



Discovery School #67
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Week 33

Mon., 5/9	Tues., 5/10	Wed., 5/11	Thurs., 5/12	Fri., 5/13
E Day	E 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 1-32	92.16%	89.09%	90.97%	92.49%	92.18%	90.97%	87.25%	90.38%	86.5%	88.79%	90.02%

CELEBRATIONS

Well, I did not win or lose the Principal of the Year Award. Mr. Heard reached out to me to apologize. I was told that I was the only person nominated for the Middle School Principal category. Anyway, I am sorry that families watched last night's ceremony and were disappointed. I was too. However, I don't need an award to memorialize the work I do. I do this job because I love Discovery! Your support and the kids keep me going. #DiscoveryStrong!

SOCIAL WORKER

Ms. Peterson's last day as Discovery's Social Worker is tomorrow (May 9). Mrs. Pachucinski is Discovery's new Social Worker.

KIDS I DID IT RUN

Mrs. Hart, Mr. Reilly, and Mr. Santoro will be wrapping up the Fitness for Kids yearly challenge with a fun run!! During PE classes in June students will participate in a 1.8-mile run/walk sponsored by Independent Health. Hopefully, the 95210+you program has encouraged everyone to practice healthy habits.

- 9 hours of sleep each night
- 5 fruits and veggies a day
- 2 hours or less of screen time a day
- 1 hour of physical activity a day
- 0 sugary drinks

And always remember to be kind and be the best you so you can achieve nothing but what you deserve!!

FREE EYE EXAMS, FRAMES, & LENS via Buffalo Bill Von Miller

The United Way of Buffalo and Erie County want to take this opportunity to share with you an upcoming opportunity for Buffalo Public Schools students. Von Miller, the newest Linebacker for the Buffalo Bills, is looking to celebrate his arrival to Buffalo with his foundation, Von's Vision. The mission of Von's Vision is to provide low-income students with eye care and fashionable corrective eyewear they need to be their best in the classroom and in life.

On **Saturday May 21st**, Von's Vision will be providing free eye exams and if needed free lenses and frames

to children between the ages of 5-18. Students that need lenses and frames, will have the opportunity to visit the Highmark Stadium in July to receive them. If you could, please share this opportunity and flier with the Building Principals to be distributed to all students.

This [link](#) is where parents will be directed for more information and to register their children and schedule an appointment time. Please feel free to distribute this link on your district website, parent portal, or social media.

We are thrilled to be able to partner with Von’s Vision to help the students in your District start their school year off on a positive foot! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ariel at ariel.davis@uwbec.org.

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM (Grades 5-8)

There are a few seats available at every grade level if you want you son/daughter to stay after school for extra help. If interested, please have your child pick up an application in the main office.

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.

IT DEPARTMENT (1515 South Park Avenue) - Student Device & Technical Support

Monday, Thursday, & Friday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm **OPEN LATE** on Wednesdays: 10:00 am – 6:00 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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CC! Trait is **Trustworthy** - Wear **green** on Wednesdays and **blue** on Fridays

May is Mental Health Awareness Month (see the attached Mindfulness Calendar)

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

May 8 – Mothers' Day

May 10 – Grade 8 NYS Science Field Test (*morning*)

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

May 16-20 – Grade 8 Latin Checkpoint A (Regents Exam) Part I Speaking

May 18 – Final Lockdown Drill

May 19 – SBMT

May 20 – 35-week grades close

May 22-June 3 – Science Performance Test window (*Grades 4 & 8*)
– Grade 8 (May 24) and Grade 4 (May 26)

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



Tentative June Dates (just waiting for approval)

June 17 – PK (11:00 AM) and K (9:30 AM) Moving up Day (MUD)

June 22 – Grade 8 MUD (9:00 AM)

Important June Dates

June 2 – Fine Arts Show (5:30 PM)

June 6 – NYS Science (written) for Grades 4 & 8

June 9 – After-School Program ends

June 10 – Family Fun Day (families eat lunch on lawn – picnic-style) **More information to come!*

June 14 – Flag Day / Local Hero Day

June 16 – NYS Regents Algebra I for Adv Math Students in Grade 8 – (AM) **Opting out is NOT an option!*

June 21 – NYS Regents Latin (Grade 8) – (AM) **Opting out is NOT an option!*

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	<p>Please be sure to submit an electronic daily health screener on behalf of your child before they come to school.</p> <p>Please do your part to keep our school community safe. Robo texts and emails via School Messenger will be sent daily.</p>
When Your Child is Ill	<p>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.</p>

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