



Discovery School #67
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Mrs. Karen Murray
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Week 26

Mon., 3/14	Tues., 3/15	Wed., 3/16	Thurs., 3/17	Fri., 3/18
C Day	D Day	E Day	F Day	A Day

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

	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	School
Weeks 1-25	92.32%	89.56%	91.09%	92.43%	92.23%	91.48%	87.23%	90.29%	86.19%	88.48%	90.06%

CELEBRATIONS

- *Grade 6, Room 318 reached their Gator Pride classroom goal and earned their incentive!
- *Mr. Zeis was nominated as Assistant Principal of the 2021-2022 School Year.
- *Mrs. Murray was nominated as Principal of the 2021-2022 School Year.

VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER

There is space available in every grade for every day of the week. The program is free for all families, and students can be transported directly to the center from school. Students are not bused home, but they have programming until 5:45 PM weekdays to help parents/guardians with later schedules. Occasionally, recreational programs run until 7 PM. If interested, please see the **attached brochure**.

AT-HOME COVID TESTS

All students and staff received 2 boxes of at-home COVID tests on Friday, March 11. If any student was absent, they will receive their kits on Monday, March 14.

COVID – RANDOM TESTING via PCR TESTS

Random testing is rescheduled for March 14th at 9:30 AM. Parents/guardians of randomly selected students were notified via email on Monday, March 7th. 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/>

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. Due to limited space, any student

that refuses to take the assessments, will remain in the classroom while their peers test. Please note: Students cannot read, use a device, or complete work until all students finish the test.

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: 2-hours or less of screen time per day

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



March

Women’s History

Music in Our School Month (Theme: Sound of My Heart)

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

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

March 13 – Daylight Savings **Spring ahead one hour*

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

March 16 – Admissions Director from Timon HS will address boys in grades 7/8 during lunch

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:

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.
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