



Discovery School #67
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Week 16

Mon., 12/20	Tues., 12/21	Wed., 12/22	Thurs., 12/23
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
Week 1-15	92.58%	90.64%	92.85%	92.80%	93.04%	92.83%	88.04%	90.77%	88.08%	89.21%	91.04%

CELEBRATIONS

- Mr. Zeis was awarded tenure (see last 3 pages)!
- Character Counts! Ezekiel helping Riley (Grade 3) tie her sneaker! →
- The 1st Edition of the Gator Gazette was released!
Please see attached.
- Mr. Hufnagel and Mrs. Josie's class earned their 4th PBIS Incentive as a result of collecting 100 Gator Tickets. The students opted for a Donut Party!



COVID TESTING

If you want your child/children tested at school, you must register and resubmit consent. Here is the link:

[Quadrant Program Consent Form](#)

COVID testing will take place on Monday, December 20th. Randomly selected students were provided letters.

GIFTED & TALENTED TESTING for GRADE 4

Dr. Williams, the Associate Supt. of Student Support Services asked that we share the **attached flyer**.

WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS

Theme: Be Your Best You!

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

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



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:

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

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.

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



December’s Trait is **Fairness**

Word of the Week:

12/20 –12/24 - Justice

December 22 – Wellness Wednesday – **Green day! Theme: Be Your Best You!**
– School-wide BINGO *PBIS celebration!

December 23 – Last day before recess

Students will be released from school 3-hours early (11:30 AM dismissal) these 4 days.

BOE newly approved Early Release Days (ERDs) – These dates are Discovery 67 specific! **These 2 half-days were NOT included on the original 2021-22 BPS Calendar.**

Wednesday, January 19

Monday, February 28

BPS Scheduled ERDs – These dates are districtwide!

Tuesday, April 5

Wednesday, May 4





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

Word of the Week: 1/3-1/7 Caring * 1/10-1/14 Kind * 1/17-1/21 Compassion * 1/24-1/28 Charity

- Monday, January 3 – School resumes
- January 17 – MLK, Jr. Day – School will be closed
- January 20 – SBMT (3:10 PM via Zoom)
- January 27 – Virtual Parent teacher Conferences (5-7 PM)
- January 28 – 20-week grades close

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.
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.



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

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



Staff and students dressed up for Mr. Zeis' success on Thursday.
Thank you for supporting Mr. Zeis and for making his milestone even more special!
#DiscoveryStrong!



Check out their shoes! 😊





They know Mr. Zeis loves bow ties!





We **LOVE** our Discovery family!

