



Parent Advisory Council

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# The Discovery PAC Newsletter

## PAC News

### Playground Install

We will be installing the playground on **May 14-15**. We will need **MANY** parent volunteers for that weekend to help with assembling and erecting the playground equipment, and spreading mulch. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Alexis Beckwith (Playground Committee Chair) at [ndbeck63@comcast.net](mailto:ndbeck63@comcast.net).

We would also like to organize a potluck lunch for all of the workers on **Saturday, May 14th**. If you are interested in donating food for this event, please contact Jeny Burkhart at [jenniferburkhart@rocketmail.com](mailto:jenniferburkhart@rocketmail.com).

### 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. Fun Run T-shirts are available for \$5 that can be worn as a uniform shirt (similar to the Fall Fest style). A separate order form is attached and is also available on the website. Orders are due **Monday May 9<sup>th</sup>**.

## This Week's Highlights

### Monday Teacher Appreciation Week

Thank you teachers for all that you do to make Discovery such an amazing school!

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

**Wednesday Teacher Car Wash**

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

**Friday Teacher Appreciation Luncheon**

**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.

## Next Week's Highlights

**Monday Fun Run T-shirt orders due.**

**SCRIP orders due by 3:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday PAC meeting 7 p.m. in the library.**

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

**Wednesday**

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

**Friday**

**Saturday Playground Install!**

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

**Sunday Playground Install!**

## Next PAC Meeting

During our next PAC meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup> we would like to organize committees for next year and set calendar dates for 1<sup>st</sup> semester events. If you are currently a committee chair, please try to attend. If you are interested in serving on a committee and have not done so yet, sign-ups for next year will be available at the meeting. These sign-ups will also be available at registration on July 27-28. Hope to see you at the meeting!

## Art Competition

Discovery is hosting its first annual Art Show and Contest on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Participants' drawings or paintings are due Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Students will vote on their favorite drawings or paintings - the winners will receive gift cards for art supplies. Winners will be divided by grades K-2, 3-4 and 5-6 for the following categories: 1) Pencil/Colored Pencil and 2) Paint/Pastel or Mixed Media. Good luck students!

## 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 5:** 4-H meeting.

**May 10:** PAC meeting at 7 p.m. in the school library. **Please note the time change. This will be the last PAC meeting for the school year.**

**May 14-15:** Playground install!

**May 18:** School Preview Night; Dale Landsman Art Competition and Awards Night.

**May 20:** Fun Run

## 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.