeks 1-10. Students will also set goals for the next 5-weeks. The purpose is to engage students in the goal setting process and develop accountability for their own progress.

CELEBRATIONS!

1. **PBIS – Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (Gator PRIDE Tickets)**

The following classes have met their PBIS goals and celebrated their success! 😊

- Mrs. Thompson, Grade 8, Room 306

2. **MT. MERCY ACADEMY**

Congratulations to Maura Dougherty, Elena Elliott, and Brynn Leonard for being nominated to participate in MMA's Leadership Academy.

3. **TIMON**

Congratulations to John Mulvaney, William Simson, Brandon Toomey, Loguen Thoren, and Gavyn Cotter for being nominated to participate in Timon's Leadership Academy.

4. **STUDENTS of the MONTH**

Students that exhibited the CC! Trait of Citizenship (September) and/or Respect (October) are highlighted in the attachment. Congratulations to all!!! Remember, character counts when no one is watching!

SCHOOL STORE

The Discovery School Store is open for business and is a huge success! If you have any questions, please contact Miss Ziegler at x1313 or email her at kaziegler@buffaloschools.org.

COVID

Please remind your child/children to wear their mask over their nose and mouth and wash their hands frequently. Discovery is still experiencing an uptick in positive COVID cases/close contact exposures.

COVID TESTING

COVID testing for consenting staff/students will continue. Randomly selected individuals will receive letters prior to being tested. If you consented, please be on alert for the notification. Testing will occur on **Wednesday** of this week.

LOCKDOWN DRILLS

We need to complete 2 Lockdown Drills prior to winter recess. Letters will be sent in advance of each drill and teachers will prepare students on protocols.

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

November is Native American Heritage Month.

November's Trait is Responsibility

Word of the Week: 11/8-12 Accountability * 11/15-19 Perseverance * 11/22-26 Dependability

November 07 – Daylight Savings (**Did you turn your clocks back one hour?**)

November 11 – Veterans' Day – School will be closed

November 12 – 10-Week Grades Close

November 15-19 – Input Window for 10-Week Grades

– 10-Week Data Discussions (Grades 3-8)

November 18 – SBMT (3:10 PM via Zoom)

– Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences (5:30-7:30 PM)

November 24 – Color blast green day (green hair, green clothes, green hats, green everything!)

November 25-26 – Thanksgiving Break

November 30 – 10-Week Grades are mailed home



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 <u>SIGN OFF TO CONSENT</u> 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!

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