



Parent Advisory Council

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The Discovery PAC Newsletter

PAC News

Fundraising Chair

PAC is looking for a Chairperson for the fundraising committee. Specifically we need help with grant searching and writing. Please contact Janine Girzadas if you are interested in this position.

Carpooling

If you live in Porter and would be interested in carpooling with other families, please contact the PAC carpool coordinator, Allison Kolar, at maakolar@gmail.com. Also, in keeping in mind the principles of our school, please consider sharing rides to and from school with friends or neighbors as often as possible.

Winter Program

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

Twilight Parade

Save the date! Chesterton's Twilight Parade is Friday, November 25th and Discovery Charter School will once again be represented! Any and all Discovery students can walk in the parade with the school float. 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. Further information and permission slips will be sent home soon. Questions? Contact Jeny Burkhart at jenniferburkhart@rocketmail.com.

Poinsettia Sales

Please support PAC's 2nd Annual Holiday Flower Sale - all proceeds will go towards a gym for our Discovery students. Orders are due **November 14th** and delivery/pick-up for the flowers will be Thursday, **December 1st** - just in time for your holiday decorating! Be sure to contact your friends, family, neighbors and any local businesses in your area. Questions? 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. They are all environmentally friendly and come in bio-degradable containers ready to plant after the holiday season. Cut trees vary in size and price. Let Chesterton Feed help you create your holiday traditions and support your child's growth and education at Discovery! Chesterton Feed is located at 400 Locust St., Chesterton. Call 926.2790 or visit www.chestertonfeed.com.

This Week's Highlights

Monday

Tuesday Discovery art volunteer meeting
2 p.m. Teacher's Lounge

Wednesday PAC meeting 7 p.m. school library

Thursday Drama club rehearsal

Friday School House Rocks, Jr.! 7 p.m.
Portage High School West Auditorium

Saturday School House Rocks, Jr.! 7 p.m.
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Fundraising News

Gordon Food Service Fun Funds: Shop at GFS and earn money for Discovery! Fun Funds is an annual rebate program where your GFS purchases will count toward a quarterly rebate for the school. Just enroll in the program (there is no cost) to receive a membership card, and then use your membership card when you checkout. Any items in the store designated for the Fun Funds program earn a 10% rebate; all other items receive 1%. Be sure to buy SCRIP first and earn an additional 4%! You can either enroll online or via paper (enrollment forms are available in the school office). See the attached flyer for more information. Questions? Contact Dawn Ekblaw at bruce.ekblaw@frontier.com.

SCRIP: The holidays are fast approaching - stock up on your gift cards now! Plan ahead and purchase gift cards through our SCRIP program. Use your green envelopes (orders are due Mondays at 3:30 p.m.) or stop in the school lobby MWF from 7:45 - 8:30 a.m. and see what we have in stock. Please consider supporting the school through this easy program - there is no out of pocket cost to you. Questions? Contact Tricia Kuiken at triciakuiken@gmail.com.

Discovery Art

We have been invited by the Sunset Hill Farm's "Winter Lights Art Show" to display Discovery Art Program projects. In keeping with our "Tree" theme this year, students may create an artistic piece using pine needles. Each school is allowed to show up to 30 pieces - a contest may be involved if we receive more than 30 entries. All entries must be received by Tuesday, 11-15 @ 3:30pm. Entry forms with rules & details are available in the school office. Also, if you have an artificial holiday tree to donate for the "Trees Around the World" art project, please contact Annette Hansen at 219-241-7431 for pick-up.

Drama Club

Tickets are still available for the Drama Club's first musical performance of "School House Rocks, Jr.!" Tickets through Nov. 8th are \$5 each (children 5 and under are free); tickets can be purchased at the door for \$7. Questions? Contact Lisa Scheller at 219.508.1881.

Many thanks to all of the parents and volunteers who donated so much of their time for this production. The Discovery community is so excited for the Drama Club's debut performance. Good luck to all of the cast and crew!

PAC Officers

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Upcoming Events

November 8: Discovery Art volunteer meeting 2 p.m. in the Teachers' Lounge

November 9: 4-H meeting at 2 p.m. at the Library Service Center in Chesterton

November 9: PAC meeting at 7 p.m. in the school library

November 11: Drama Club musical 7 p.m. Portage High School West Auditorium

November 12: Drama Club musical 7 p.m. Portage High School West Auditorium

November 14: Poinsettia orders due

November 14-18: Book Fair in the school library.

November 15: Winter Lights Art Show entries due

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

4-H News

The Trackers will meet on Wed. 11/9 from 2-3 p.m. at the Library Service Center in Chesterton. We will be voting in our new officers! Bring a snack and drink for yourself. K-2 parents are asked to join their Trackers during the meeting. NOTE: From December on, Trackers will meet at school again on Thursdays. Questions: Annette Hansen 219-241-7431.