
Weekly Newsletter

September 12, 2014

New Discoveries Montessori Academy
1000 Fifth Avenue SE
Hutchinson, MN 55350

newdiscoveries.org T: 320.234.6362 (NDMA)

Kirsten Kinzler

Director of Instruction

Dave Conrad

Director of Operations

FLAG RAISING

Mr. Conrad provided training on Thursday this week for 17 fifth and sixth graders outlining proper etiquette for handling the United States flag. The fifth and sixth graders submitted applications for the privilege of serving in this role. They were among the most thoughtful and well-written applications ever submitted.



The students practiced folding the flag, raising the flag and lowering the flag. The students will be scheduled in groups of three for two-week shifts to raise and lower the flag each day. In memory of 9.11 our flag was raised to half-staff on Thursday.

BENCHMARKING

FAST is a powerful multi-source, multi-method approach to data-based decision-making. FAST provides Computer Adaptive Tests (CAT) and Curriculum-Based Measurement (CBM) that help teachers make important decisions about students' programming that are compatible with their instructional needs. FAST replaces AimsWeb assessment that we've done in the past for benchmarking and progress monitoring. We started benchmarking in reading this week, and will begin math next week.

MOVIE NIGHT - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th

Mark your calendars for next Friday's Family Night. This event also marks the return of another season of PTO Restaurant fundraisers. This time they are offering a twist – we are bringing the Restaurant to NDMA. Red's Hot Dog wagon will be out back at 5:30 p.m. Volunteers will be staffing lawn games during the supper hour. The movie "Gordy" will be shown in the multi-purpose room at 7:30 p.m. Please join us for supper, games and a movie on the 19th.



Upcoming Events

September 15

NDMA Board Meeting 5:30pm

September 19

MOVIE NIGHT

Reds Hot Vienna Hot Dogs
PTO Restaurant Fundraiser

5:30-7:30pm

7:30pm – MOVIE – "Gordy"

September 24

ACNW Trip 5th/6th Graders

September 25

Family Discoveries Night 5:30pm

September 25

ACNW Trip 5th/6th Graders

September 26

ACNW Trip 5th/6th Graders

October 1

2-hour Late Start

October 13 - 15

PTO Bookfair

October 14

Conferences - 3:30-7:30pm

October 15

NO SCHOOL

Conferences – 8am-4pm

October 16

NO SCHOOL

Professional Meetings

October 17

NO SCHOOL Org M

Professional Org Meetings

READ EVERYDAY!

ACNW TRIP – Grades 5/6

Our 5th and 6th grade students will be off to Audubon Center of the North Woods from Wednesday, September 24th through Friday, September 26th. ACNW is located in Sandstone MN just off of Interstate 35 between the cities and Duluth.

ACNW includes a 535-acre lakeside site with a variety of wetlands, forests and prairies. With a focus on the outdoors as the primary classroom, students are outside for the majority of classes. In addition to the great outdoors, we feature a variety of indoor classrooms to enhance the outdoor learning experience. Adventure programming includes canoeing, high and low ropes courses and a climbing wall.



This is a wonderful environmental experience for our students and we are looking forward to our time up north!

Reminder to 5/6th grade parents: Please turn in your paperwork asap!

RECESS/OUTDOOR EDUCATION

All children should be dressed properly for the weather conditions of the day. Students at New Discoveries go outside everyday as part of our mission in keeping our kids active and healthy. Please help your child have the appropriate attire at school. Please mark your child's outerwear with their name for identification purposes. If a student is to be excused from recess, he or she will need a note from the doctor specifically describing why the child should not go outside and the length of time.

Spirit Wear Orders are due Friday, September 19th

Stop by school if a form is needed

HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

- ① **Student Forms** - Thank you to all those families that have turned in their student forms! If you have not completed all the forms, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you! (Health Forms, Student Handbook Signature page, Lunch Money, Supplies fee, etc.)

RECYCLE YOUR INK CARTRIDGES & CELL PHONES!

Did you know that New Discoveries can get money for your used ink cartridges and cell phones? Planet Green Recycling will take these items and send a check for our recycling efforts. Bring into school and give to Ms. Kinzler.

REDUCE
REUSE
RECYCLE



WJPB



SPREAD THE WORD!

Do you know a family that's looking for a great school for their children? Have them visit New Discoveries! We still have openings. We'll give them the grand tour and let them watch us in action! Word of mouth continues to be our number one source of recruiting. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to give us a call or e-mail.