Count Day is Approaching!
Wednesday, October 2 is count day. Why is this an important day? Count Day happens all across Michigan and is critical to the district as each student in attendance translates into funding! Please make every effort to have your student in school on this date.

Calendar Changes
We have some additions to our 2019-20 School Year Calendar, it will be coming home soon.
Changes to note: Friday, November 3 and Thursday, April 2 are Half Days for our students. Dismissal will be at 12:03 PM on these dates.

Parking Lot Reminders
Please be mindful of the cones in our parking lot. These are used to note which aisle our buses use. Additionally, there is no smoking allowed in our parking lot. Lastly, drive slowly and safely! Our students’ safety is our main priority, and we need your help to keep them safe.

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 Jody Gilhoran, Gr 5
Hello, Discovery families! My name is Ms. Gilhoran and I’m so excited to be teaching fifth grade this year! This is my 7th year teaching. I have taught 3 years in second grade in St. Johns Public Schools and 3 years teaching fifth grade at Vista Charter Academy. In 2013 I graduated from Grand Valley State University with a major in Elementary Education and a minor in English/Language Arts. I have a rambunctious 9 year old son, Jackson, who keeps me more than busy when I'm not at school. Our favorite summer activities are reading and watching all Marvel movies together. I have 4 siblings and THIRTEEN nieces/nephews/great nieces/nephews...yes I am a GREAT aunt! I’m really looking forward to this year and could not be happier about being apart of the Discovery Family!!

Looking forward...

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More New Staff... Meet Colbie Wakeley, Interventionist

I am from a small town up North called Grayling, Michigan where I go to visit my family, but the West side is my favorite. I just graduated from Grand Valley State University with an elementary teaching degree in April and I'm hoping to have my own classroom next year! I love to spend time outdoors, especially in the fall and summer. I also love animals so I enjoy spending time at the dog park and going for walks. I got engaged this summer and will be getting married next summer so I will soon be Mrs. Lee! I'm so glad to be a part of the Kentwood Public Schools this year, the staff and students are a pleasure.

Meet Kaleigh Borrink, Librarian

Hi! I'm Kaleigh Borrink-Scholma. We might have met last year in the front office, but this year I can be found in the library. I love helping kids discover and learn, and am excited to see what they can teach me! I believe that every book is either a window or a mirror; meaning, it can show us more about ourselves or more about the world around us. When I'm not at school, I love cooking, singing, drinking way too much coffee, and spending time with my toddlers.

Counselor’s Corner

Guiding Children to Solve Their Own Problems by Jim Fay

Love and Logic Step One: Empathy.
"How sad."
"I bet that hurts."

Love and Logic Step Two: Send the "Power Message."
"What do you think you're going to do?"

Love and Logic Step Three: Offer choices.
"Would you like to hear what other kids have tried?"

At this point, offer a variety of choices that range from bad to good. It's usually best to start out with the poor choices. Each time a choice is offered, go on to step four, forcing the youngster to state the consequence in his/her own words. This means that you will be going back and forth between Love and Logic steps three and four.

Love and Logic Step Four: Have the child state the consequences.
"And how will that work?"

Love and Logic Step Five: Give permission for the child to either solve the problem or not solve the problem.
"Good luck. I hope it works out."

Have no fear. If the child is fortunate enough to make a poor choice, he/she may have a double learning lesson.

Dealing With Angry or Aggressive Children

Without intervention, aggression in children can become a lifelong problem. Dealing with angry or aggressive children early on, and using the right techniques, can make all the difference. We offer a wealth of Love and Logic advice in our products and articles that will teach you how to deal with your child’s aggression and eliminate it entirely. Read on for tips such as:

- intervene in the child's life as early as possible;
- limit exposure to television and videos;
- use alternatives to spanking;
- consistently apply empathy and logical consequences for aggressive behavior;
- neutralize arguments and power struggles;
- teach social skills and problem solving on a daily basis;
- provide positive feedback.

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.

Lost and Found

Don’t forget our lost and found is in the main hallway near the café. We already have lots of items that need to be claimed! If your child lost something, be sure to check there. Items not claimed will be donated to Kid to Kid. Remember, if your student lost glasses, they need to check in the office.