

Discovery Elementary School

Mike Dudley, *Principal*
Lisa Bailey, *Head Secretary*

2008-2009 School Year
September 25, 2008

2100 E. Leighfield Drive
Meridian, Idaho 83646
(208) 855-4090 Phone
(208) 855-4096 Fax
(208) 855-4097 Absence Line



Mark Your Calendar...

September 29th
First Grade Field Trip

September 29th – October 13th
Sally Foster PTA Fundraiser

September 30th
Second Grade Field Trip

October 2nd & 3rd
No School
State In-service Days

October 7th – 10th
Book Fair

October 20th
Fourth Grade Field Trip

October 21st
Picture Retakes
9:00-10:00 AM

October 23rd
Family Dinner and Basket
Auction

October 31st :
No School K-8
Building In-service
End of 1st Quarter

November 5th
No School Kindergarten
Parent/Teacher
Conferences

November 6th & 7th
No School K-12 Parent/Teacher
Conferences

November 26th
Early Release Grades K-12

November 27th & 28th
Thanksgiving Vacation

Principal Tribute

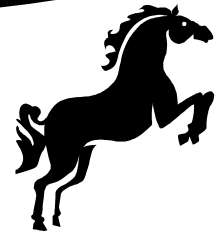
The year is off to a wonderful start.

Open house was well attended and it was a night of celebration towards a great school year! We will strive to provide our students with the best possible education.

With our focus on exemplary student learning, we pride ourselves on providing a safe, nurturing and welcoming learning environment while encouraging each of our students to continually grow and excel.

I am proud to be the principal of such an outstanding elementary school. I am looking forward to another successful year!

Smiling at you,
Mr. Dudley ☺



Welcome to the Family!



Our second grade teaching staff has grown!

We would like to give a very warm welcome to the newest member of the Discovery Elementary family...
Ms. Kate Hutchinson.

We are very excited to have her join the Discovery team and know that the reduction in class sizes will have a positive effect on the learning environment.

We know that changing teachers and classrooms is not an easy thing to do and we want to thank everyone for making this a smooth transition.

PTA News – There is a lot going on, don't miss a thing!

Community Contributions: Discovery PTA, on behalf of the students, parents and teachers of Discovery Elementary, donated \$100 to Brooke Linville and her husband, Dan Thurber. On a Monday evening in August, this teacher and her husband lost their home in the fire in Oregon Trail Heights in SE Boise. Brooke is a teacher at Riverside Elementary School and works with autistic children. In August, Brooke was 33 weeks pregnant with their first child and they lost an entire decorated nursery and her pregnancy memories! The PTA's of the Treasure Valley rounded up both monetary donations as well as items to re-build their sons nursery and we were so happy that we could be a part of it!

Family Dinner and Basket Auction: Please mark your calendars, October 23rd, for a fun family evening (a parent must attend with their student). See attached flyer for details and pre-ordering tickets.

Classroom baskets: Parents, if possible, when you donate an item to the classroom baskets, please send your receipt (or copy) along with the item. This will prevent the PTA from having to pay tax on your item once it is sold. Also, for contributions, our PTA tax id #: 41-2100 934.



Scrip program: Next order due October 6 (order form attached)

Sally Foster Fundraiser: Order books coming home September 29 and will be returned by October 13. Orders will come in the first week in November. There are lots of great wrapping and gift bags, edible treats and organizational tools – all right before the holidays! THIS IS A NO PRESSURE FUNDRAISER. CHILDREN ARE NOT EXPECTED TO GO DOOR TO DOOR! You may certainly approach your family and friends, but there will not be any prizes/awards/recognition and it is not a competition.

Yearbook pre-sale: We will again be compiling a yearbook for a cost of \$15 for the first book and \$10 for each additional household book. Watch for the pre-order forms to come home!

Popcorn Friday: October 10th during final recess \$0.25

Box Tops: TEACHERS GET TO KEEP THE MONEY THEIR CLASS BRINGS IN! Attached is a flyer that parents (only 2 per household) can complete and adhere 30 box tops for double the box top contribution. These need to be returned to the PTA box by October 24th to be submitted and counted toward the classroom totals! Teachers will continue to collect box tops until mid-November for this first promotion.

