



Discovery News

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Happy New Year Discovery Families,

Can you believe that a new year has arrived? It seems like yesterday we were gearing up for Back to School. However, I guess the old adage is correct, “Time flies by when you’re having fun.” As you may well know, Discovery is currently undergoing a major renovation project. Two of our core-team pods have been completed and are in use, in conjunction with our Tech Ed and Art departments. Our 6th grade students have begun transitioning to the first floor and 7th and 8th grade students to the second floor. Students and staff have done an amazing job adjusting to the work that is being completed throughout the building.

One of the initiatives we implemented at Discovery this year was “Positive messages home.” To connect with our parents, I have asked teachers to send positive messages home about students to their parents. This has made our staff more intentional in looking for the positives in each student. I have heard from many parents and guardians that they have appreciated receiving positive feedback about their child. The “Positive messages home” initiative aligns with our core mission of “Making a Difference” for each student.

Discovery Middle School is a great school, located in a great community, with great families! I am so blessed to be a part of a school that values each and every student who enters our doors.

Happy New Year!

Principal Williams

Additional Note:

Thank you all for being patient with our morning drop-off. Please do not drop your child off on 40th Ave. and have them run across the street. When entering the South Parking Lot, please do not wait until you make it to the front of the line to let your child out of your vehicle. To help traffic to continue to run smoothly, please let them out prior to making it to the front of the line. Thank you all in advance.

FARGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS BEGINNING JANUARY 7 FOR TEACHER, ADMINISTRATOR, AND SUPPORT STAFF OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Parents and community members are invited to nominate a Fargo Public Schools teacher, administrator, or support staff member they feel is serving our students with excellence for consideration of a yearly recognition award. Online instructions, forms, and application process can be found at: www.fargo.k12.nd.us/staffrecognitionprogram.

The District will award the following this Spring:

Teacher of the Year Award – *awarded to a certified staff member*

Administrator of the Year Award – *awarded to a principal, assistant principal, director or coordinator*

Support Staff of the Year Award – *awarded to an educational support staff member, custodial/maintenance department staff member, or nutrition services staff member*

Nominations for each award may be sent **January 7 - 18**.

REGISTRATION – 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR

Current 6th grade students:

The Counselors will be visiting with 6th grade students in February. They will give the students the registration information and card for grade 7.

Current 7th grade students:

The Counselors will be visiting with 7th grade students in February. They will give the students the registration information and card for grade 8.

Current 8th grade students:

Counselors from Davies High School visited 8th grade math classes January 3rd. They discussed graduation requirements and course selection for 9th grade. The students received registration materials at this time. **(Registration will be completed during your Transition to High School meeting with a Discovery counselor beginning in January.)**

8TH GRADE REGISTRATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL MEETING

REMINDER! We are going to have an individual meeting with all 8th grade students and their parents to discuss transitioning to high school and to register for 9th grade classes. Please register for a meeting time that will work for you and your student. To register, please complete the following steps:

- Go to the Fargo Public Schools website (www.fargo.k12.nd.us)
- Click on Our Schools
- Click on Discovery (Middle School 6-8)
- Click on Counseling Center
- Under your student's Counselors Name, click on "Transition to HS Meeting Signup"
 - Check the sign-up box next to a time that works for you and click "submit and sign-up"
- A reminder email will be sent to you a couple of days before your scheduled meeting

LOCATION: These meetings will be held at **Discovery Middle School** in the Student Services Office.

Current 5th grade students:

On Wednesday, January 30th, the Discovery Music Department will be presenting a short program for 5th graders who will be attending our school next year, as the first step in registering for classes. In February, the Counselors will be visiting our incoming students at their elementary schools: Kennedy, Centennial, Bennett, Eagles and Ed Clapp. They will give the students the registration information and card for grade 6.

6th & 7th Grade Parents: During the month of February, your student(s) will receive registration forms for the 2019-20 school year. These need to be signed and returned to the school. **Please watch for these forms!** They will also be available to download and print on the Discovery Counseling Center website www.fargo.k12.nd.us/discovery.

Registration forms are to be returned to their classroom teachers.

Fargo Public Schools Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration for Fall 2019 opens online at www.fargo.k12.nd.us/registration on February 1, 2019. Child must be age 5 by July 31, 2019 to attend school in the fall.

Registration is a two-step process: online registration and document submission.

STEP ONE: Registration can be completed at home online anytime or at computer kiosks in the office at each Fargo Public elementary school building on the following dates with extended office hours:

- **February 25, 27, and March 1** – 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **February 26, 28, and March 4** – 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

STEP TWO: *Once online registration has been completed, families MUST bring the following documents to the school their child will attend to finalize their child's registration:*

- Child's certified birth certificate
- Child's current immunization record
- Document (i.e. current city utility bill or bank statement) that includes parent/guardian name and address to verify the correct neighborhood school

If you do not know which school your child will attend, call 701.446.1043 or check online at www.fargo.k12.nd.us/boundarymaps.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE DATES

Parent-Teacher conferences at Discovery will be scheduled from 4:15-8:15 p.m. on February 5 and 7, and **4:15-6:15** on February 12. To accommodate parents' schedules, conferences will be on a drop-in basis instead of pre-scheduled. Feel free to stop by to visit with your student(s)' teachers on one of the three scheduled nights. When you arrive, teachers will be stationed in their classrooms for conferences. If you'd like, you can follow your student(s)' daily schedule to visit with teachers.

