



**Discovery School #67**  
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**Principal**

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**Week 22**

<b>Mon., 2/7</b>	<b>Tues., 2/8</b>	<b>Wed., 2/9</b>	<b>Thurs., 2/10</b>	<b>Fri., 2/11</b>
<b>A Day</b>	<b>B Day</b>	<b>C Day</b>	<b>D Day</b>	<b>E Day</b>

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

	<b>PK</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>School</b>
<b>Weeks 1-21</b>	92.07%	88.88%	91%	91.99%	92.31%	91.59%	87.29%	90.25%	86.06%	88.53%	89.92%

**CELEBRATION**

We survived 2-more days of remote learning. We had a few bumps, but persevered! Thank you for your continued feedback, support, and understanding! Discovery is a special place!

**COVID – RANDOM TESTING via PCR TESTS**

Administrators received the following notification from Dr. Williams:

*Please be advised that effective Monday 2/7/22, the Erie County Department of Health has discontinued its relationship with Buffalo Home Care who was conducting our Surveillance COVID-19 testing... thus there will not be any testing schedules sent out this week for next week. I will continue to update you as information continues to become available to me.*

**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.

**ED CLIMATE SURVEY – Please see the link/QR below to access the parent survey!**

The Office of Shared Accountability is administering the ED School Climate Survey (EDSCLS) to evaluate student and family needs as well as school improvement activities and program effectiveness. The EDSCLS will be administered district-wide to school administrators, teachers, and non-instructional staff in buildings serving students in grades 5-12, as well as all students, grades 5-12 **unless a parent/guardian submits an opt-out form**. Parent and staff surveys are anonymous and student surveys will be confidential. The survey takes 20-30 minutes and must be completed in one sitting.

The district has established a mandatory **90% participation rate** for each school.

**Please, complete the survey between January 31-February 18.**

**Link:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZH362P5>

**QR Code** ➔



## **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** Be Your Best You! Share Kindness!

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



**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

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**FEBRUARY – Black History Month**

**Links:**

[National Geographic Kids](#)

[Blackhistorymonth.gov](http://Blackhistorymonth.gov)

**Trait is Citizenship \*Wear purple on Fridays**

**Word of the Week:** 2/7–2/11 - Peaceful \* 2/14–2/18 - Teamwork \* 2/28–3/04 – Society

**February 10** – SBMT (3:00 PM via Zoom)

**February 11** – 20-Week Report Cards mailed

**February 16** – Virtual PTO Meeting (6PM via Zoom) [Click here for the link!](#)

**Meeting ID:** 362 097 8935 **Passcode:** Discovery

**February 18** – 100<sup>th</sup> day of school!!!

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

– Color Blast Day in recognition of Black History Month

PK-1 - **Green**                      4-6 - **Yellow**

2-3 - **Red**                              7-8 - **Black**

**February 19-27** – February break!

**February 28** – Early Release Day (11:20 AM dismissal) \*Buses roll out at 11:30 AM

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**Freedom Thinkers’ Door Decorating Contest – Winners will be announced on Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.**

Each HR selected a person to research, acquire knowledge of, discuss, and design their classroom door around. Students and teachers chose one individual from the list below.

- Arthur O. Eve • Alicia Garza • Stokely Carmichael • Mama Charlene Caver Brown • King Peterson • George K. Arthur • Al-Nisa Banks • Reverend J. Edward Nash, Sr. • Emmett Till • W.E.B. Du Bois • Eva Doyle • Huey P. Newton • Shirley Chisholm • Frank Merriweather • Fredrick Douglass • Mary B. Talbert • Thurgood Marshall • Claudette Colvin • Misty Copeland • Michelle Obama • Simone Biles • Dr. Lydia T Wright • Jesse Owens • Dr. Monroe Fordham • Bill Gaiter • Mary McLeod Bethune • Otis Boykins • Mae C Jemison • Ruby Bridges • Amanda Gorman • Jackie Robinson • George Washington Carver • Eva Doyle • Bessie Coleman • Neil deGrasse Tyson • Katherine Johnson • Langston Hughes • Savion Glover • Coretta Scott King • Harriet Tubman • Marcus Garvey • Minnie Gillette • Fannie Loue Hamer

**Please ask your child/children about the project!**

## 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:**

<b>Masks</b>	Masks are <b>required for ALL staff and students inside of our school</b> , regardless of vaccination status. No exceptions. If students do not have a mask, the school will provide the student with a mask.
<b>DAILY Student Health Screener</b>	<b>Please be sure to <u>submit an electronic daily health screener on behalf of your child before they come to school.</u></b> Please do your part to keep our school community safe. Robo texts and emails via School Messenger will be sent daily.
<b>Social Distancing</b>	Schools will adhere to the CDC distancing requirement of a minimum of 3 ft. amongst persons.
<b>When Your Child is Ill</b>	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 SCHOLOGY 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