

Discovery Elementary School

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Lisa Bailey, Head Secretary

2008-2009 School Year
August, 2008

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Mark Your Calendar...

August 20th: Class Lists posted at 5:30!

August 21st: Kindergarten Meet and Greet.
AM & Tuition: 8:30 to 10:00
PM: 10:30 to 12:00

August 21st: Grades 1-5 Meet and Greet from 2:30 to 4:30

August 25th: 1st day of school '08-'09 School Year!

August 29th: No school. Teacher In-service.

September 1st: No school. Labor Day Holiday.

September 16th: Individual Picture Day.

September 16th: Parent Open House.

Welcome Back to School!

Dear Parents and Students,

We are looking forward to another great year at Discovery! It will be the start of an exciting new adventure.

School begins Monday, August 25th. School hours are:

9:00am-3:40pm 1st-5th Grades and Tuition Kindergarten

9:00am-11:50am AM Kindergarten

12:45pm-3:40pm PM Kindergarten

Student drop-off begins at 8:45 am. **There is no supervision prior to this time. Please remember that students are to enter their classrooms from their outside door every morning-this includes the first day of school! Classroom numbers will be posted on August 20th along with class lists!**

Check out Discovery's website:

www.meridianschools.org/schools/elementary_schools

Choose Link: Discovery Elementary

Currently you can view the school calendar and supply list. Keep your eye on it - we will be adding many categories for your convenience during the school year.

Student Handbooks are accessible to you on the internet at www.meridianschools.org. We will send Parent Verification Forms home for you to sign after going through the manual with your child. If you do not have internet access, please let us know.

Bus Schedules will be posted two weeks prior to the beginning of school on the front doors of our building.

Please join us in welcoming our new staff members! Dena Rojas will be teaching AM and PM Kindergarten, Cindy McKay will be teaching 1st Grade; Kristina Drlik will be teaching our 3rd/4th Grade combo, and Cyndi Spradley will be teaching 4th grade.

If you have a change of address, phone numbers, work numbers, contact persons, etc., please let us know in writing so that we may have the most accurate records possible.

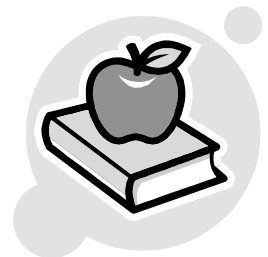
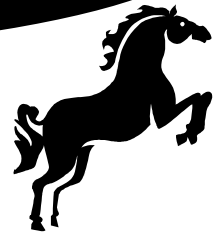
Thank you!!! Changes can be emailed to our Lisa Bailey, Head Secretary at:

bailey.lisa@meridianschools.org.

We are excited about beginning a new year. See you all on August 25th at 9am!!!

Smiling at you,

Mike Dudley, Principal ☺



Discovery Elementary School PTA

2008/2009 PTA Organization

President: Sara Bell

Vice-President: Tracey Civiello

Treasurer: Kristen Loper

Secretary: Colette Stroud

Newsletter: Lisa Bailey

Art Mom: Vicki Miller

Copy Parent: Shannon Lysy

Teacher Appreciation: Christina Giso

Box Tops: Patsy Gardner

Thank you so much to last year's 2007-2008 Discovery Elementary PTO Volunteers! Colette Stroud was our President and did such a great job! The PTO helped purchase a new copy machine for our workroom. It was much needed and very appreciated!

Please join us on Tuesday, September 9th at 4:00 p.m. for our 1st 2008/2009 PTA meeting of the year! Meeting will be held monthly. Every other month our meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. in order to accommodate busy schedules!

We are looking forward to a new year, and new ideas. We are now a PTA rather than a PTO.



Box Tops for Education—TRIPLE Points!!!

Right now, hundreds of your favorite products are carrying 2 Bonus Box Tops—plus the regular Box Top—for triple the earnings, or 30¢, on every package! Be sure to take advantage of this limited-time earnings opportunity to stock up on the things you need—and earn extra cash for your school at the same time! Look for double Bonus Box Tops on these and many more brands, now through September at stores near you:

- Betty Crocker® Cookie Mix
- Betty Crocker® Fruit-Flavored Snacks
- Betty Crocker® Potatoes
- Betty Crocker® Warm Delights® Desserts
- Cheerios® Cereal
- Chex Mix® Snack Mix
- Cinnamon Toast Crunch® Cereals
- Country Hearth® Bread
- Green Giant® Giant Bites™ Vegetables

- Hamburger Helper® Mix
- Nature Valley® Granola Bars
- Old El Paso® Taco Kits
- Pillsbury® Ready-to-Bake!™ Cookies
- Pillsbury® Toaster Strudel™ Pastries
- Pop Secret® Microwave Popcorn
- Suddenly Salad® Mixes
- Yoplait® Go-GURT® Yogurt
- Yoplait® Trix® Yogurt

A complete list of products can be found at www.boxtops4education.com. Box Tops should be turned in to your students classroom. Last year we earned \$1,340 for our school! Thank you **Patsy Gardner** for once again heading up the Box Tops for Education program!



