



# Discovery News

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## Discovery Middle School Administrators



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To Our Discovery School Community,

March is finally here! The snow is continuing to pile up and it seems like the bitter temperatures are here to stay for a while. First Semester has ended, the third quarter is almost over, and winter activities have just come to an end. The spring season is upon us, and this is always a good reminder for parents to make sure you have a current physical for your student on file. If you have any questions regarding your physical or activity fee, please contact the main office.

The Discovery counselors are hard at work scheduling 8th grade conferences with families and getting students registered for 9th grade. If you haven't scheduled an 8th grade conference or would like more information, please contact the Student Services office.

The month of March is full of activities. and I would like to highlight some of them:

- March 6th
  - 8th Grade Transition Day (Davies)
- March 5th
  - 5/6th grade Orchestra Concert
- March 7th
  - 6/7/8th grade Band Sectional Ensemble
- March 19th
  - 6th Grade Band Festival
- March 26th
  - 6/7/8th grade Choir Ensemble Concert

Here at Discovery Middle School, we rank very high at 67% for the percentage of student athletes who participate in activities. FPS annually strives to achieve the goal of student participation in at least one co-curricular activity. During the 2017-18 school year, more than 68% of FPS students in grades 6-12 participated in an extra-curricular activity. If your student is not yet involved, I would encourage you to check out all the opportunities on our activities website. Starting dates for spring activities are found in the Activities Information Pamphlet.

<https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/cms/lib/ND01911460/Centricity/Domain/151/DiscoveryActivitiesInformationPamphlet.pdf>

Thank you for all you do to help "Build a Foundation for Success!" in our students.

Sincerely,

Dan Shultis  
Assistant Principal/Activities Coordinator

## Student Pickup Reminders

- Students will not be allowed to leave the building without a parent/guardian escort.
- A Photo I.D. is needed when picking up students during school hours.
- Only individuals identified in PowerSchool will be allowed to pick up your student.
  - **NOTE:** If for some reason you or the individuals identified in PowerSchool are unable to pick up your student and you would like for another individual to do so, a **signed handwritten note must be provided to the Attendance Office.** The individual will still need to provide identification. The Attendance Office will follow up with the Primary Contact in PowerSchool to ensure the individual has permission to pick up the student. The student will not be allowed to leave until contact has been made with a parent/guardian.

## MATHCOUNTS COMPETITION

Congratulations to the Discovery Mathcounts Team for taking second place at the chapter competition on Wednesday, February 13th at the Fargodome. Team members who will advance to the state competition are Rick Peng, Chance Brudvig, Patrick Shen and Cady Wang. Individual winners were Chance Brudvig in second place and Patrick Shen in third place. Also participating were Sarah Cai, Benjamin Fercho, Steya Tian, Bruce Lin, Melody Jiang and Brienna Leno. The state competition will be held in Bismarck on April 1st. The team is coached by Duane Smith.



## JUMP ROPE/HOOPS FOR HEART

A huge thank you goes out to our Discovery families and students who contributed to a very successful Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart event. Discovery raised \$5,040 to help fight heart disease and strokes. Heart disease and strokes are America's number one and number three killers and touch all of our lives. More than 9.2 million children and adolescents are considered overweight and have a 70% chance of becoming overweight adults. Obesity increases a person's risk for heart disease, diabetes, stroke and other chronic illnesses.

## DISCOVERY ART CLUB

We have had a great year in art club so far. The students have made clay vessels, pumpkin art, holiday cards, and much more. Art Club members also helped make paper masks and face painting at the Courts Plus Halloween Carnival and clay snowmen at the Courts Plus Winter Party. Many more fun projects coming up! Mrs. Lykken is looking forward to a fun spring semester of Art Club!

## BAND INFORMATION

Band Sectional Ensemble concert reminder:

March 7<sup>th</sup>      5:30 pm – 6<sup>th</sup> grade performance  
                  6:45 pm – 7<sup>th</sup> grade performance  
                  7:45 pm – 8<sup>th</sup> grade performance

\*\*Additional information will be emailed and given to the students in their sectional class.

Spring PRIMO! will begin on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 3:30 – 4:00. The students will receive more information in their band/sectional classes.

## ADVENTURES FOR TEENS

[www.fargo.k12.nd.us/AdVenturesPublications](http://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/AdVenturesPublications)

## SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Science Olympiad regional competition is on March 28 on the Valley City State campus. Our competitors have worked hard and will compete against other students their age in 2-3 events of their choice. If they win as a team at regionals they will go on to compete at the state level on April 13 at NDSU. A letter will be sent to parents of participants on the details for the regional event on March 28.

## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

### **Student Announcements on Discovery Website**

 Student announcements will be available on the Discovery Middle School website starting at approximately 8:45 AM each day school is in session.

**Instagram** - Check out our new Instagram account for the Discovery Library. Search Discovery Library Fargo on  Instagram. You can follow us to see the exciting programming happening in the library.

**PLD reminders** - It is that time of year already where we are starting to talk about the end of the year. April 23-25 students will have a PLD check up to be sure PLD's are still in good working order. The PLD will be checked to be sure it does not have damage and that the student has the PLD, power cord, and carrying bag. These will all have to be returned at the end of the school year in good condition.



 **Fargo Public Library** offers many teen activities. You can find them at the [Fargo Public Library site](#). Upcoming events include a Nerf Challenge, Glow Games, and a Northern Narratives Writing Project.

