



Parent Advisory Council

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The Discovery PAC Newsletter

PAC News

Please note that this newsletter is for this week and next week. Happy Thanksgiving!

Fundraising Chair

PAC is looking for a Chairperson for the fundraising committee, especially to help with grant researching and writing. Contact Janine Girzadas if you are interested.

Carpooling

If you live in Porter or North Valpo and would be interested in carpooling with other families, please contact Allison Kolar at maakolar@gmail.com.

GFS Fun Funds

Shop at GFS and earn money for Discovery! Enroll in this annual rebate program (there is no cost) to receive a membership card, and then use your membership card when you checkout. **The Discovery school code is 2477413.** Any items in the store designated for the Fun Funds program earn a 10% rebate; all other items receive 1%. Buy SCRIP first and earn an additional 4%! Enroll online or via paper (enrollment forms are available in the school office). Questions? Contact Dawn Ekblaw at bruce.ekblaw@frontier.com.

Poinsettia Sales

Orders are now due! Pick-up is Thursday, **December 1st**. Questions? Contact Alexis Beckwith at 219.510.3418.

Gammy's Pies

Gammy's Pies are now available just in time for Thanksgiving! Sweet Heirloom Pies (\$15): Apple Cider, Pumpkin, Pecan, Apple Carmel, Cherries & Cream, Michelmas (apple-berry), and Orchard. Gammy's Morning Cake (\$13.50) is also available. 20% of your order will be given back to Discovery! Orders will be available for pickup at Discovery on **Wed. Nov. 23rd from 7:30-9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.-2 p.m.** Place your order with the attached form no later than Sunday Nov. 20th. Questions? Call Meg at 219.861.3683 or meggcampbell@yahoo.com.

Chesterton Feed & Garden

Buy a Christmas tree at Chesterton Feed & Garden Center and they will donate 10% of the sale to Discovery! They have gorgeous locally farmed trees including White Pine, Frazier Fir, Norway Spruce and Blue Spruce live potted trees. Cut trees vary in size and price. Chesterton Feed is located at 400 Locust St., Chesterton. Call 926.2790 or visit www.chestertonfeed.com.

This Week's Highlights

Monday

Tuesday Scholastic Book Fair begins.

Wednesday Coffee Chat 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Thursday

Friday November birthday class parties

Next Week's Highlights

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday Happy Thanksgiving! No School

Friday No School

Winter Program

This year's winter program will be held on Monday, **December 19th from 6-8 p.m.** at the Portage High School West Auditorium. The theme is Tapestry of Traditions - be sure to check out Miss Mueller's website for more details. Hope to see you there!

Twilight Parade

Chesterton's Twilight Parade is next **Friday, November 25th**. Any and all Discovery students can walk in the parade with the school float as long as a permission slip is turned in. Please see the permission slip attached to this email. Students should arrive at 5 p.m.; the parade starts at 5:30 p.m. **All participating students must have a supervising adult with them at all times.** Students will be asked to sign in and out along with their supervising adult. Questions? Contact Jeny Burkhart at jenniferburkhart@rocketmail.com.

SCRIP

Ready, set, shop! Use SCRIP for your holiday shopping in one of the following ways:

1. Send in an order form and payment in your green envelope (due Mondays at 3:30 p.m.).
2. Stop in the school lobby MWF from 7:45 - 8:30 a.m. and see what we have in stock. Pay for any gift cards and take them home with you immediately!
3. Enroll in ScripNow! online to have ecards emailed to you immediately (after completing the registration). You can use them for yourself or have them emailed to your friends and family across the country. Let them choose their perfect gift with eGifts from stores including iTunes, Amazon, Pottery Barn, and more. Please see the attached flyer for more info.
4. Check out the retailers who are giving bonus rebates for December. See the attached flyer for more info.

Please consider supporting the school through this easy program. **Year to date Discovery PAC has made \$686 - we can do so much more!** Questions? Contact Tricia Kuiken at triciakuiken@gmail.com.

Discovery Art

Mark your calendars for our TREES AROUND THE WORLD event! Each grade has selected a country and will learn how the winter holidays are celebrated in that country and decorate a tree in its style. Parents are invited to view the Trees and Pine Needle Art beginning Dec. 14th (right after the Coffee Chat) through Dec. 16th. We had so many wonderful & creative entries for the Pine Needle project that we will be exhibiting all of them at school. Due to a miscommunication, they will not appear at Sunset Hill Farm.

A 9th tree will also be on display and will feature an American theme. It will also include Angel Tree Gift Tags, sponsored by the Salvation Army. During this time of giving, you may select a tag which allows you to sponsor a family or individual who needs help having a happy holiday. Feel free to coordinate with other Discovery families to fill the tag's wish list. All donations should be labeled, but remain unwrapped and placed beneath the American tree by December 6th. Questions about the Angel Tree may be directed to Mrs. Medley.

PAC Officers

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Upcoming Events

November 14: Poinsettia orders due

November 15-18: Book Fair in the school library.

November 15: Winter Lights Art Show entries due

November 16: Coffee Chat 7:30-8:30 a.m.

November 18: November class birthday parties; please coordinate times with your teacher.

November 30: School Board meeting 6:30 p.m.

Drama Club

Bravo to the cast and crew of "School House Rock, Jr.!" What a fantastic performance! Congratulations on a job well done.