Watch for more details to come about our Discovery Family Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Auction to be held in October! Letters will be going home with your child to let you know what theme their class has been assigned for this year.



10 Ways for Parents to Help Teachers

- Create a smooth takeoff each day. Give your child a hug before she ventures out the door and you head to work. Look her in the eye, and tell her how proud you are of her. Your child's self-confidence and security will help her do well both in school and in life.
- Prepare for a happy landing at the end of the day when you reconvene. Create a predictable ritual such as 10-20 minutes listening to your child talk about his day—before you check phone messages, read the mail, or begin dinner. That way you are fully present to listen, and your child has a touchstone he can count on between school and home.
- Fill your child's lunchbox with healthy snacks and lunches. Have dinner at a reasonable hour and a healthy breakfast. A well-balanced diet maximizes your child's learning potential.
- Include calm, peaceful times in your children's afternoons and evenings. Maintain a schedule that allows them to go to school rested, and if they are sick, have a system in place so they are able to stay home.
- Remember it's your children's homework, not yours. Create a specific homework space that's clutter-free and quiet. Encourage editing and double-checking work, but allow your kids to make mistakes, as it's the only way teachers can gauge if they understand the material. It's also how children learn responsibility for the quality of their work.
- Fill your child's life with a love for learning by showing him your own curiosity, respecting his questions, and encouraging his efforts.
- Fill your home with books to read, books simply to look at, and books that provide answers to life's many questions. The public or school library is an excellent resource.
- Be a partner with your child's teacher. When you need to speak to him or her in reference to a specific issue with your child, do it privately, not in front of your child. Make a point never to criticize your child's teacher in front of your child.
- Set up a system where routine items are easily located—such as backpacks, shoes, signed notices. Create a central calendar for upcoming events to avoid the unexpected.
- Tuck a "love note" in your child's lunch bag to let her know how special she is. Knowing they are loved makes it easier for children to be kind to others.

Supply List Change

There are a few items on the 2008-2009 School Supply List that need to be corrected.

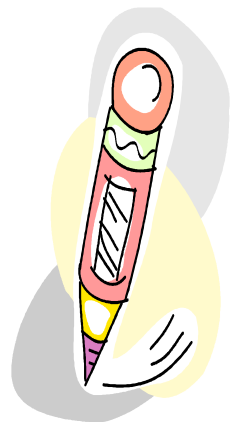
4th Grade - It says 4 **packs** of dry-erase markers, it should actually be 4 **individual** markers.

5th Grade - The **3"** 3-ring binder was incorrect. It should actually only be a 1 1/2" 3-ring binder!

Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused!

If you have lost your supply list, they are available at the front door of the school. They are also available online. Go to: www.meridianschools.org Click on "Schools", then "Elementary Schools", then "Discovery Elementary. From there you will be able to find our supply list.

Please feel free to bring your supplies on August 21st to the Meet and Greet! This will help ensure a smooth transition for students and parents on the 1st day of school!



Staff

The 2008-2009 School Year brings some new faces to our school. Please join us in welcoming back our great staff!

Lisa Bailey is our Head Secretary. Please feel free to email her with questions at:

bailey.lisa@meridianschools.org

You can also call her at 855-4090.



Library

Rozlyn Campbell

Music

Amy Bickford

P.E./Health

Jessica Jensen and Mandy Kirkham

Nurses

Tiffany Ahlefeld and JoAnn Blout

Principal

Mike Dudley ☺

Kindergarten

AM-Kristi Kakalow-Buxton AM/PM-Dena Rojas

Tuition Kindergarten-Corinne Hoppe

1st Grade

Lyla Croft Kim Davison
Cindy McKay Deborah Unger

2nd Grade

Carol Caba Pat Davison Lisa Bray

3rd Grade

Karen Johnson Patti Milesnick
Stephanie Evans/Alycia Thompson (Team Teaching)

3rd/4th Combo Class

Kristina Drlik

4th Grade

Troy Partin Cassy Spenner Cyndi Spradley

5th Grade

Kelli Decker Tom Runyan Kevin Spenner

ERR

Kimberly Thompson

PBI

Eric Schmidt

Resource

Nicole Casabonne

Computer Lab

Vicki Pill

Counselor

Lynn Chapman

Safe Schools

Ronda Critser

Cafeteria

Diana Hamrick

Custodian

Connie McDermott