



Discovery School #67
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September 6, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to what is sure to be a successful school year! This memo is to announce September events and provide you with important information to help your child succeed in school. ***We welcome and encourage you to attend virtual meetings and be involved in your child's school experiences.***

ATTENDANCE

Our attendance goal for 2020-21 is to accomplish a 96% attendance rate. Regular school attendance in all grades is essential for success. Please notify the school when your child is unable to attend and send in a written excuse to school upon your child's return.

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.

CAFETERIA MENU for SEPTEMBER – see attached

CHARACTER COUNTS (CC!) – AM announcements and Restorative Circles will align with the 6 pillars: **Trustworthiness**, **Respect**, **Responsibility**, **Fairness**, **Citizenship**, and **Caring**

On Fridays, staff and students are asked to wear the color of the monthly CC! pillar.

September will highlight **Citizenship**. Staff and students should **wear purple on Fridays** (*please see the calendar below*). Throughout September our school will focus on what it means to be a good citizen and engage students in activities to celebrate culture and develop a positive classroom/school culture.

COVID

As you may be aware, the Superintendent of Buffalo Public Schools (BPS), Dr. Kriner Cash, has created a re-open plan that shares a multi-layered approach to safety and protection for all of our staff and students. This plan implements recommendations made by the BPS Medical Team, the American Association of Pediatrics (AAP), the Center for Disease Controls (CDC), and the Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH).

COVID continued

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 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. If you do not receive a text or email, please call school (816-4922) and update your contact information.
COVID-19 Testing	To ensure safety for all, parents will need to SIGN OFF TO CONSENT to ensure that their child(ren) can participate in randomized less invasive PCR testing at no charge.
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.
Immunization Requirement	Please be informed that it is a New York State Requirement that all students participating in in-school learning have up to date immunizations on file in their schools by June 21, 2021. Students without proper immunizations will be excluded from school starting September 22, 2021. For additional information please visit www.buffaloschools.org/Page/1958 .

COVID TESTING

Nasal swabs will be the only method for testing. Mouth swabs are not permitted.

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

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!

DOCUMENTS

If you did not submit Discovery's required school forms, students will be provided hard copies in the Wednesday folder. Please complete and return the forms as soon as possible.

[Consent for Outdoor Activity](#) – Required for outdoor PE classes and Recess

[Student Information Sheet](#) – Submit if you are new to Discovery or your contact information has changed

[Walker Permission Slip](#) (Grade 4-8 only)

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/>



SAVE the DATE

Discovery's 2021-2022 Calendar can also be accessed on our website via the Calendars Tab.

CC! Trait – Citizenship

Word of the Week – 9/8 - 9/10 Citizenship

September 08 – First Day of School for Students – **Did you submit the required documents?**

– **Green Day: Wear green to show your school pride!**

September 10 – 9/11 Remembrance during AM Announcements

– Welcome Back! Student Assemblies (9:00 AM - Grades 1-4 and 10:00 AM - Grades 5-8)

– **Wear purple for Citizenship**

Word of the Week – 9/13 - 9/17 Community

September 15 – Hispanic Heritage Month begins

– PTO Meeting from 6:00-7:00 PM (virtual meeting)

– *Every Wednesday will be "green" days. Wear green to show school spirit.*

September 16 – School-Based Management Team (SBMT) Meeting - 3:15 PM via Zoom (link will be sent)

– Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meeting - 6:00 PM via Zoom (link will be sent)

– Grade Level Meetings begin

September 17 – Wear **purple** for citizenship

Word of the Week – 9/20 - 9/24 Teamwork

September 22 – *Every Wednesday will be "green" days. Wear green to show school spirit.*

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September 22 – National Native American Day

Word of the Week – 9/27 - 10/1 Civilian

September 29 – *Every Wednesday will be "green" days. Wear green to show school spirit.*

**Fire drills will occur throughout September.*

SCHOOL HOURS

A student may not be released early on a continual basis. Patterns of early departure or consistent appointments made at the same class time will result in a conference with administration. We encourage appointments be made after 3:00 PM when the instructional day has ended.

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

STUDENT SUPPORT TEAM is committed to helping students and families identify and address the non-academic barriers that they face. This is done by providing confidential resources and support in conjunction with our service providers. These services include:

- Individual, family and group counseling
- Crisis intervention
- Conflict Resolution/Life Skills
- Information, linkages and referral services to community resources
- Socialization opportunities and programming
- Home visits/support
- Attendance case management

Feel free to contact the school with any questions, concerns, or suggestions. Your feedback is important to us. We look forward to a productive school year.

Respectfully,

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