



Discovery School #67
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Week 30

Mon., 4/18	Tues., 4/19	Wed., 4/20	Thurs., 4/21	Fri., 4/22
No school	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 1-29	92.11%	89.31%	91.08%	92.53%	92.19%	91.08%	87.12%	90.31%	86.26%	88.75%	90.01%

LOST GLASSES

Is anyone's child missing their glasses?
 Nobody has claimed them despite numerous announcements.



SCHOOL UNIFORM / PTO MEETING

All families (except Grade 8 single-student homes) will have the opportunity to vote for/against the proposed uniform policy for next year. A link will be sent the evening of the PTO Meeting (April 20).

COVID – RANDOM TESTING via PCR TESTS

Random testing is rescheduled for **Tuesday, April 19 at 9:00 AM**. Parents/guardians of randomly selected students were notified via email on **Thursday, April 6th**. Testing will take place in Discovery's CARES Room (Room 106).

- We currently have **41 students registered**. If interested in registering your child/children, here is the link: <https://app.clarifi-covid-19.com/>

After-School Program (Grades 5-8)

All students enrolled in the program received a confirmation memo and the handbook on April 7th. They are also attached in case your child did not bring them home. There are a few seats available at every grade level if you want you son/daughter to stay after school for extra help. The application is also attached for your convenience.

GRADE 7 HEALTH CLASSES

Representatives from the Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers will instruct the sexual health program entitled "Be Proud, Be Responsible" from April 20-June 2. Notices were sent home April 7 with the students and an email also went out today.

NYS ASSESSMENTS (Grades 3-8)

NYS Math testing will take place April 27-28.

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. Williams 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.

WELLNESS GOAL

One hour of physical activity a day.

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)

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

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)

CC! Trait is Responsibility – Wear **green** on Wednesdays and Fridays

Word of the Week: 4/19 – 4/22 - Organized * 4/25 – 4/29 - Determined

April 9-18 – Spring Break – *School will be closed*

April 19 – School resumes on Tuesday

April 20 – After-School Program begins for students in Grades 5-8
– PTO Meeting (Zoom at 6:30 PM)

<https://zoom.us/j/3620978935?pwd=M2ZtM0d2R0NGdFILRjJNNTVrZlREZz09>

Meeting ID: 362 097 8935

Passcode: Discovery

April 21 – SBMT (Zoom at 3:10 PM) *Link was emailed on April 17th

April 25 – Lockdown Drill #3 (*see attached letter*)

April 26 – SLT (7:20 AM via TEAMS) *Rescheduled from 4.7.22

April 27 – Administrative Professionals’ Day (*We will honor our Miss Stutz [clerk] & Ms. Farley [typist]*)
– NYS Math Assessment for students in Grades 3-8 - *Except Grade 8 Algebra students*

April 28 – NYS Math Assessment for students in Grades 3-8 - *Except Grade 8 Algebra students*



May 2022

CC! Trait is Trustworthiness

Word of the Week: 5/2 –5/6 -Trustworthiness * 5/9 –5/13 - Honesty * 5/16–5/20 - Loyalty
5/23–5/28 - Integrity

May 2-6 – Teacher Appreciation Week

May 4 – Early Release Day (*Students get released 3 hours early*)

ERD Dismissal Schedule:

- PK-2 at 11:15 AM
- 3-6 at 11:20 AM
- 7-8 at 11:25 AM
- Buses will roll at 11:30 AM

May 5 – Superintendent’s Conference Day (*No school for students*)

May 6 – School Lunch Hero Day (*We will honor Lorrie, Emma, Pat, & Vicky*)

May 8 – Mothers’ Day

May 12 – Nurses’ Day (*We will honor Nurse Janet*)

May 19 – SBMT

May 20 – 35-week grades close

May 22-June 3 – Science Performance Test window (*Grades 4 & 8*)

May 30 – Memorial Day (*School is closed*)



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 submit an electronic daily health screener 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