

Dragon Tales

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Memo from McNally

I hope everyone had a wonderful Mother's Day!

Last Tuesday was National Teacher Appreciation Day. On National Teacher Day, thousands of communities take time to honor their local educators and acknowledge the crucial role teachers play in making sure every student receives a quality education. Last week the PTC provided the Discovery staff with thank you treats every day and a special lunch on Friday. Thank you PTC! We appreciate all you do.

Wear Purple and Green on Friday

In honor of Francesca McNally who died of whooping cough (pertussis) last May, we are encouraging everyone to wear Purple and Green on Friday, May 17 to promote pertussis awareness. The McNally family has established the Franny Strong Foundation at (<http://www.frannystrong.org>) to raise awareness about whooping cough. Pertussis (whooping cough) is a serious disease for babies. Adults and older children can spread pertussis to babies. Pertussis is very contagious. It can cause serious illness and even death. Most infants who get the disease must be hospitalized.

Since a deadly national surge in pertussis in recent years, Michigan public health officials have stepped up efforts to remind Michiganders to get their booster shots – not only to boost their own immunities, but also to protect the state's youngest and most vulnerable residents who have not yet built immunity to the pertussis bacteria.



Mileage Club News

We are in our last week of the Mileage Club. Our thanks to the "Parent Punchers" who have faithfully shown up throughout the entire program - Discovery's Mileage Club is successful because of you! A special Thank You to Mrs. Kula and Mrs. Cardenas for their organization and support. We've had a great time of walking and running for fun!



School Picnic and Field Day

Please join us for our annual picnic lunch and field day on Friday, May 17. See the reverse side for details on the lunch. If you are coming for lunch, the reservation form must be in by **Wednesday, May 15**.

Reminder

There is **NO SCHOOL** on Monday, May 27 due to the holiday.

2013-14 School Registration

Please be sure to read the summer editions of the Kentwood School News for 2013-14 registration information. **All students (new and returning) must register in August** and parents will need to provide proof of residency at that time.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Thurs. May 16 - Science Club
- ◆ Fri. May 17 - School Picnic and Field Day
- ◆ Sat. May 18 - GOTR Celebration 5K at EKHS
- ◆ Tues. May 21 - PTC Mtg. 7:00 PM
- ◆ May 22-24 - Mobile DDS Visit
- ◆ Mon. May 27 - NO SCHOOL - Holiday
- ◆ Thurs. May 30 - 5th grade field day - EKHS
- ◆ Fri. May 31 - Talent Show - 2:00 PM
- ◆ Thurs. June 6 - 5th grade celebration 6:30 PM
- ◆ Fri. June 7 - Last Day of School, ½ day - 12:03 Dismissal

Discovery Elementary - A place to discover, develop, and dream. We strive to touch the lives of children in a way that prepares them to take their place as citizens with high academic skills and fine moral character.

Check it out!

We would like to invite you to an exciting new website that offers news and information about our school district and other districts throughout the region. It's www.schoolnewsnetwork.org. There are some great stories about Kentwood Public Schools. Please go there and check it out!



Year End Reminders

Lost & Found: All clothing and other items must be claimed by Friday, June 7. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

Medications: All medication must be picked up by Friday, June 7. Medication must be picked up by an adult and will not be sent home with students. All leftover medications will be disposed of.

Note from Mrs. Curtis

There will be no charging to negative lunch accounts for the remainder of the year. If your child does not have money in their account, they will get a cheese sandwich. If you have a negative balance, please send in your money as soon as possible.

If your child has money left in their account at the end of the school year, it will roll over into their account for the 2013-2014 school year. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Curtis at 871-1080 ext. 19209.

Summer Camps

We have lots of information about various summer camps here in the office. Stop by and check it out if you are interested.



Thank you

Thank you to Mrs. Renwick who organized the Mother/Son bowling event. Over 130 boys and moms attended! Everyone had a great time.

May 17 Picnic Lunch and Field Day



Discovery's School Picnic and Field Day will be held on Friday, May 17. The all-school picnic lunch will feature grilled beef hot dogs, fruit, chips, milk and a special treat. Please send your child's lunch money in as usual. In a separate envelope please send in the reservation form below with your money no later than Wednesday, May 15.

Also, Mrs. Hibma is looking for volunteers to assist with field day activities. If you can help, please fill out the form that came home or call Mrs. Hibma at school.

Discovery Picnic Reservation Form

Please reserve the following number of lunches for Friday, May 17. (Do not include Discovery students, buy their lunch tickets as usual.) **Return to the office no later than Wednesday, May 15.**

_____ number of Adults at \$3.50

_____ number of siblings at \$2.00

(additional hot dogs are \$1.00 each)

Total enclosed: _____

Name: _____

Student Name: _____



Learn-To-Swim

Information about the American Red Cross Learn-To-Swim program is available in the school office and also on-line at <http://www.kentwoodps.org/communityfacilities/aquaticscenter/>. **All students must pre-register.** Class availability cannot be guaranteed unless student is pre-registered. There is a \$5 per student discount on registrations received/post marked 7 days before first day of lessons. Payment is due at time of registration.