



DISCOVERY RIDGE ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 16, 2024

CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to Discovery Ridge Star Alumni Jayden Meyer on becoming an Eagle Scout! Jayden graciously chose DRE for his project, constructing two picnic tables that he donated to our school community. Jayden is currently a sophomore at Liberty High School and hopes that the tables will be enjoyed by students for years to come.



DECEMBER DRESS UP DAYS

DRE students are welcome to join staff as we dress up for December!



December 17 Dress For Your Favorite Holiday Movie
 December 18 Wear Wacky Tacky Holiday Gear
 December 19 PJ Day
 December 20 DRE Spirit Day or Winter Party Dress Up Day

STUDENT LED CONFERENCE SURVEY

Dear Families,

Thank you so much for attending our fall Student-Led Conferences. The students were amazing! We'd love to hear your feedback. Please respond to our short survey to let us know your thoughts.



-Discovery Ridge Lighthouse Team

[Survey](#)

SPECIAL AREA SCHEDULE

Monday - Day 1
 Tuesday - Day 2
 Wednesday - Day 3



Thursday - Day 4

Friday - Day 5

LUNCH TIMES BY GRADE LEVEL

Kindergarten- 11:15 am

1st Grade- 11:25 am

2nd Grade- 10:50 am

3rd Grade- 12:40 pm

4th Grade- 12:15 pm

5th Grade- 11:50 am

Breakfast & Lunch Menu

IMPORTANT DATES

12/20

Early Release at 1:35 pm

Winter Parties (check with your child's teacher for times)

12/23-1/3

Winter Break No School, DRE Office Closed

1/6

Late Start at 10:35, student arrival begins at 10:20 am

Student Leadership Assembly

1/7

PreK Child Center Center Body Safety Lessons

1/12

PTO Fun Day at Little Bits Gym from 1:30 pm-4 pm

1/14

DRE 2025-2026 Kindergarten Registration, Berrey Place

1/15

FMS Band/Choir Visit for 5th Grade Students

1/16

DRE Spelling Bee

WSD BOE Meeting, 6:30 pm

1/17-1/20

PTO At Home Movie Night

1/22-24

Child Center Body Safety

Child Center Online Safety

Grade 1, 4, 5

1/23

(Make Up Date) DRE Spelling Bee

DRE PTO Dines out at Twisted Sugar from 4 pm-9 pm

1/27

Child Center Body Safety

Child Center Online Safety

Grades K, 2

1/31

DRE PTO Passport Night

Academic Calendars (2024-2025, 2025-2026)

NEW SIGN IN/OUT KIOSK

You may have used our new FOCUS Kiosk in the office lobby if you've stopped by school recently. This will make the check-in/check-out process much faster for you and your students. Now is a great time to become familiar with the FOCUS app if you haven't explored it yet. This will allow you to scan your child's student barcode to sign in and out.

*When checking your child in after the school day has started, the receipt that prints out your child will be taken to their teacher. That is their new school arrival pass.

*When signing your child out early, a paper pass is printed out. Please bring the slip into the office, and we will record the reason for their early dismissal. Your child will meet you back in the lobby

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WSD WOW Factor

[docs.google.com](#)

FALL 2025 KINDERGARTEN SCREENINGS

Does your Child Start Kindergarten next fall? If your answered, yes, you may register them for a Kindergarten screening by scanning the QR Code or selecting the button below!

All children who will turn five before Aug. 1, 2025, are eligible to attend kindergarten. To register your child for kindergarten, follow the steps below:

- Complete a kindergarten screening. If your child has not been screened at their preschool, daycare, or at the Parents as Teachers office you may sign up for a screening [here](#). Children who have not been screened yet will complete their screening at the registration event. Appointment required for screening.
- Attend registration event between 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3:15-7:30 p.m. at Berrey-Place Center, One Campus Drive, Wentzville, MO 63385. Come prepared with the [required items](#) including proof of residency, immunization record, birth certificate, parent/guardian photo ID, and documentation regarding legal guardianship (if applicable). No appointment necessary



Registration Event Dates:

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2025 | Discovery Ridge

Thursday, Jan. 16, 2025 | Boone Trail

Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2025 | Wabash

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2025 | Heritage

Thursday, Jan. 30, 2025 | Stone Creek

Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2025 | Peine Ridge

Thursday, Feb. 6, 2025 | Green Tree

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2025 | Lakeview

Thursday, Feb. 13, 2025 | Prairie View

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2025 | Journey

Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2025 | Duello

Thursday, Feb. 27, 2025 | Crossroads

March 4, 6, 11, 13, & 18 | Make-up date if needed

- Check your address with our [boundary locator](#) to see which elementary school your child will attend.
- Create an account (or login) on [Focus School Software](#), complete the online application process, and submit the required items within Focus School Software.
- Get excited and stay tuned for updates from your child's school as we gear up for the upcoming school year!

Schedule Your Child's Kindergarten Screening

DRE LOST & FOUND

The DRE Lost and Found is overflowing with coats, sweatshirts, water bottles' and lunch boxes. Please have your student stop by and take a look to see if any thing belongs to them. All unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity on December 20.