DISCOVERY YEARBOOK – Deadline February 1st

Have you ordered your Discovery Yearbook? 2018-19 Yearbooks are only available to order through **Friday, February 1st**. The cost is \$22, and you can purchase one online in SchoolPay, or by bringing cash, a check made out to "FPS", or a credit card to the Discovery School Main Office. Yearbooks will be distributed on the last day of classes in the Spring, and there **will not** be any extras available for purchase at that time, so order now! If you're not sure if you ordered yet, please check with the Main Office.

LEGO CLUB REGIONAL COMPETITION

Our Eagle Lego and Eagle Lego 2 Robotics teams will compete on Saturday, January 19th in the Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse at NDSU. The tournament will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The winning teams from this regional competition qualify to go to state in Grand Forks in February. The theme this year is "Into Orbit." Our project is to identify a physical or social problem faced by humans during long duration space exploration within our Sun's solar system and propose a solution. In addition, our teams will be judged on teamwork and team spirit, robot design and programming and performance.

We are very proud of our team members for all their hard work before and after school as we prepare for our regional competition.

DISCOVERY BAND DEPARTMENT UPCOMING DATES:

January 14, 2019 @ 7:00 PM Eagle Bands (all band students grades 6-12)
January 22, 2019 @ 4:45 PM 8th grade band invited to play w/Davies Pep Band
January 30, 2019 during school day Music Experience Day
(8th grade Band/Orchestra/Choir performing for incoming 5th graders)

Davies Gym
Davies HS
Discovery

THE STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION FOR ALL OF THE ABOVE EVENTS

CHECK THE DISCOVERY BAND WEBSITE: <https://sites.google.com/a/fargoschools.org/discoverybands/home>



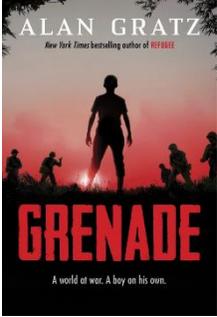
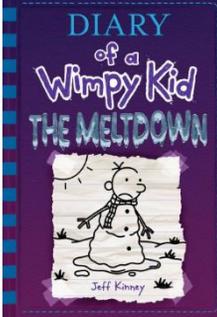
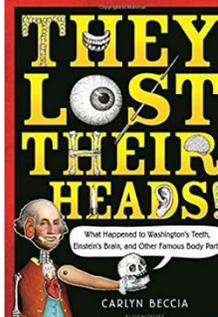
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Book Fair Results are In!

Thank you so much for your support at the Scholastic Book Fair. A total of 574 books were sold which calculates to 103,320 reading minutes! All profits go to books for the library, an author visit (details in next newsletter), and makerspace equipment. Check out the most popular books at the fair:

 <p>Resistance Book Trailer</p>	 <p>Where She Fell Book Trailer</p>	 <p>No Scholastic Trailer Available</p>
 <p>Grenade Book Trailer</p>	 <p>Diary of a Wimpy Kid The Meltdown Book Trailer</p>	 <p>They Lost Their Heads Book Trailer</p>

Earbuds

Please ensure your student has earbuds or headphones in school, as many audio options are available and used for learning.

DISCOVERY MIDDLE SCHOOL AMC 8 RESULTS 2018

On November 13th, 2018, ninety-six of Discovery's math students competed in the American Mathematics Competition. This extremely difficult 25-question test was given to students in 6th grade Advanced Math, 7th grade Algebra I, and Geometry. A total of 5 different classes participated.

Top School Winners:

Name	Grade
Chance Brudvig	7
Rick Peng	7
Patrick Shen	7
Sylvia Indridason	8
Kieran Huck	7
Elise Williams	8
Anna Alm	8
Rena Weintraub	8
Grant Ivesdal	8
Ariel Bahn	6
Sarah Cai	6
Cady Wang	6
Sarah Muir	7
Ellie Miller	6
Madi Korbelt	6
Anusha Yadav	6
Ethan Stroh	6
Cooper Gray	7
Vaishnavi Suryawanshi	7
Lauren Standifer	8
Ian Kautz	8
Ethan Blesie	8
Connor Huffman	8
Nora Daub	8
Rajveer Smith	8

Class Winners:

