



Parent Advisory Council

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The Discovery PAC Newsletter

PAC News

Drama Club

Calling all singers, dancers, musicians, actors and actresses! We will be hosting our first musical, School House Rock Live! Jr. on Saturday, November 12th. Auditions will be held next **Monday, September 12th from 3:45 - 5 p.m.** location TBD. Rehearsals will be Mondays from 3:45 - 5 p.m. and Wednesdays from 2 - 4 p.m. Questions? Contact Diana Smoot at 219.938.5168 or dianasmoot@comcast.net.

Lunch Duty/Recycling

We still need another lunch duty parent on Mondays. Please contact Janine Girzadas if you can help. Also, we are continuing to recycle Capri Sun pouches. Feel free to save your pouches at home and bring them in to school.

Cross Country Club

Cross Country Club (4th - 7th grade) practices will start on **Teusday, Sept. 6th** and will be held every T/Th immediately following school until 5 p.m. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Deana Lecy at deanalecy@comcast.net.

School Directories

Please be sure to fill out a student directory info sheet. Info sheets and advertising submissions are due on **Monday, September 19th**.

Background Checks

All parent volunteers must complete a background check prior to volunteering in the school (<https://in.ibtfingerprint.com>). All parent volunteers must also read and sign the parent volunteer handbook. This handbook will be distributed again on **Tuesday, Sept. 12th at 6:30 p.m.** (right before the first PAC meeting). If you can't attend this meeting, please contact Janine Girzadas to make alternate arrangements.

Discovery Art

Art lessons have begun! The lessons are pre-written, supplies are available and instructor support is active. Volunteers are needed for Mrs. Williams' 3rd grade, Mrs. Phelps' 1st grade, Mrs. Michalak's 1st grade, and Ms. Santana's 2nd grade. Please contact Annette Hansen 219-241-7431 for more information.

Fall Fest 2011

Discovery's 2nd Annual Fall Fest will be held on **Sunday, September 25th from 1-4 p.m.**

Ticket order forms were sent home last week, and extra copies are available in the school office. Tickets are 6 for \$5 (prices will be 5 for \$5 at the door). Be sure to enter the apple pie bake off or chili cook off - our very own Discovery staff will be judging!

If you would like to volunteer for the event, please contact Loren Leidinger-Avila at lorenla69@gmail.com.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available! Ask your family, friends, and neighbors if they'd be interested in supporting our school.

Tree Photography Contest

The Discovery Art program is hosting a tree photography contest. All students may enter one(1) 5x7 black and white or color photo, taken by the student only. Additional info will be sent home later this week. Entry forms will be available in the school office starting on Sept. 19th. Entries are due Friday, October 14th. Questions? Contact Meg Campbell at meggcampbell@yahoo.com.

This Week's Highlights

Monday Labor Day – no school!

Tuesday Cross Country practice after school until 5 p.m.

Wednesday Back to School Night 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Thursday Cross Country practice after school until 5 p.m.
4-H meeting 3:30 – 4:30 in the school library

Friday

Fundraising News

Town & Country: Town & Country will be doing their receipt program again this year. Shop at T&C for your groceries and then submit your receipt to your child's teacher. These receipts will be collected, tallied (liquor, cigarettes and services rendered are excluded) and then submitted to the store for a cash rebate. Discovery can earn as much as 5% cash back. Last year we submitted a total of over \$82,000 in receipts, and collected almost \$2,500 cash back. Please be sure to shop at Town & Country and purchase SCRIP first! Questions? Contact Dawn Ekblaw at bruce.ekblaw@frontier.com.

SCRIP: SCRIP orders are 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. Envelopes will be sent home soon, with additional information about the SCRIP program. Questions? Contact Tricia Kuiken at triciakuiken@gmail.com.

Box Tops and Campbell's Soup Labels: We hope you saved your Box Tops and soup labels over the summer! We will still be collecting these throughout the school year - please send them in with your child or drop them off in the school office.

Heritage Days

Discovery will once again participate in Heritage Days, sponsored by the Indiana National Dunes National Lakeshore and the National Park Service. It will be held on Saturday and Sunday, **September 17-18, from 11-5 p.m.** We will have a booth set up with information about our school and a craft that event attendees can participate in. We need volunteers to man the booth and help with the craft throughout both days - please contact Jeny Burkhart at jenniferburkhart@rocketmail.com if you can help.

Also, please collect any brown or gray crayon pieces you may have in the bottom of your crayon containers and send them to the school office. We will be using them for the Heritage Days craft. Thank you! Questions? Contact Annette Hansen at 219-241-7431.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 7: Back to School Night
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

September 8: 4-H meeting 3:30 p.m.
in the school library

September 12: Musical auditions 3:45
- 5 p.m. location TBD

September 13:
Parent volunteer meeting 6:30 p.m. in
school cafeteria
PAC meeting 7 p.m. in school cafeteria
Fall Fest planning meeting 8 p.m. in
school cafeteria

September 17-18: Heritage Days 11-5
p.m. at the Bailly Homestead

September 25: Fall Fest 1-4 p.m.

4-H News

Our first meeting is on **Sept. 8 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.** in the school library. We are looking forward to welcoming back our club members from last year and seeing any student who would like to join the Trackers or find out more information about 4-H. Parents are welcome to attend meetings! Remember to bring an after-school snack & drink to enjoy during the meeting. For more info, contact Tracker leaders Annette Hansen 219-241-7431 or Lori Kokot 219-781-1648.