



Discovery School #67
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Superintendent

Mrs. Karen Murray
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Week 24

Mon., 2/28	Tues., 3/1	Wed., 3/2	Thurs., 3/3	Fri., 3/4
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
Weeks 1-23	92.2%	89.28%	91.11%	92.24%	92.05%	91.54%	87.3%	90.05%	86.10%	88.34%	89.95%

CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to the students that made the Honor/Merit Roll! Please see pages 6-8.

COVID – RANDOM TESTING via PCR TESTS

Random testing will begin again on March 3rd at 9:30 AM. Parents/guardians of randomly selected students were notified via email on Sunday, Feb. 27th. Testing will take place in Discovery's CARES Room (106).

- We currently have **40 students registered**. If interested in registering your child/children, here is the link: <https://app.clarifi-covid-19.com/>

LEXIA

Please continue to ensure your child schedules time each day. Lexia is an electronic tool designed to close deficits in ELA/Reading because the work your child gets assigned is driven from data. The goal is for students to dedicate time each day and complete assigned units to close achievement gaps.

Grades K-5: Core 5

Leveling up means a student gained **5 new skills**.

Grades 6-8: Power Up

Research states that **20 minutes per week** in the Comprehension Strand is associated with a 10% increase in **reading for information** and a 6% increase in **writing**.

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.

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 - 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: Eat 5 servings of fruits and/or vegetables each day!

Students can earn stickers if they “get caught” eating fruit or veggies during lunch.

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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

Word of the Week: 2/28–3/04 – Society



February 28 – Early Release Day * Students will be released 3 hours early *Buses will roll out at 11:30 AM
Staggered dismissal schedule

PK-2: 11:15 AM

3-6: 11:20 AM

7-8: 11:25 AM

March

Women’s History

Music in Our School Month



CC! Trait is Respect – Wear **yellow** of Fridays

Word of the Week: 3/7 –3/11 Considerate * 3/14 –3/18 Helpful * 3/21 –3/25 Empathy * 3/28 –4/1 Patient

March 3 – Freedom Thinkers’ door decorating winners (PK-2 * 3-6 * 7-8) will be announced!

March 4 *Activities from Feb. 18th were rescheduled for Friday, 3/4

– Freedom Thinkers’ door decorating winners (PK-2 * 3-6 * 7-8) will celebrate!

– Color Blast Day in recognition of Black History Month

PK-1 - **Green** * 2-3 - **Red** * 4-6 - **Yellow** * 7-8 - **Black**

– Shhhhh! We will also celebrate Mr. Zeis’ birthday (actual day is March 5th).

March 8 – Freedom Thinkers Committee Meeting (7:30 AM via Zoom)

March 10 – SBMT (3:00 PM via Zoom)

March 15 – Urban Forum (Disproportionality Team – all day meeting)

March 30-31 – NYS ELA Assessment for students in Grades 3-8

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

Honor Roll Quarter 2
Students are listed alphabetically.

First Name	Last Name
ALEX	ADAMCZYK
NADYA	AHMED
HALA	ALBASTATI
KAYLA	ANDO
AUBREY	ANDREWS
SHEHRBANO	ANWAR
FIONA	BARRETT
QUINN	BARRETT
CAYLEE	BESAW
ARIK	BISHAS
NOAH	BLY
RHYS	CARLONI
TEAGAN	CARNEY
JACK	CARROLL
JEREMIAH	CHAMBERLAIN
CHRISTIAN	CHAO
CAPRI	CLARK
GAVYN	COTTER
BRYCE	DALRYMPLE
LANAIAH	DANIEL
LATIA	DANIEL
SAMANTHA	DECAROLIS
PAISLEY	DEJESUS
EMMA	DELLAPENTA
MAURA	DOUGHERTY
ISABELLA	DUSTIN
JEFFREY	DZIEDZIC
AHMED	ELHAG
ELENA	ELLCOTT
MAXIMUS	EMBLIDGE
GABRIELLE	FARRELL
MILEY	FELONG
KATIELYNN	FLETCHER CASSICK
ADELYNN	FULTON
KELLAN	GALLAGHER
ELENA	GARCIA
ELISE	GASIEWICZ
BRODIE	GESEL
PIPER	GESEL
CHACE	GRIFFIN

First Name	Last Name
RUBY	GRIFFIN
MICHAEL	GUERCIO
LILLIAN	HALSTEAD
WILLIAM	HALSTEAD
ARRIETTA	HARTMAN
BROOKLYN	HASAN
ABIGAIL	HASSETT
REMI	HATRICK
ADDISON	HAYES
LILLIANA	HEINZE
PARKER	HILMEY
ADDISYN	HOBSON
GRACELYNN	HOCHSTINE
ZOEY	HODUR
CAMRYN	HOWARD
PAYTEN	HOWARD
AVA	HOWSON
TULA	HUSSEIN
NINA	IFILL
ANNA	JASKULA
MARGARET	JINDRA
IVAN	JOSEPH
LIVIA	JOYCE
J'VION	KALCZYNSKI
BENJAMIN	KELLER
HARPER	KENNEDY
ZOEY	KINGSBURY
ELI	KINNEY
HENRY	KINNEY
CARLY	KISZKA
JACKSON	KUKULKA
TREVOR	KUKULKA
MARK	KULIK
MARGARET	LAFFERTY
HUNG	LE
JUSTYSSE	LEHSTEN
BRYNN	LEONARD
COREY	LEWIS
EVAN	LLOYD
CHASE	LONGMAN

Honor Roll Quarter 2 - Continued
Students are listed alphabetically.

