FEBRUARY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

School Hours: 7:30 - 2:00
Phone: (320)370-6180

From Principal Holm

We are moving into the second half of our academic school year. Students continue to learn and grow daily. I am proud of our students.

Many of our Multi-lingual students will be taking the Wida Access Test this month. This is an annual required test for all Multilingual Learners to determine academic progress in reading, writing, listening, and speaking in English.
Black History Month

February is the month that we celebrate Black History Month. During this time, we commemorate the contributions and achievements made by African Americans in the past and present. Matthew Henson, Bessie Coleman, Katherine Johnson, Maya Angelou, Dr. Charles Drew and Dr. Martin Luther King are a few who gave hope to African-Americans during a racial unjust time in American history.

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY 20TH : NO SCHOOL PRESIDENTS DAY

FEBRUARY 28TH : Family STEAM Night 4:30-6:30:
All families are invited to join us for activities involving science, technology, & engineering. We are excited to see all of you!

2023-24 School Calendar Now Available!

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WE ARE A PEANUT, TREE NUT, LATEX FREE SCHOOL

Please do not send food with any peanut or tree nut ingredients to school. We have students with severe allergies.

Appointment pick-ups
When you are picking up your child for an appointment, please let the teacher or office know ahead of time if possible.

**Going home information**

If your child will not be going home the usual way, please let the office (320-370-6180) know by 1:30 p.m. so we have time to inform the teachers.

**Student Birthdays**

Please do not bring any balloons, flowers, cake, cupcakes, or cookies for student birthdays. Some children are allergic to these items. Teachers celebrate student birthdays in class so all students feel special. District 742 schools are nut-safe, latex-safe, and allergy aware. Please do not send products that contain peanuts or tree nuts, or latex. Please check all labels to ensure a product is not manufactured in a facility with peanuts or tree nuts. Many non-food items can be used in classrooms to celebrate events. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Lost And Found!!!!**

Parents, we have a lot of lost and found clothing, coats, hats, gloves, etc. If your child is missing an article of clothing, please come in to look over the lost and found items. Also, labeling your child's clothing on the tag with initials or last name is very helpful. We will retain lost and found items until the end of December.

**Attendance is very important for your child’s success! Regular attendance is directly related to successful academic achievement.**

Please let the Discovery office know as soon as possible whenever your child is absent or will be late and the reason. Discovery's phone number is (320)370-6180. If you leave a voicemail message, please indicate the reason for your child's absence.

A student is considered truant (3 full-day unexcused absences) when we do not know the reason for their absence. When a student has 3 truant days, a letter is sent home to the parent and the County. At 5 truant days, a letter is again sent to the parents and the County.

When a student has 7 truant days, the school requests a “Truancy/Educational Neglect Petition” to be filed with the County for screening, assessment, and investigation.

**Hello from Kindergarten!**

We have a lot of exciting things planned in kindergarten for February! In reading, we will learn more about what different things grow in nature. We will also be talking about the features of informational texts and working on describing the main idea and key details of our story. During grammar and
phonics, we are continuing to work on parts of speech including, nouns, verbs, adjectives, and pronouns, and continuing to add new sight words every week. Please continue to read with your student every night. Asking questions about characters, setting, and events are great ways to help your child become a better reader!

During math, we recently finished our chapter on composing and decomposing numbers to ten. This month we will be introducing addition! We will also be reviewing skills like counting backward, one more one less, and ordering numbers. Please continue to use the number flashcards that were sent home to practice these skills. If you have questions about these please reach out to your child's teacher.

Lastly, a few reminders from your teachers! Please continue to send the appropriate winter clothing for recess including snow pants, boots, jacket, hat, and mittens. We are continuing to go outside for 20 minutes each day, weather permitting. We also ask that you are checking your child's backpack each night and clean it out.

Thank you for your continued collaboration and support! Please reach out to your child's teacher with any questions you may have.

The Kindergarten Team

1st GRADE

Hello 1st grade families,

February is a very fun month for us! First, we will be celebrating friendship with Valentine's Day. Shortly after, we will have a 100th day of school celebration!

Ask your child what they know about maps! They should be able to share the direction words (North, East, South, and West). They should also know their city, state, and country they live in.

In February we will be working on addition and subtraction still. This time it will be up to 20!

Keep reminding your child to read at home. A great goal to strive for is 20 minutes each night! We would love if you helped them read the "One District One Book" this month!

~The First Grade Team

The Second Grade Scoop

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Please keep encouraging your child to read at home EVERY day for at least 20 minutes. After reading, have your child tell you about the characters, setting, problem, and solution in the story. If the book is informational, have students share facts they learned after reading.

READING: We have been reading and writing poems. In our next unit we will be reading narrative nonfiction stories. Our essential question will be how can people help out their community. We will be talking about Author's purpose.

MATH: We just finished learning how to add two-digit numbers. Now we will be learning how to do double digit subtraction with and without regrouping. Please continue practicing addition and
subtraction facts.

ACCESS Testing: This month our students who are receiving EL services will be taking the ACCESS test. Make sure your students are well rested on these days. We will let you know when they will be taking these tests.

We appreciate all the work you do at home to help your child! We’re ready for a busy month of learning and new experiences!

