

Discovery Elementary School

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2008-2009 School Year
September, 2008

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Mark Your Calendar...

September 15th – 16th :
IRI Testing Kdg – 3rd grade

September 18th :
Individual Picture Day.

September 18th :
Parent Night 5:00 – 6:30pm.

October 2nd & 3rd :
State Inservice Days—No
School

October 31st :
No School K-8 Building
Inservice / End of 1st Quarter

Principal Tribute

What a great opening for our school year!!!

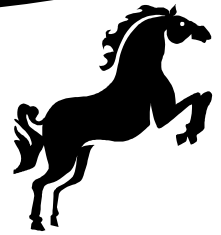
Discovery Elementary will partner with our parents and community to establish and achieve the following goals for our 2008-2009 school year:

- Champion high-quality public education.
- Advocate equity for every learner.
- Develop school leaders and other educational team members.
- Establish standards that demand excellence and build a solid foundation for lifelong learning, workplace skills and citizenship.
- Evaluate program and policy effectiveness.
- Share best practices.
- Assist all students by providing individualized support and services.
- Create a caring workplace that fosters teamwork and personal and professional growth.

We are looking forward to a fantastic and successful year!!

Smiling at you,

Mr. Dudley ☺



SAFETY CORNER



Please remember that Student drop-off begins at 8:45 am and students are to enter their classrooms from their outside door every morning. After school, students need to be picked up by 3:50 pm. There is no supervision prior to and after these times. Thank you for doing your part to help keep our students safe.

Discovery Elementary School PTA

It was so nice to see many new faces and old friends at Meet and Greet on Thursday, Aug 22. For those of you that we did not get a chance to visit with, Welcome Back To Discovery!

There are many exciting things that we have happening this year:

1. **We have changed to a PTA.** This means we have local and national support devoted to the educational success of our kids! We are encouraging all families to join so that your voice can be heard. You are in no way obligated to attend meetings, but your input is welcomed and encouraged.
2. **Family Dinner and Basket Auction.** Mark your calendars for a great family night out! We're planning a spaghetti dinner, followed by the basket auction (we've done this in the spring in years past but thought before the holidays might help you with your shopping!). We also hope to have the judging for the new Reflections Art program that evening.

3. **Entertainment Books:** Are currently available for a limited time for \$20. You may send your check to Discovery PTA in an envelope marked Discovery PTA with your child to give to their teacher, or stop by the office and pick yours up with Mrs. Bailey.

4. **Scrip Program:** You're already spending money at hundreds of stores on the list! This is simply a new way to do it! Buy your "scrip" (gift card) and help Discovery earn money! See the attached flyer for more information.

5. **Spirit Wear:** Will be for sale again at Back To School night September 18. Order forms are on the PTA bulletin board as well! Spirit Wear makes a great Christmas gift! Also, Fridays will be **SPIRIT DAY** at Discovery - be sure to wear your red, white and blue (or Mustang Gear).

What is Scrip?

- Scrip is "substitute money".
- When your family purchases scrip, you will receive negotiable certificates or cards that can be used like cash to purchase products or services from merchants who have issued them.
- Scrip can be used to purchase anything from groceries, fuel, clothing, toys, and cosmetics to entertainment, electronics, home improvement, or household services.
- Offering freedom of choice and versatility, scrip is also a great gift idea for anyone and any occasion.

Bottom line - you get to buy your favorite products and services and Discovery Elementary PTA generates much needed funds for our children.

Parents, there are many volunteer opportunities for you (Dad this is for you too!) We have 2 Board positions available (President Elect and Secretary), copy parents are needed, fundraising....spirit wear... whatever your talent and interest, let us know!

Go Mustangs!

Sara Bell, PTA President

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First PTA meeting is September 7 at 4pm!

From the office:

After 3:15 pm, no changes in students' transportation home can be made. Please call the office before 3:15 if changes need to be communicated with your student.



Open House

Our Back to School Parent Open House will be held on Thursday, September the 18th from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. We ask that you not bring your students that evening, as the time has been set aside for parents to meet with teachers. Thank you so much! We look forward to meeting as many of you as possible!

Please review Parent Handbook and Return Attached Form

The 2008-2009 "Elementary Parent Student Handbook" is available for your review online. Please read the handbook via the internet at www.meridianschools.org click on the "Parents" section of the menu on left, then click on "handbooks". If you do not have internet access, a copy of the handbook is available from the office.

Please sign the attached "Parent Verification Form" and return it to your child's teacher no later than Friday, September 12, 2008. Thank you!

News from the Cafeteria



Please take note of the new prices for student meals for the 2008-2009 school year:

Breakfast \$1.00	Milk Only ¢ .30
Lunch \$1.75	Adult Lunch \$3.00

We are in need of moms and dads to volunteer in our copy room. Copy parents help Discovery Teachers and Staff by making copies for them. Whatever you can do to help us each month, we need you!

Email

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and we'll put you in touch with our Coordinator, Shannon.



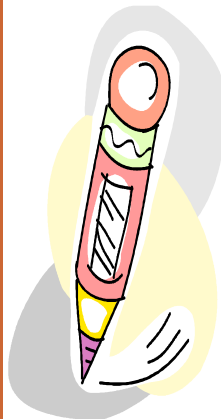
Thank You, Thank You!

I would like to give a big thank you to all the girls who came into the library and helped clean...

Jessica J., Shaelyn S. Brekken J., Kaira S., Hallie A., Abby P., Sarah M., Madison B. Autumn D., thank you also, Mrs. Jones, for volunteering them!!

Sincerely,
Rozlyn A. Campbell
Librarian

School Supplies and Clothing



Please contact the School Counselor if your child is in need of any school supplies or school clothing. Each year students in need can go to Operation School Bell in Boise to receive new school clothing, shoes, a winter jacket and other items. We will be going by bus from Discovery on September 18th so please contact the counselor as soon as possible so that permission forms can be completed.