First Name	Last Name
DIOMEIDYS	LOPEZ
KIAN	LUCAS
URIJAH	MACINTYRE
NATALIE	MAEDER
JACK	MANN
FINN	MATUSZEWSKI
OWEN	MCMAHON
PAUL	MIETH
SELENA	MILLER
AMARATH	MIRANDA MORALES
AISHA	MOAZZAM
QUINN	MOGAVERO
CARTER	MORAWSKI
LAYLA	MORAWSKI
ADRIANA	MORGAN
LIAM	MORGAN
ROBERT	MORGAN
ARIANNA	MORRIS
BRAYDEN	MOSSOP
AXEL	MUREGO
NAVEAH	NAUDEN
CHLOE	NEBRICH
RILYA	NICASTRO
RILYNN	NICASTRO
ANNELISE	O'CONNELL
SEAN	PAFK
FRANK	PALUMBO
KYE	PERALTA
SERAFINA	POBLOCKI
ROBERT	POSEY
OLIVIA	PRELL

First Name	Last Name
MARY CATHERINE	PUGSLEY
HAYDEN	RAAB
JAELYNN	RAMOS
LANDRY	RODGERS
KAIDEN	ROTH
AVIELLE	RUSSO
CASSIDY	SARAMA
AYMAN	SARKER
PAYTON	SASIADEK
CAM	SCHMITT
RANIYA	SHARP
ALEX	SIEDLECKI
DA'MARRI	SIMMONS
WILLIAM	SIMSON
KADENCE	SITARSKI
CIARA	SLIWINSKI
NICHOLAS	SMITH
JACE	SPENCER
JAYANI	SULLIVAN
MCKENNA	SULLIVAN
DANIEL	SZCZYGIEL
LILIANA	THOMAS
BRANDON	TOOMEY
AZALIA	VAUGHN
LIAM	WASIELEWSKI
AYLA	WATHEN
AUSTIN	WELLS
RYLEN	WELLS
DARIEN	WHITE
DENNIN	WHITE

Merit Roll Quarter 2
Students are listed alphabetically.

First Name	Last Name
CALEB	ADAMS
TRISTAN	ARDANUY
DEMARIO	BADGER
NIA	BADGER
ELIJAH	BAGLIERE
TRAVIS	BISHOP
ASHTON	BRODKA
JORDAN	BUGMAN
ELI	CORDERO
SAYANTANI	DATTA
SHALINI	DATTA
OMRI	DAVIS
DEAN	DEMARCO
MAXIMUS	DEMARCO
ANALEASE	DIAZ
ELIOT	DICKMAN
ETHAN	DRUMSTA
IZABELLA	DZIEDZIC
ELIJAH	FADNESS
EZEKIEL	FADNESS
MADISON	FELDMAN
ADELINE	GANGLOFF
OWEN	GRIFFIN
SHOHANA	HAQUE
KAYDEN	HAYES
ANNA	HOANG
VINCENT	HOCHSTINE
GAVIN	HUFNAGEL
RORY	INMAN
ABIGAIL	INNES
LOGAN	INNES
BRETT	JAKUMINIAK
CHRISLYNN	JETT
DASANI	JETT
COOPER	JONES
ELAINA	KELEHER

First Name	Last Name
JACK	KELLY
MASON	KENDALL
JAMESON	LICKFELD
ALEXANDRA	MALICKI
MADELYN	MATTHEWS
IRELAND	MCCABE
ANGELO	MILLER
MOHAMMED	MIYAN
XAVIER	MOLINA
ANAYA	MONTES
TROY	MORGAN
ERIN	MUMFORD BENN
RYKER	NICASTRO
RYSTIN	NICASTRO
L'SAIAH	OVERTON
KHARIONNA	PEOPLES
ELIVIA	PORSCH
NICHOLAS	PRELL
JHADE	PRUITT
MADELYN	QUINONES
KAYDEN	RANDAZZO
ANNALYNN	RICHARDS
JACE	RIGGS
RAUL	RODRIGUEZ
ALINA	SANTOS
SANTINO	SERAFINI
JER'NEE	SHARPE
IVAN	SLOMBA
CIMONE	TAYLOR
EGYPT	TROTMAN
NAYDIA	VELEZ
ZANDER	WALKER
SKYLAR	WILLIS
LILLIAN	WOODS
EVANGELINE	WORONIECKI