



Parent Advisory Council

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# The Discovery PAC Newsletter

## PAC News

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:bruce.ekblaw@frontier.com).

## Winter Program

This year's winter program will be held on **Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m.** at the Portage High School West Auditorium. The theme is Tapestry of Traditions. Tickets are \$2 - to make sure that all families have a chance to get tickets the school is asking that only 2 tickets per family are ordered at this time. Ticket orders are due **this Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

Calling all bakers! PAC would like to provide refreshments for the winter program, including hot beverages and various baked goods. In order to keep costs down, we are asking Discovery parents to donate 1 or 2 dozen baked goods to share with the winter program attendees. Any and all baked goods are welcome, including special desserts from countries represented in the Tapestry of Traditions. Donations can be brought to school on **Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> any time before 2:30 p.m.** Please contact Jeny Burkhart at [jenniferburkhart@rocketmail.com](mailto:jenniferburkhart@rocketmail.com) if you can help.

## Poinsettia Sales

Remember to pick up your poinsettias this **Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 12-2 p.m. or 3:30-4:30 p.m.** Pickup will be at the loading dock by the side parking lot. Please remain in your car and volunteers will bring the poinsettias out to you. To make arrangements for another time, contact Alexis Beckwith at 219.510.3418.

## 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](http://www.chestertonfeed.com). Be sure to mention the attached coupon during your transaction or provide a copy so that Discovery can get the proper credit.

## This Week's Highlights

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday** Picture retakes

PAC to provide snacks during PD session

School Board meeting 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday** Poinsettia pickup

**Friday** Winter program ticket orders due

## 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. Additional info will be sent home with students.

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](mailto:triciakuiken@gmail.com).

## Discovery Art

Mark your calendars for our TREES AROUND THE WORLD event! Parents are invited to view the Trees and Pine Needle Art beginning Dec. 14th (right after the Coffee Chat) through Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. We had so many wonderful & creative entries for the Pine Needle project that we will be exhibiting all of them at school.

A 9th tree featuring an American theme will also include Angel Tree Gift Tags sponsored by the Salvation Army. Select a tag 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. Contact Mrs. Medley with any questions about the Angel Tree.

## Twilight Parade

Thanks to everyone who came out to represent Discovery in the Chesterton Twilight Parade - it was a great night! Special thanks to Steve and Kara Overton for use of their truck and trailer for the school float!

## PAC Officers

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## Upcoming Events

**November 30: Picture retakes**

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

**December 1: Poinsettia pickup**

**December 13: PAC meeting 7 p.m.**

**December 14: Coffee Chat 7:30-8:30 a.m.**

**December 16: December class birthday parties; please arrange times with your teacher**

**December 19: Tapestry of Traditions winter program 6-8 p.m. at the Portage High School West Auditorium**

**December 21: Winter holiday class parties; please arrange times with your teacher**

## Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana offers wonderful programs for girls in kindergarten to twelfth grade, and various volunteer opportunities for adults. For more information contact Sheree Barnett, membership specialist, at 219-472-1957 or [sbarnett@girlscoutsgcnwi.org](mailto:sbarnett@girlscoutsgcnwi.org). Visit their website at [www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org](http://www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org).