Happy Spring Discovery Community,
I have lots of wonderful news to share this month.

Celebration Highlights:
- Discovery received a Washington Achievement Award for 2014 in Overall Excellence. This means that we are one of the top 5% schools in the state, using state assessment data.

- Our 4th grade Math Team placed 3rd place in the Math is Cool competition
- Our 4th-5th grade Chess Team placed 11th in state

Issaquah School Foundation Grants Received:
- Deborah Mohn – Kateri Bow grant award $6,800 for I-pads in the elementary music classroom.
- Sabrina Lindquist- Library Media Collection enters the 21st century grant

PTSA Technology Grant Awarded:
The middle of this past year, Mari Stevens, PTSA President, and myself started putting our heads together on how to best spend the money that you so generously donate through our past Walk/Run a thons and this past year’s Fun Run. Our goal is that you, the parents, would see the money put to use when your child is still at Discovery. I am happy to announce that our school will have 80 laptops and four charging carts. This will give all students access to laptops in addition to our computer lab. This grant was unanimously approved at the last PTSA General Meeting. Thank you so much for making this possible!
Finally, I know that many of you are wondering about what our staffing is going to look like for the 2015-2016 school year. Here is some information that I am able to share with you:

- **Dean of Students, Charlene Grisim** has decided to pursue other opportunities at the middle school and high school level.
- **Wendy Gilberd-ECE teacher** is going to enjoy being retired after 25 years of being in education.
- **Ryan Bellmont-ECE teacher** is moving to Minnesota.
- **Natalie Ploetz-PE teacher** is going to stay home next year to spend more time with her two children.
- **Carol Jacobs-3rd grade teacher** will be our .50 English Language Learner teacher here at Discovery.
- **Allison Lehr-4th grade teacher** will be the .50 Positive Behavior and Social Emotional Support person for Sunset Elementary.

I am waiting for a few more things to finalize before letting you know who will be teaching you what grade.

Have a fabulous week!
Michele Nishioka

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**Henderson Pasta Palooza**

The PTSA, along with the Discovery staff, is hosting a fundraising night that will benefit Discovery's second grade teacher, Natashia Henderson and her family. Natashia's husband was tragically killed in a car accident. She has a 4 year old, a 1 year old, and is pregnant with her third child due this July.

Please join us in support and love on **TUESDAY- MAY 5th - 6pm-8pm** in the Discovery Multi-purpose room.

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**ISD – We Have an App for That**

We have exciting news! Families and students now have a new tool available to view grades, attendance, lunch balances, and so much more on their mobile devices.

The Issaquah School District now has its own app that you can download now for Apple or Android devices. Simply search for Issaquah School District in the Apple or Google Play app store. It is simple and easy to navigate. For an overview of its features and use, watch this short [Video Tutorial](#) and get started today!
Staff Appreciation Week
May 4th – May 8th

This is just a reminder that Staff Appreciation week begins on Monday, May 4th! Here are a few things we would like all Students to participate in to help celebrate our wonderful Discovery Staff!

Write ‘Thank You’ notes for Teachers and Support Staff (Office Staff, Specialists, EA’s, Custodians, etc.). Feel free to use your imagination as to how you would like to write or draw a nice note to let our staff know how much you appreciate them. Please drop notes in box near the office. All notes will be delivered to each Staff member on the last day of Staff Appreciation week at the Staff luncheon. Notes are due by Tuesday, May 5th.

Pick ANY day during Staff Appreciation week to bring in a treat for your Teacher and Support Staff. Please visit the PTSA website to view profiles for each staff member if needed. It’s up to students if they would like to bring in one treat or more than one. Students can do this individually or the class can coordinate with their Room Parent.

Please donate $5.00 gift cards. These can be dropped off in box near the office. The gift cards will be raffled off at the Staff luncheon. Gift cards due by Tuesday, May 5th.

Please attend the Pasta Palooza fundraiser for Mrs. Henderson on Tuesday, May 5th from 6:00pm-8:00pm.

Here is what the PTSA will be doing for the Teachers and all of the Support Staff throughout the week:

- Monday: Coffee & Tea cart with breakfast items
- Tuesday: Sweet treats
- Wednesday: Cheese, Crackers and fresh fruit
- Thursday: Sweet treats
- Friday: Lunch to be served during all lunch breaks and Raffle

Thank you all for participating and for helping to show our thanks to all of our Discovery Staff!

FREE OR LOW COST DENTAL CARE FOR YOUR CHILDREN

May 20, 2015
University of Washington Center for Pediatric Dentistry, 6222 NE 74th Street, Seattle 9 am - 2 pm

Dental Home Day, free dental care for children ages 1-18, including children with special needs. Exams, cleaning, sealants, fillings, etc.

Appointments by reservation only, space limited. Call (206) 543-5800.

Reservations will open in March.

NOTE: Children must be accompanied by parent/guardian during exam. Emancipated teenagers accepted.

