October 7, 2019

Dragon Tales

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Conferences are Coming!

Conferences are Tuesday, October 29 from 4-8p and Wednesday, October 30 from 1-8p. A note regarding preferences for conference times went home today, too. **Be sure to return this form no later than October 11, 2019.**

Fun Run

Our Fun Run was a HUGE success! With your help we raised over $14,000! This means that not only are we getting new playground equipment but we will also be having a BOUNCY HOUSE party to celebrate our achievement! Date to be determined. Thank you for your participation!

Reminders

When bringing in birthday treats for your student, please drop them off in the office and we will make sure they get to your child’s classroom. Joining the class disrupts instructional time unless you have made prior arrangements with the teacher. Additionally, cupcakes or cookies are the best treats!

Getting to Know Our New Staff

We have 9 new teachers and lots of new support staff at Discovery this year and we want everyone to get to know them! Each week we will highlight a few new people as we welcome them into the Discovery Dragons Family!

Meet Carleigh Haverdink, EL Interventionist

My name is Carleigh Haverdink, and I am the EL interventionist at Discovery this school year. I am originally from Hudsonville, Michigan, and I am happy to call West Michigan home. I graduated from Trinity Christian College in 2018 with a degree in Elementary Education and English as a Second Language. After graduating, I spent a year living and teaching in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. When I'm not in school, I enjoy traveling, listening to music, and spending time with my family and friends. I am so excited to have the opportunity to work at Discovery this school year. I know it's going to be a great year!

Looking forward...

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<td><strong>October 11</strong> our 5th Grade Squad is heading to Glenwood Elementary for a STEM event.</td>
<td><strong>Come help us clean up our campus! Saturday, October 12 from 9-11am.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Picture Day retakes are October 24th.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Our students have half days on Wed, Oct 30, Thurs, Oct 31 &amp; Fri, Nov 1. Dismissal is at 12:03pm on these days.</strong></td>
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5TH GRADE SQUAD
More New Staff... Meet Rachel Renaud, 1st Grade

I recently graduated from Grand Valley State University with an Elementary Education and English major. I also have a Theater minor so I love having interactive activities in my classroom. Originally I am from the East side of the state (Go Tigers and Redwings!) but I am so excited to find my new home here at Discovery!

Counselor’s Corner

The Delayed or "Anticipatory" Consequence By Jim Fay
Immediate consequences work really well with rats, pigeons, mice, and monkeys. In real-world homes, they typically create more problems than they solve.

Problems with Immediate Consequences
- Most of us have great difficulty thinking of an immediate consequence in the heat of the moment.
- We "own" the problem rather than handing it back to our child. In other words, we are forced to do more thinking than our child.
- We are forced to react while we are still upset.
- We don't have time to anticipate how our child will react to our response.
- We don't have time to put together a reasonable plan and a support team to help us carry it out.
- We often end up making threats we can't back up.
- We generally fail to deliver a strong dose of empathy before providing the consequence.

Take care of yourself, and give yourself a break!
The next time your child does something inappropriate, experiment with saying, "Oh no. This is so sad. I'm going to have to do something about this! But not now...later."

It's even okay to say, "I'm so angry about this right now that I better calm down before I talk with you about it. I make better decisions when I'm calm."

The Love and Logic® Anticipatory Consequence allows you time to "anticipate" whose support you might need, how your child might react, and how to make sure that you can actually follow through with a logical consequence. This technique also allows your child to anticipate or think about a wide array of possible consequences.

This technique gains its power from basic conditioning. When we consistently follow, "I'm going to have to do something about this. We'll talk later," with empathy and consequences, "I'm going to have to do something," becomes a consequence in and of itself...an "anticipatory" consequence.

Shared by Carey Allaire
Counselor

Meet Kim Stachowiak, Kindergarten

Hi, Discovery Family! I'm so excited to be teaching Kindergarten at Discovery this year! I taught for 7 years in Ohio before we relocated to Michigan. We purposely chose Kentwood because of the wonderful schools! I worked in the district for 5 years before coming to Discovery. My husband and I have a son, Cole, who is a sophomore and a daughter, Kara, who is a 7th grader at Crestwood. Fun fact - both Cole and Kara attended Discovery! We love to camp, hike, bike, and play with our dogs. Our year is off to a great start and I can't wait to see what else this year brings! Thank you to everyone for the warm welcome!

Lost and Found
Lost and found items not collected by 10/30 will be donated. Be sure to check for student's item(s) often!

Text Service—Are you in??

Discovery is now using a new service called School Messenger, it is different than last year's service. You must opt-in to receive important information via text message, text "YES" or "Y" to 67587. Please note: KPS is not responsible for any text message charges you may incur.
PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE SURVEY

Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on the following dates and times ONLY:

Tuesday, October 29, 2019       4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 30, 2019    1:00 – 8:00 p.m.

To help us in planning conference schedules, we ask that you please complete the survey below. Please return the survey to school by Friday, October 11.

Please complete and return this portion by Friday, October 11.

________  I MUST have an afternoon conference (1:00-5:00 p.m.).
(Please do not write in specific times.)

________  I MUST have an evening conference (after 5:00 pm.).
(Please do not write in specific times.)

________  I CAN attend a conference either in the afternoon or evening.
(Please do not write in specific times.)

________  I would like a translator.
(check one)     ___Bosnian    ___Spanish    ___Vietnamese    ___Other

__________________________________________  ______________________________
Child’s Name                                      Child’s Teacher

Parent/Guardian’s Signature

So that we can coordinate your family’s conferences, please list siblings who attend Discovery along with their teacher’s name. Thank you.

Name:____________________________________  Teacher:____________________

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Name:____________________________________  Teacher:____________________