



Parent Advisory Council

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# The Discovery PAC Newsletter

## PAC News

### The playground is in!!!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make our dream a reality. It was a wet and cold weekend, but we managed to make it happen. The kids will be able to play on the playground on Wednesday!

### Fun Run

The school and PAC are hosting a Fun Run on May 20<sup>th</sup> for all of the students. Students will train for the run during gym class; they will run various distances according to grade level. The PAC will provide granola bars and fruit to the students upon completion of the run. We need parent volunteers to help watch the kids as they run on the trails. K-3 will run from 1:15 -2; 4-6 will run from 1:55 to 3. If you are interested in helping, please contact Deana Lecy at deanalecy@comcast.net

## This Week's Highlights

### Monday

**Tuesday** Book Fair begins.

**Running Club Practice 4-5 p.m.**

**Wednesday** Coffee Chat 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

**Thursday** Running Club Practice 4-5 p.m.

**Friday** Fun Run 1-3 p.m.

**Saturday** Optional Running Club Practice; time and location TBD.

## Background Checks

Many parents have volunteered to help with school activities but have not yet had background checks performed. Any parent(s) who plans on volunteering will need to submit information for a background check. The cost for this is \$39.20, which we are asking parents to pay themselves. If you qualify for the Free and Reduced Lunch program, reimbursement may be given. **Please note that these background checks are good for 5 years of continuous service at the school.** Following are the instructions for making an appointment online.

1. Go to <https://in.ibtfingerprint.com>.
2. At the welcome screen, select "Continue in English."
3. Enter your first and last name.
4. For the agency name select "Schools - Public/Private."
5. For the application category select "Volunteer."
6. Enter Porter County for school location.
7. Select Discovery Charter School.
8. Enter your home zip code.
9. This will display locations in your area that provide this service.
10. Select a location and continue to follow the instructions to schedule an appointment.

### Committees for Next Year

We are currently working on committees for next year, including:

Teacher Appreciation  
Lunch Duty  
Sustainability  
Uniforms  
Playground/Grounds Beautification  
Art  
Fundraising  
Room Parents  
Drama Club  
Events (non-fundraising)

If you are interested in serving on a committee and have not done so yet, sign-ups for next year are currently available. Please contact Janine Girzadas at [jgirzadas@hotmail.com](mailto:jgirzadas@hotmail.com) if you would like to help. Sign-ups will also be available at registration on July 27-28.

### Help Needed

#### Daisies/Girl Scouts/Cub Scouts

We are looking for troop leaders for the next school year. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Janine Girzadas.

### 4-H News

June's "Family Dessert" Meeting will be held at the Library Service Center on Monday, **June 13** @ 6:30pm. This is our first evening meeting and gives our families a chance to attend with Trackers. Each family is asked to bring a dessert to share.

Special Tracker Tour: All Tracker families are invited to participate in a tour of the Broken Wagon Bison Ranch Tour, **June 23** @ 1pm. \$8.00/person. Admittance fee will be collected the day of the tour; members and their guests will meet at the ranch by their own transportation. Please RSVP by June 1st to Mrs. Hansen ([fairymama@hughes.net](mailto:fairymama@hughes.net)).

### PAC Officers

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 18:** Coffee Chat 7:30 a.m.

Dale Landsman Art Competition and Awards Night 5 p.m.

School Preview Night 6 p.m.

**May 20:** Fun Run 1-3 p.m.

### Fundraising News

**Town & Country:** For January through April we have collected **\$20,620** in total receipts, projecting a **potential 5% cash back total of \$1,031**. This is amazing, but we still have one more month to go! Please keep shopping at Town & Country! To ensure full credit, receipts must be turned in by **June 6, 2011**.

**Scrip:** We are going to try something different with SCRIP. **SCRIP orders are now due Mondays at 3:30 p.m.** Orders will then be filled by Friday of the same week. You can print an order form from the PAC webpage, and additional order forms are available in the school office.