



## News from the School

- **2012-2013 Kindergarten Applications:** The kindergarten application deadline is February 17th at 12:00 p.m. Please note that simply indicating a sibling will be attending on the pre-registration form is not a complete application. Kindergarten applicants with siblings currently enrolled will receive sibling preference and not be a part of the lottery drawing. If you have a currently enrolled student not returning next year, any additional sibling you are attempting to enroll will not receive sibling preference.
- **Math Bowl:** Discovery will be participating in the Indiana Association of School Principal's M.A.T.H. (Math Academic Teams for Hoosiers) Bowl on Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. The competition will take place at Boone Grove Elementary School and begins at 5:00 P.M. Discovery will have two teams: a 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade team coached by Ms. Wilfinger and Mr. Simon and a 6<sup>th</sup> grade team coached by Miss Dopka.
- **President's Day Break:** School will NOT be in session on Friday, February 17th and Monday, February 20th due to a designated snow make up day and President's Day.
- **Uniform Pickup:** There will be an additional uniform pickup next Tuesday Feb. 21st from 7:45-8:15 a.m. and 3:30-4 p.m. in the basement (enter through the door to the right of the middle school entrance). If you need to make alternate arrangements please contact Melissa Healy at healyfamily5@gmail.com.
- **Frog in the Bog:** Medical forms and payment (\$51) can be turned into the front office. All forms and Fees are due by March 16<sup>th</sup>.
- **Howell Nature Center:** Permission slips, Student Waivers, and payments can be turned in to the front office. The total cost of the trip is \$160. We are asking all students attending make a partial payment of at least \$50 by February 24<sup>th</sup> so that we can finalize the trip numbers.
- **Photographs/photographers needed:** We are seeking photos of Discovery kids in action for print material and publications. If you have any photos you would like to contribute, please send them to the main office. In addition if you would like to lend your photography skills to this endeavor, please contact the main office.
- **Class Historian:** There are so many wonderful activities occurring in every classroom. We want to begin archiving these Discovery memorable moments. If you are interested in being a class historian, please e-mail your child's teacher.
- **Skill Sets Inventory:** We would like to create a database of skill sets of parents and families within our school community. This database will be used for everything from guest speaking opportunities to school improvement ventures. Please assist us in connecting and involving everyone to keep building Discovery and connecting children to their place. Please use the attached form and return to your child's teacher.
- **Duneland Property Tax:** There has been a lot of information in the news recently regarding a proposed property tax increase benefitting Duneland School Corporation. We want to inform Discovery parents that although we are a public school and our own official school corporation, we will NOT receive any funds from this tax hike. In addition, Charter Schools do NOT have the opportunity to propose any type of tax hike. Duneland also communicated that part of their financial hardship was due to Discovery. We want to inform you that with the tax increase they will be bringing in approximately 5 times the amount of money they loose annually to Discovery.