



Discovery School #67
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Week 14

Mon., 12/6	Tues., 12/7	Wed., 12/8	Thurs., 12/9	Fri., 12/10
E Day	F Day	A Day	B Day	C Day

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

	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	School
Week 1-12	92.36%	90.83%	92.87%	93.46%	94.09%	93.43%	88.51%	90.90%	88.86%	89.64%	91.47%
Week 13	92.28%	90.91%	92.91%	93.22%	93.80%	93.24%	88.41%	90.70%	88.56%	89.49%	91.32%

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

Please note: Our attendance rate is declining weekly. If your child is healthy, please send him/her to school!

COVID TESTING

According to Dr. Cash, we may reboot as early as Wednesday of this week. BPS will partner with Buffalo Homecare Inc.

HAVE YOU SUBMITTED YOUR DIGITAL EQUITY SURVEY?

If not, here is the link: <https://www.buffaloschools.org/Page/98546>

LOCKDOWN DRILLS

We need to complete 1 more Lockdown Drill prior to winter recess. The letter is attached. Teachers will prepare students on protocols. The 2nd drill is scheduled for **December 15th**.

SANTA (see attached flyer)

Santa will be at Dog Ears Bookstore and Café on Friday, 12/10 from 6-8 PM (688 Abbott Road)

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 *Wear orange on Fridays!

Word of the Week:

*12/6 –12/10 - Acceptance * 12/13 –12/17 - Listening (open-minded, impartial) * 12/20 –12/24 - Justice

December 7 – Picture Make-up Day

– 80th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor

December 8 – Wellness Wednesday – **Green day!**

December 13 – ADA D'Abate will present (cyber bullying/Internet safety) to students in Gr. 6-8 (9:00 AM)

December 15 – Lockdown Drill #2

– Wellness Wednesday – **Green day!**

December 16 – SBMT Meeting (3:10 PM via Zoom)

December 17 – 15-week grades close

December 22 – Wellness Wednesday – **Green day!**

December 23 – Last day before recess





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!

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!

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