



DISCOVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL OF FARIBAULT

August 8, 2018

Dear Discovery Public School Parents and Guardians,

The staff at Discovery Public School is gearing up to start another terrific school year! We hope everyone has had a safe and fun-filled summer. We look forward to seeing our returning students, as well as meeting new members of the Discovery family!

We have a few exciting changes taking place this school year! First, we are excited to announce that Dan Weisser, formerly the Assistant Director, will be taking over the role of Executive Director. Our former Executive Director, Jim Severson, has made the decision to retire. Jim has worked at the school, both as a teacher and Director for a total of 16 years. He will be missed by staff, students and community. We would like to sincerely thank him for his many years of service and dedication!

Secondly, we also have three new teachers that will be joining us this year! We would like everyone to join us in welcoming them by inviting all families and students to join us for our **Open House** on **Thursday, August 30TH, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Stop in, say hi to everyone, and share some stories of summer fun....all while getting "geared up" for the upcoming school year! We highly encourage NEW students and families to visit during this time, but we look forward to seeing ALL students and their families!

On a very important side note, due to the high number of Discipline Referrals (Office Visits) over the past several years, we wish to have better communication with Parents/Guardians in this area. Moving forward, Parents/Guardians will be contacted via EMAIL if their student receives an Office Visit (or known by students as an FYI). If a student receives 15 Office Visits, there will be a mandatory meeting required with parents, student, and school administration prior to the student returning to classes.

At this time, we would also like to remind you that family involvement improves student achievement! With that in mind, please look closely at the following 6 easy ways to stay involved in your child's education:



As a parent/Guardian, please be sure to:

- 1) Encourage your student to attend school every day. Make school their #1 Priority!
- 2) Model and reinforce positive, respectful behavior.
- 3) Make sure your student is well rested, well fed, and ready to learn.
- 4) Be involved in their education by attending school events such as School Board meetings and Parent/Teacher conferences.
- 5) Have a current/active email address on file with the school office for communication purposes.
- 6) Update **ALL** phone numbers, addresses, and emails as they change, either for yourself or your emergency contacts. This is VITAL in maintaining good communication and having accurate information in case of an emergency!

School begins on **Tuesday, September 4, 2018**, the day after Labor Day. The daily class schedule will be the following:

2017-2018 CLASS SCHEDULE

Breakfast	-	7:55 - 8:10
1 st Hour	-	8:15 - 9:08
2 nd Hour	-	9:10 - 10:03
3 rd Hour	-	10:05 - 10:58
4 th Hour	-	11:00 - 11:53
LUNCH	-	11:53 - 12:20
5 th Hour	-	12:20 - 1:12
6 th Hour	-	1:14 - 2:06
7 th Hour	-	2:08 - 3:00

As in past years, breakfast will again be served in the cafeteria from 7:45am–8:10am. Students need to be in their first hour class by the start of class at **8:15a.m.** All students are expected to be on time and should be prepared for the first day of school, as well as every other day of school throughout the school year! Students will need to bring a notebook and a writing instrument for each class. A suggested supply list is included with this letter.



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SUGGESTED ITEMS:

6 college or wide ruled notebooks
6 folders
1 box washable markers – any color
Box of Kleenex
1 package of # 2 pencils
1 Package loose leaf paper – wide or college
1 highlighter
1 eraser

OPTIONAL ITEMS:

Gym clothes
Roll on deodorant (gym class)
NO AEROSALS!
Trapper Keeper/Binder
Ruler
Backpack/book bag
Protractor
Compass
Ream Copy Paper
1 Package black or blue pens
Female personal hygiene products

This list is a preliminary list of supplies, there may be items requested by specific teachers after school begins and / or throughout the school year.

******The school has a limited amount of supplies available for students who may need them.***

***** Donations of School/Office
Supplies are ALWAYS appreciated!!**



We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that if school is cancelled or delayed for inclement weather, the local TV stations will be notified. Please check Kare11, KSTP, or WCCO to see if Discovery Public School of Faribault is included with any school closings or delays. Furthermore, for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year, we will be attempting to notify parents/guardians via our JMC online messaging system of these same school delays and closures via text, voicemail, and/or email.

Again, as in previous years, we would like to inform you that Discovery Public School is trying to do its part in saving our environment for the future generations to come. In doing so, we are not sending out a copy of our Student Handbook. Please read and review a copy of our Student Handbook by visiting the school website at www.isd4081.org/. If you do not have access to the web, or a paper copy is preferred; you or your student may pick up a copy in the school office at any time! As always, thank you for your understanding and help in saving the environment, as well as reducing costs.

Lastly, **but extremely important**, included with this letter are additional forms that must be completed, signed, and returned, on or before the first day of school. Included with these additional forms is the **Application for Free and Reduced Lunch**. This form is extremely important to our school's financial well-being and should be fully completed. We appreciate your attention to this matter.

We look forward to the 2018-2019 school year with you!

Sincerely,

Dan Weisser
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