DRE SINGING STARS

This year, our DRE Singing Stars will perform the National Anthem at the STL Ambush game. Our game date is Saturday, January 18, 2025, and our singers will perform at 5:00 p.m. We would love to have you join us to support our singers. You can purchase tickets through the link below or via the QR code on the attached flyer. Please let me know if you have any questions!

To Purchase Tickets:

<https://www.stlambush.com/discovery-ridge-elementary>



AMI DAYS

Inclement Weather Procedures and Alternative Methods of Instruction (AMI) Days Explained

As we approach the colder months, we want to re-share the [District Communication](#) that has information regarding the WSD's inclement weather procedures for the 2024-25 school year. This year, snow days one and two will be traditional snow days. After our second snow day this year, we will switch to AMI (alternative methods of instruction) for snow days three through seven. Read more on what to expect this winter [here](#). View AMI assignments [here](#).

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION 'PTO' News

Join PTO

DRE Spirit Wear Store

PTO BOARD ELECTION 25-26

We are seeking new members to serve on our our amazing PTO Board. It is such a fun way to become involved in your child's school and gives you a voice in future events while building your relationship with the DRE community. You will serve on the PTO Board for three years. The current board will still be active around school and events to support you! Please fill out this form if you are interested in being on the PTO board!

[Click to Apply for the DRE PTO Board](#)

DRE PTO PLAY TIME

DRE PTO Play Time will be held at LittleBits Gym on Sunday, January 12, from 1:30 to 4:00 pm. It's only \$10 per child, and 50% of the proceeds benefit DRE PTO!



[Registration Open Now!](#)

DRE PTO DINES OUT

Enjoy Twisted Sugar on January 23 from 4-9 pm and benefit DRE! 10% of all sales will go back to PTO. So come out, grab a sweet treat, and help support our DRE PTO!

Discovery Ridge PTO Presents
Dine & Donate
AT



January 23rd

4-9 PM

10% of Sales will be donated back to the school.
Bring this flyer to the location at:
7429 State Rt N, Dardenne Prairie, MO 63368



COMMUNITY AGENCY PRESENTATIONS

Dear Discovery Ridge Elementary Family,

Throughout the duration of the academic year, the Wentzville School District partners with community agencies that specialize in providing students, families, and educators with preventative education. Agency presenters are credentialed, coordinated through the District, and under the supervision of building administrators. Presentation topics are targeted toward specific grade levels. All students will participate in each program unless you choose to opt your child out of the lesson(s). If you are interested in opting your student(s) out of the presentation(s), please click the appropriate link(s) below.

[Kindergarten Opt-Out Form](#)

[First Grade Opt-Out Form](#)

[Second Grade Opt-Out Form](#)

[Third Grade Opt-Out Form](#)

[Fourth Grade Opt-Out Form](#)

[Fifth Grade Opt-Out Form](#)

If you have additional questions, please reach out directly to your student's guidance counselor.

Thank you,

Mrs. Kelly Stratman, Principal

Dr. Lindsay Burkemper, Assistant Principal

Mrs. Stacy Browning, K-2 Counselor

Mrs. Jane Douglas, 3-5 Counselor

Mrs. Sarah Holcomb, Education Support Counselor

Welcome to *Leader in Me*

Each new school year brings opportunities for academic growth and growth in all areas of development. Although children must be knowledgeable when they graduate, they must also be healthy, engaged, responsible, and caring people.

We're grateful you're here at our school and we're excited to partner with you and your child. As a *Leader in Me* School, we believe that every member of your family has greatness and we can't wait to learn and grow from you! *Leader in Me* (LiM) is an evidence-based, comprehensive school-improvement model—developed in partnership with educators and FranklinCovey—that empowers students with the leadership and life skills they need to thrive in a global community.

Our school has chosen to operate through a uniquely different lens. *Leader in Me* is about empowering your child to reach their full potential while ultimately finding their voice. As a school, the staff in this building have made five core commitments to your child. We call these our Core Paradigms. In these paradigms you will find the belief and way we view all students. At this school we see that:

- Everyone is a leader.
- Everyone has genius.
- Change starts with me.
- We empower students to lead their own learning.
- Educators and families partner to develop the whole person.

Not only do these paradigms apply to your student, they apply to all of us!

Leader in Me provides our school with the vision and language to lead the school in a way that addresses all areas of development. As each child discovers and develops their unique gifts and talents, they are given opportunities to lead.

As leaders, they become active, engaged partners in their own education, and their self-confidence, responsibility, and initiative grows. The children quickly understand the benefits of different gifts and talents; they learn to listen to new ideas, work together to achieve results, and motivate one another to be the best.

We hope your school enjoys sharing these new opportunities. Together, we will see each child grow throughout the year.

Mrs. Kelly J. Stratman, Principal

Dr. Lindsay Burkemper, Assistant Principal

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RESPECT | RESPONSIBILITY | CARING



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