PTA Art Competition: Parents – see the information below on Reflections, a PTA art competition. For more information visit www.idahopta.net. You may submit your students artwork to Discovery by November 1, 2008 so that we can judge and advance the winners to the regional level.

Spirit Wear: Fridays are spirit day at Discovery! Wear your Mustang Gear or red/white/blue. An order form is attached if you'd like to order anything for fall/winter – great hoodies and long sleeve shirts!

PTA Meeting highlight from September: The PTA was approached by the teacher/assembly group to bring an assembly to Discovery Students. With the financial help of the PTA, our students will be provided a presentation by the Idaho Dance Theater in March.

Next PTA meeting: October 7th at 7pm.

Go Mustangs!

Sara Bell, PTA President



Holiday Card Contest

Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tom Luna, called upon elementary students in Idaho to participate in the 2008 Holiday Card Contest. Please see attached flyer for complete details. If students submit their entries to the school by Friday, October 17th, the PTA will pay for postage and manage the mailing process.

Reflections

Arts Recognition For Students

2008-2009 Reflections Theme: "Wow!"

Reflections is an arts recognition and achievement program for students from preschool through grade 12. Participants provide program entries in one or more categories: Dance Choreography, Film, Literature, Musical Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts. Age divisions are

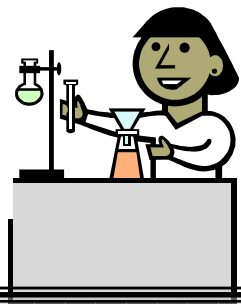
Preschool through grade 2 Grades 3-5 Grades 6-8 Grades 9-12

The Reflections program provides a venue for students to create and be recognized for original works of art based on a pre-selected theme, while increasing community awareness of the importance of the arts in education.

The goal of the Reflections program is participation, not winning. Although the program follows a "contest" format, winning should not be the emphasis. All children are gifted and talented; the Reflections program can give children who have never tried creating a work of art a chance to experiment and feel good about their work.

Discovery Center of Idaho

Every school year, the Discovery Center offers a series of Science Saturdays (weekend hands-on science classes) to enrich children's lives. Brochures are available at the front office, or on their website at: www.scidaho.org.



GIRL'S YOUTH BASKETBALL

2008-2009

YMCA <http://www.ymcatvidaho.org/index.cfm?ID=100,17,2>

855-5711 EX. 803 (HELD AT THE HOMECOURT YMCA)

GRADES 1,2,3 & 5 JAN.-DEC. / DEADLINE DEC. 19TH

GRADE 4 OCT.-DEC. / DEADLINE OCT. 6TH

AAU <http://www.adacountyaaau.org/>

855-5711 EX. 803

GRADES 5, 6, & 7 TRYOUTS ON OCT. 25TH/ MAKE-UPS NOV. 11TH

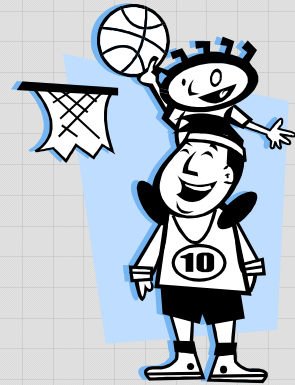
AAU PREP CAMP ON OCT. 18TH AT THE HOMECOURT YMCA.

TIME: 9AM-12PM.

GRADES 5, 6, & 7

COST: \$53.00

****WISHING YOU A TERRIFIC
BASKETBALL SEASON AND PLAY HARD!
SINCERELY,
COACH CHERYL HUTCHINSON
HEAD GIRL'S VARSITY BASKETBALL COACH
ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL**



Discovery

Noon Duty Position Available



1 Hour a day – 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Start immediately!

Contact the office for more details!

Field Trip News!

First grade is going to the Ag Expo at Meridian High School on Monday September 29th, Second Grade will also visit on Tuesday September 30th. Fourth grade explores Celebration Park on Monday, October 20th.

Be safe, and have a great time!

On track for another great year!



Discovery Dashers (Discovery's run/walk club) will be "up and running" Tuesday, September 30th. Students in 1st-5th grade are encouraged to participate every Tuesday and Thursday (weather permitting) during their last recess (2:25-2:40). Four laps around Discovery's track equals 1 mile, and awards are given for every 5 miles a student earns. Mrs. Jensen looks forward to seeing everyone on the track setting personal fitness goals and working to achieve them!