Consent forms required before service provided. Billing and insurance paperwork may be required for some events. Free family transportation is available, contact: Social Work at brenm@uw.edu (206) 543-6718 or 206) 543-0704. Translators may be available upon request.
Open Enrollment for Fall 2015

Enrollment packets for “NEW to Discovery” students are now available in the office.

Things to remember:
• Families must live (or have a purchase or lease contract) in the Discovery attendance area to pick up an enrollment packet.
• Parent identification, the child’s immunization records, and the child’s proof of birth date (birth certificate or passport) are required for registration, along with family address verification in the form of a utility bill (gas, water, or electric) and ONE of the following:
  o Home purchase papers or property tax statement
  o Lease/Rental agreement (original)
  o Notarized verification of proof of residence
  o Please direct new enrollment questions to Debbie Alberts

Are you moving this summer? Don’t forget to tell us!

If your child/children will not be attending Discovery next year, please let the office know as soon as possible. Also, please be sure to update the office if you have moved or changed your contact information so we have the correct information for summer mailers. On the other side of that coin…..if you have NEW NEIGHBORS with elementary school-aged children, please encourage them to contact our registrar, Debbie Alberts at (425) 837-4100, or albertsd@issaquah.wednet.edu to begin the enrollment process. The sooner we know they are coming, the better!

Just because it’s getting warmer out….]

...does not mean that it’s summer time. Please remember there is a dress code at all Issaquah schools. Some of the key points:
1. Shorts, skirts and dresses must be longer than finger tips when hands/arms are to the side.
2. Tanks and dresses must have straps that are three finger width length or bigger.
3. Shirts must be long enough to cover the stomach.
4. No visible undergarments.
5. No flip flops.

Hats/head coverings/sunglasses can be worn outside.
**Parent Workshops**

Teaching Your Child How to Share Smart & Stay Safe Online

Date: Thursday, May 28  
Time: 7:00 - 8:00  
Where: Discovery library

Anne Livingston is a parent and kid privacy expert and author. Her articles have been featured on parenting and security websites such as a Platform For Good and CSID. Her book, Talking Digital: A Parent’s Guide for Teaching Kids How to Share Smart and Stay Safe Online, is available on Amazon. To learn more about Anne and digital parenting, visit [www.kidsprivacy.net](http://www.kidsprivacy.net).

**Puberty - What to Expect and How to Survive**

Date: Tuesday, June 2  
Time: 7:00 - 8:00

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**BIKE, SCOOT & WALK TO SCHOOL**

**Wednesday, May 6th**

Join us in celebrating National Bike Month by riding to school in style on Bike to School Day. Pump those pedals to preserve your health and the environment.

Remember to wear a helmet and bring a bike lock. Please be aware of bicycle safety. If the front bike rack is full, park and lock your bike along the fence line in the back of the school.

Parents must accompany their children along our busy roads to keep them safe. We would love to have ample adult supervision and support to and from school. Of course this is an at your own risk type of activity, but we want to ensure all kids are SAFE!
The Issaquah School District invites Discovery parents and students to use a new resource for learning technology tools called Atomic Learning. The District’s subscription includes nearly 50,000 step-by-step tutorials on common software, workshops, and projects on topics such as blogging and Internet safety.

Atomic Learning can be used by you and your children at home. You can click on the link on the ISD website under ‘Family Resources’ or go to the Issaquah Atomic Learning site at https://web.issaquah.wednet.edu/atomic/

Parents log in with:

Username: issaquahparent
Password: issaquah

Discovery students log in with:

Username: discoverystudent
Password: discovery
**Bond Feasibility Committee**

The bond feasibility committee met twice in April. Committee members reviewed and commented on 2 options for accommodating student growth in the district. The main difference between the two options is that option 1 proposes building 2 new elementary schools, 1 new middle school and 1 new high school. Option two proposes building 2 new elementary schools but adding classrooms to existing middle and high schools instead constructing new buildings. The committee discussed the advantages and disadvantages of both options line by line and recommended going with option 1 for elementary and middle schools. The committee will discuss high school options next week.

Please remember that this is a proposal that will be recommended by the committee to the school board who will then decide whether to add the bond measure to a ballot in 2016.

Please contact the Bond committee directly with comments at mail-to:Bond2016@issaquah.wednet.edu. More information can be found on the Issaquah School District website: http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/2016-school-bond-feasibility

Kim Hand, Discovery Elementary Representative.

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**Upcoming Events**

**May**

4-8........Staff Appreciation
5............Henderson Pasta Palooza 6:00
6...........Bike, Scoot, Walk to School Day
12...........PTSA meeting 7:00
20...........Art Show 6:00
25........Memorial Day - No School
27........K-Kids 1:30
28........Parent Workshop 7:00 (sponsored by PTSA)

**June**

2..........Parent Workshop 7:00 (sponsored by PTSA)
5..........Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
12..........5th grade party
15..........5th grade promotion 2:00
17..........last day of school 11:45