Second Grade Teachers
Ms. Smith, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Burrer, and Ms. Aden

3rd GRADE
Hello Third Grade Families,
We will be starting the month off with a new unit in language arts about the Solar System that will focus on non-fiction reading. The last half of February will be focused on reading Folktales. Students are learning multiplication and division in math. Students are learning how to solve problems using arrays, number lines, and counting by factors. By the middle of February, the third graders will begin a unit on fractions.

The third-grade teachers would like to invite the students to bring cards for classmates on Tuesday, February 14, 2023. This is optional for all families, but if your child does bring in cards, please make sure there are enough for all the students in the class. All candy and treats will be sent home and not enjoyed at school. Please remember we are a peanut-free school. Treats that are peanut-free will be allowed to be passed out. Please make sure the treats are not processed on machinery with peanut products too.

Please encourage your child to read each night for a minimum of 15 minutes. Students may read to self, read to others, or be read to.
Thank you,
Ms. Ewaysi, Ms. Klatt, and Mrs. Kremer

4th GRADE
Fourth Graders have been working hard on learning about fractions! We’ve also been reading lots of stories about kids who are involved in public service. For the month of February, we will be talking about friendship and Black History Month.
Happy Valentine's Day!
- Fourth Grade Team

5th GRADE
Fifth Grade-

Hello, fifth grade families!
In reading we are on Unit 3 of our Wonders curriculum, and all Unit 1-2 workbooks have been sent home. These can be utilized at home for your child to practice reading, reading aloud to a sibling, or for practicing skills.

We are currently working on summarizing realistic fiction text. In math we are ending our algebra unit and will soon be working on fractions.

Working on math and reading at home is always beneficial; we recommend reading at least 20 minutes per night and practicing basic math facts.

Thanks so much to everyone that participated in our fundraiser.

Thanks,
Ms. Miller, Ms. Gonzalez and Ms. Schroll

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**STEM**

Your students have been hard at work making a video of all the amazing learning happening in the STEAM Lab. Stay tuned to seesaw to see it soon!

Ms. Walz

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**Art Class**

*Join me in Congratulating our 2023 SCSU Vera Russell Art Gallery Artists!*

Sixteen of Discovery's AMAZING artists have had artworks chosen to be displayed at the Vera Russell Art Gallery in the College of Education building, Saint Cloud State University!!

Discovery's talented artists in the art show this year are:

**Kindergarten**
Tinleigh S.
Aliya O.

**First Grade**
Halee L.
Kariiana M.

**Second Grade**
Sidra I.
Cristobal R.

**Third Grade**
Yasmin N.
Karlee O.
Maebel L.

**Fourth Grade**
Kaydien P.
Sara I.
Phy Ed

February is here, and the students are hoping for mild temperatures. In physical Education class this month, the students will be playing outside and inside while pretending and dreaming about participating in the Winter Olympics.

In grades 4 and 5, the students will be outside working on Cross Country skiing and sledding. The challenge for the skiing will be with the amount of snow we have on the ground. If the snow is too deep, the students will have a tough time moving and enjoying the time outside. Balance will be part of the fun as well. The students will learn how to slide their feet while trying stay up off the snow.

As well as skiing, the older students will be joining the younger students and get to sled in the snow. At Discovery, we have some small hills, and the students love to play in the snow and slide down the hills. They can slide with a partner or by themselves. Pushing one another is also an enjoyment the students have while sliding.

In the gym, the students will be participating in Winter Olympic games. The students will be jumping off mats, skating in races using paper plates, sliding on scooters, pushing stones to score points in curling, and playing some hockey.

We are also working on Volleyball skills. The students at all levels will be working with different sized balls, different height nets, and different levels of play. During the activities, the students will be asked to work by themselves, with partner, and small groups to keep a ball volleying on the ground and in the air.

Parents can you please remind your children to wear or bring their snow pants, hats, and boots to school. This will allow for the safest play outside will skiing, sledding, and playing at recess.

Mr. Richmond
And
Mr. Thoreson

School Counselor Corner

February 2023
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Celebrating Random Acts of Kindness Week – February 14-20, 2023

We celebrate Random Acts of Kindness Week from February 14 to February 20 annually. It’s a celebration of all the ways we can become a positive influence in each other’s lives. Even one small act of kindness can mean a great deal to somebody.

To CELEBRATE, Discovery will have a week of school-wide participation days.

- Monday, February 13th, 2023:
  Fabulous Monday: Start the week off by dressing your best.
- Tuesday, February 14th, 2023:
  Love Bug Day: Wear red, pink, or purple to show your love bug colors.

- Wednesday, February 15th, 2023:
  Crazy Sock Day: Wear crazy socks to show your Discovery pride.

- Thursday, February 16th, 2023:
  Inside-out day: Be silly; put your shirt on inside out.

Friday, February 17th, 2023:
Team Day: Dress to honor your favorite team. (Example; Vikings, Dance Team)

Conferences: February 16th, and 23rd

If you would like to talk with me or get some parenting strategies for an issue I will be in my office (160B) during conferences and I would love the opportunity to speak with you.
Joanie Hauck LSC
320-370-6256

joan.hauck@isd742.org

**From The Health Office**

Hello from the Health Office!
We would like to remind all parents and guardians that when a student is being sent home from the health office, they need to be picked up within 30 minutes for their safety and the safety of other students and staff. Please also make sure your phone numbers and emergency contacts are up to date, so we are able to reach you.

Thank you for working with us to keep everyone healthy and safe.
Nurse Karin & Nurse Veronica