



DISCOVERY RIDGE ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 18, 2024

SPECIAL AREA SCHEDULE



Monday - Day 4

Tuesday - Day 5

Wednesday - Day 1

Thursday - Day 2

Friday - Day 3

IMPORTANT DATES

11/18

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

American Education Week

11/22

Substitute Educator Appreciation Day

11/21

WSD Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 pm

11/25

WSD Board Candidate Informational Meeting, WSD Administrative Center 6-7:30 pm

11/27-11/29

Thanksgiving Break

12/2

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

12/3

Compass Classroom Presentations Grades K-2

12/5

Big Smiles

12/7

DRE Singing Stars St. Charles Main Street Christmas Traditions Parade

12/13

PTO Pancakes With Principals 6-8 pm

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

1/6

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

Academic Calendars (2024-2025, 2025-2026)

NEW SIGN IN/OUT KIOSK

Our Focus Kiosk has finally been installed in our lobby. This will make the check In/Out process much faster for you and your students. Please check your student's backpack the yellow flyer sent home this week for more information about how to use the Focus Kiosk.

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

*When signing your child out early, a paper pass prints 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 for dismissal.



07/05/2024 9:07 AM Focus Kiosk Print.jpg

**FOCUS KIOSK
CHECK IN/OUT**

**OPEN THE
WENTZVILLE SCHOOLS APP**

- ✓ Select your student.
- ✓ Click barcode icon.
- ✓ Scan barcode.

Need to install the app,
navigate to...
[wentzville.k12.mo.us/focus](https://www.wentzville.k12.mo.us/focus)



<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PnagKtUgGjGm8tKtLp3Ujy4u8R8Q2Y/view>

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DRE SOCK-TOBER UPDATE

Thanks to your generosity we collected **170** new pairs of socks!

Your donations and support make a big difference!



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THANK YOU!

Art to Remember orders are due on November 24, place your order at the website below or scan the QR code on the flyer.

Website: <https://arttoremember.com/school/QQ9SR9>

***Orders are online only & due November 24, 2024**



**ART TO
REMEMBER**

<https://arttoremember.com/school/QQ9SR9>

**DUE SUNDAY
NOV. 24**



BIG SMILES MISSOURI

Great news! The Big Smiles in-school dentist is coming to our school. Even better, dental care is usually at no cost to you. All insurance is accepted including Medicaid and CHIP. Keep your child healthy, in-school and learning. Sign up online NOW at www.myschooldentist.com



Dear Parent,

Great news! Our school has partnered with Big Smiles to offer dental care right at school. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up your child today.

No Cost to You

Even better, dental care is usually at no cost to you. All insurance is accepted including Medicaid and CHIP. A low cost self-pay option is available for those without insurance.

Convenient and comfortable

Our in-school dental program saves you time and provides a safe and comfortable place for your child to receive gentle dental care from licensed local professionals. Dental care includes a complete dental exam, x-rays, cleaning, fluoride and sealants when necessary, as well as restorative care such as fillings.

Dental care for a healthy life

Children who see a dentist regularly may have fewer health issues like:

- Early tooth loss due to dental decay
- Gum disease
- Heart disease
- Impaired speech development
- Help keep your child healthy, in school and learning.

[SIMPLY CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP ONLINE](#)

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](#).

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

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

PTO PANCAKES WITH PRINCIPALS

It may seem early but we are already thinking about our Pancakes with Principals event on Fri. Dec. 13!

If you are looking for an easy way to help out, consider donating a package of hot chocolate or marshmallows! We have about 1/2 of what we need for our event!!

We will be raffling off a "Gift Card/Lotto Tree" with proceeds supporting some of our building's Student Service Learning Projects. We are asking for ANY gift cards of \$5 or more or Lotto Scratch-Off Tickets.

You can sign up to donate for either of these by clicking on the flyer and scanning the QR Code or by clicking the button below!



Donate Hot Chocolate/Marshmallows

Donate Gift Cards/Lotto Tickets

Pancakes with Principals Volunteer Opportunities

Pancakes with Principals Dinner Reservations

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!



Kindergarten Screening

COUNSELORS' CORNER



10 Tips for Parenting Anxious Kids - Child Mind Institute

How to support children who are anxious. Protecting them from things they fear makes anxiety worse. Instead, express confidence that they can handle it.

🔗 childmind.org

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

A NATIONAL SCHOOL OF CHARACTER

DISCOVERY RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

welcome to

DISCOVERY RIDGE ELEMENTARY

RESPECT | RESPONSIBILITY | CARING



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