Mrs. Allebach – 6th Grade Advanced Math

3rd Place - Bronze Certificate

Brenna Britton

Daniel Duff

2nd Place - Silver Certificate

Madi Korbelt

Ellie Miller

Anusha Yadav

1st Place - Gold Certificate

Sarah Cai

Cady Wang

Mr. Aasby – 6th Grade Advanced Math

3rd Place - Bronze Certificate

Elsa Axtman

Amalia Dorfmeister

Emmy Gates

Taya Laidlaw

Bruce Lin

2nd Place - Silver Certificate

Elise Hoey

Kameron Klicker

1st Place - Gold Certificate

Ethan Stroh

Mr. Otteson – 7th Grade Algebra 1

3rd Place - Bronze Certificate

Sarah Muir

2nd Place - Silver Certificate

Rick Peng

Patrick Shen

1st Place - Gold Certificate

Chance Brudvig

Mr. Lingen - 8th Grade Geometry

3rd Place - Bronze Certificate

Ian Kautz

Lauren Standifer

2nd Place - Silver Certificate

Grant Ivesdal

1st Place - Gold Certificate

Sylvia Indridason

Mr. Aasby – 8th Grade Geometry

3rd Place - Bronze Certificate

Ethan Blesie

Nora Daub

Connor Huffman

Jack Smith

Rajveer Smith

2nd Place - Silver Certificate

Rena Weintraub

1st Place - Gold Certificate

Anna Alm

Kieran Huck

Elise Williams

JUMP ROPE AND HOOPS FOR HEART This year's Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart event will take place on Thursday and Friday, February 7th and 8th during Physical Education class. Your son and/or daughter will be bringing home a collection envelope for you to take a look at toward the end of January. This envelope needs to be **returned with a parent signature, whether they participate or not.** This effort by our students to help the American Heart Association supports the Character and Citizenship goals of the district's strategic plan.

IMMUNIZATION UPDATE



Are you a parent of a **sixth grade student**? If so, please read the following:

North Dakota **students entering middle school** are required to receive additional vaccines. The **two** changes are as follows:

- Receive **one dose of Meningococcal**, available only **after the age of 11 years**.
- Receive a **Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine booster**.

You may obtain the immunizations at your health care provider or at Fargo Cass Public Health. Please have your student receive these **prior to the start of the school year**. Also, remember to bring in the documentation of the immunization dates to the school.

12-2018

EMERGENCY CARE PLAN UPDATE

This is Nurse Ellen's second request. If you indicated on your student's health card that there is a health concern that could result in an emergency and said yes to an Emergency Care Plan, please get this information from your doctor to the school as soon as possible, along with any prescribed medication. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email Nurse Ellen @ 701-446-3319/djhnurse@fargo.k12.nd.us

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 10	End of Quarter 2
January 11	No Classes – Staff PD
January 21	No Classes – Vacation Day
January 24 & 25	Musical – “School House Rock, Live” – 7:00 p.m.
January 26	Musical – “School House Rock, Live” – 2:00 p.m.
February 5	Parent Teacher Conferences 4:15-8:15
February 7	Parent Teacher Conferences 4:15-8:15
February 12	Parent Teacher Conferences 4:15-6:15
February 19	No Classes – Staff PD

The Fargo Public Schools is an Equal Opportunity Employer who fully and actively supports equal access for all people regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, veteran status, disability, genetic information, marital status, public assistance status, sexual orientation, gender expression/identity, or participation in lawful activity off the employer's premises during non-working hours which is not in direct conflict with the essential business-related interests of the employer in its education/activities and employment practices. The Fargo Public Schools seek to provide access to all its programs for those interested persons who might have differing levels of ability. This includes those with impaired vision and hearing loss. Furthermore, Fargo Schools' district policy 5060 assures that the district and its employees will not retaliate against any persons who file a complaint, orally or in writing, to the employer or the government, or against any individuals who assist or participate in the investigation of any complaint or otherwise oppose discrimination regarding these or any other OCR enforced statutes. Additionally, the School District will discipline any individual who retaliates or takes adverse action against any person who reports alleged discrimination and/or harassment or who testifies, assists, or participates in any investigation relating to a discrimination and/or harassment complaint. If you have concerns or need information regarding the existence and location of services, activities, and facilities that are accessible, please contact the 504 Coordinator, David Burkman, Principal, Woodrow Wilson High School at (701)446-1000. For more information regarding Title IX compliance call, Brad Franklin, Principal, Jefferson Elementary School or Patricia Cummings, Director of Special Education, District Office at (701) 446-1000. You may also write to the coordinators at Fargo Public Schools, 415 N 4th Street, Fargo, ND 58102. Fargo Public Schools also acknowledges your right to file a discrimination complaint at any time with: U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, Chicago Office, Citigroup Center, 500 W. Madison Street, Suite 1475, Chicago, IL 60661-4544.

Welcome to Davies High School

Course Fair & Activities Expo

Monday, January 7, 2019

6:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

6:15 - 6:45
Presentation
Theater

6:45 - 7:30
Course Fair
Throughout Building

7:15 - 7:45
Activities Expo
Gym

7:45 - 8:00
Door Prizes & Refreshments
Commons

All 8th grade students who will be freshmen at Davies High School in the Fall of 2019 and their parents are encouraged to attend this special event geared toward helping students successfully transition to high school.

The **Course Fair** is designed to give 8th grade students and their parents an opportunity to talk to teachers, counselors and administrators to learn about the courses offered at Davies High School before they select classes for freshman year.

At the **Activities Expo** students can visit with coaches and advisors to learn about Athletics, Clubs and Organizations at Davies.