## **Digital Safety**



Looking for digital safety activity for your child to do at home with the PLD? [This site](#) provides games that teach and reinforce safe online surfing. Perhaps you will want to work on it as a family!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>March 4</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys &amp; Girls Basketball begins</b>
<b>March 11-15</b>	<b>Spring Break – No Classes</b>
<b>March 18</b>	<b>Baseball &amp; Softball begin (Davies High School)</b>
<b>March 22</b>	<b>End of Quarter 3</b>
<b>March 25</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Track Begins</b>
<b>April 1</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade Track Begins</b>
<b>April 1</b>	<b>Girls Tennis Begins (Davies High School)</b>
<b>April 4</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> into 6<sup>th</sup> Grade “Future Eagles Expo”</b>
<b>April 8</b>	<b>Boys Golf Begins (Davies High School)</b>
<b>April 19</b>	<b>Holiday – No School</b>
<b>April 22</b>	<b><u>School in Session</u> – Make-up day for January 30 – “C” Day</b>

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## **Liz's Closet:**

### ***A Discreet, Free Resource for Discovery Students in Need***

**What:** Discovery strives as a team to meet the needs of all students as part of our mission to build a foundation for success. Liz's Closet, a free resource at Discovery, aligns with this mission by providing students in need with items such as clothing, hygiene products, non-perishable food items, etc.

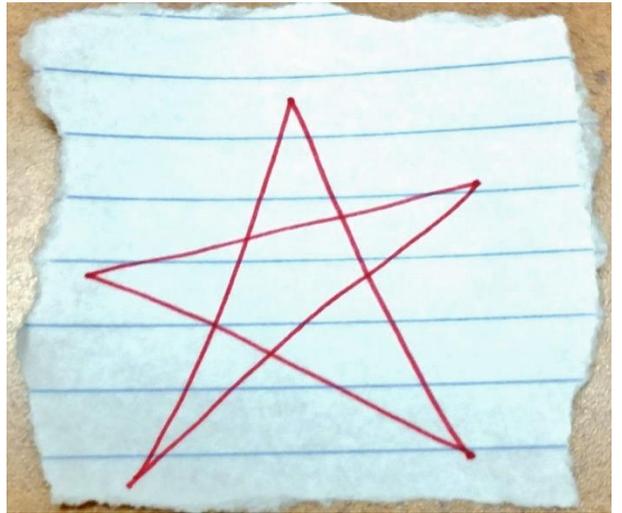
At Discovery, we hope to provide developmentally appropriate support to students in need by offering a means to obtain basic food and hygiene products in a discreet manner. Students utilizing Liz's Closet will have access to reusable bags, so items are less visible as students are leaving the building.

**Where:** Liz's Closet is located in Student Services. The cupboards being used as Liz's Closet are accessible through a trusted adult in the building (teachers, counselors, administrators, paraprofessionals, designated staff).

**Who:** Any student in need of these items is welcome to take what he/she needs with the help of a trusted adult. This includes but is not limited to students who receive free/reduced lunch, students whose families have experienced a loss of their home or serious illness, students who are new to the U.S., etc.

**How:** There are 3 ways students can access Liz's Closet.

- 1)** Students are welcome to directly ask a trusted adult at Discovery to use Liz's Closet who will then bring them to Student Services or notify Student Services that the student will be coming
- 2)** To maintain privacy as best as possible, a student can simply draw a star on a sheet of paper and bring it to a trusted adult. The adult will then instruct the student as to when he/she can go to Student Services to collect what is needed. If this adult does not have a time that works for him/her, the adult will notify the appropriate counselor or staff member to be expecting this student sometime within the school day. Once in Student Services, the student will be escorted to the closet and can take what is needed.
- 3)** A parent can call to notify Student Services, and the student will be asked to stop by during a time that works for him/her to collect items.



If you know of anyone who may want to utilize this resource, please do not hesitate to contact a teacher, counselor, staff member, or administrator. For questions, please contact the Student Services office at 701-446-3311.



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Dear Parents/Guardians of Incoming Discovery Students,

We are eager to welcome our incoming sixth grade students and their parents/guardians to Discovery Middle School in anticipation of the 2019-2020 school year. On Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, we cordially invite you to attend the 5<sup>th</sup> into 6<sup>th</sup> Grade “Future Eagles Expo”.

- 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm Centennial and Kennedy students and parents/guardians**  
Please park in the South and East (Staff lot) lots off 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm Bennett, Ed Clapp, and Eagles students and parents/guardians**  
Please park in the West lot off 18<sup>th</sup> Street.  
*\*Thank you for not parking in the bus loop!*

The evening will begin with parents/guardians and students gathering in the auditorium to meet their future principal and team. Booths will be set up with information on a variety of extracurricular activities available to 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

The purpose of this meeting is to acquaint you with the school and hopefully ease the transition from elementary to Discovery. We have planned this session to last about 30 minutes.

If you are unable to make your assigned time, feel free to attend the other session – you do not need to notify the school. If you are unable to attend on April 4<sup>th</sup>, please see the Discovery Middle School Website. A video will be posted by Friday April 5<sup>th</sup>, detailing the information from the Thursday session.

We look forward to meeting you and your child, and hope that you will be able to attend Discovery’s “Future Eagles Expo”.

Sincerely,

Discovery Assistant Principal/Activities Coordinator