Welcome Fall

Now that we have all settled in to the new school year routine, it is time to start some of our fun filled PTSA programs!

Our annual Walk-a-Thon will be taking place on Friday, October 15th, so get those walking shoes ready. This is one of our great Discovery community events! Bring the whole family and your friends and have a great time walking, having a bite to eat, and enjoy the festivities. And don’t forget the silent auction that will be taking place in the cafeteria.

Leading up to Walk-a-Thon is Spirit Week. Each day will have a different theme. We will have crazy shoe and sock day, favorite color from head to toe day, crazy hat or hair day, sports day, and school spirit wear day.

The Walk-a-Thon team will again be leading a can food drive this year for the Issaquah Food Bank. Drop off bins will be in the school during Spirit Week for your children to add their contribution of non-perishable food items. Students that bring in a food donation can earn an additional raffle ticket to be used at Walk-a-Thon.

In addition, "Family Math Night" will be on Wednesday, October 20th. This is a special night when families come and enjoy math through fun games. We hope to see you there! Then on October 25th, we will be starting the Eager Math program. This is a great program where kids do extra math at home to earn prizes.

Discovery board is now complete, as we have filled the final open position "Member at Large". Welcome to our Member at Large, Stacy Vinnick.

A great big thank you to all of our PTSA members who came out for our first general meeting of the year! Thanks for all your support!! If you didn’t hear, we had a raffle for members who came to the meeting. We gave away two Starbucks gift cards, 1 free popcorn for the school year card, and an Entertainment Book. Our next meeting is November 16th and I can’t wait to see all of you there!!

As always, feel free to email me with any of your questions or concerns.

Remember to visit our website for all the latest updates. Looking forward to lots of fun in October!

Deb Evdemon
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Walking for a Better Tomorrow

DISCOVERY WALK-A-THON
Friday, October 15, 2010
3:45-6:00pm

Discovery’s biggest party and fundraiser of the year! Bring the family and support our kids as we walk, talk and have a great time. They’ll be tasty treats, raffles and prizes.

The week leading up to the Walk-A-Thon is Spirit Week, where each day will have a special theme. This year’s themes are:

- **Monday, 10/11**: Crazy Shoe/Sock Day
- **Tuesday, 10/12**: Favorite Color from Head-to-Toe Day
- **Wednesday, 10/13**: Crazy Hair/Hat Day
- **Thursday, 10/14**: Favorite Sport Day
- **Friday, 10/15**: Discovery Spirit Wear Day

Our Spirit Team is hard at work planning fun and exciting events throughout the week. Remember to support the Issaquah Food Bank by having your child bring in a canned food item on any or each day of the week. In exchange for their generosity, students will earn raffle tickets that will enter them into the prize drawings at 5:30pm. And for our Walk-A-Thon parents, we will have a silent auction in the MPR so come and take a look at all the fantastic items for you to bid on.

A huge event like this needs everyone’s help, so if you are interested in volunteering your time or have an auction item to donate, please contact Walk-A-Thon Chair Lynne Hickman at lynne_hickman@msn.com. Thank you for your support.

Everybody’s a winner at Walk-A-Thon – See you there!
Membership News

Thank you to all who have joined PTSA so far! Your support means the world to the staff and students at Discovery. With staff and parents, our membership stands at 507!

Did you know PTSA is a registered 501c(3) non-profit? That means the PTSA does not make any money that doesn't get spent on students and staff at Discovery.

Did you know that PTSA funds are spent supporting programs at the school, such as... Eager Math, Eager Reader, School Assemblies, Science Fair, Art Docent, Science to Go, Cultural Night, Destination Imagination, Reflections and Reading Support?

Did you know that each teacher receives $250 from PTSA for classroom enrichment thanks to you?

Why Should I Get Involved?
Membership benefits your child and benefits our schools!
Kids do better when parents are involved~Grades are higher, test scores improve and attendance increases.
Membership makes you a good role model~by becoming a PTSA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education.

If you have not yet joined our PTSA, it's not too late! Membership forms are available in the office, or you can download and print the form from the PTSA website: http://www.discoveryptsa.org/forms.html

Please turn in your forms to the PTSA mailbox in the office.
Thanks again!!!

Questions? Please contact Katie McDorman at kt.mcdorman@gmail.com

PTSA Meeting Raffle Winners

Thank you to all who attended the September PTSA General Meeting! We look forward to seeing you at the general meeting in November!

Here are the winners from the raffle drawing

Entertainment Book--Kim Hand
Starbuck’s Gift Cards--Lisa Vik, Courtney Maconi
Free Popcorn for the Year--Hailei Zhang
EAGER MATH BEGINS ON OCTOBER 26th

Discovery PSTA is once again sponsoring the Eager Math Program. This year it will run from October 26th through November 12th. This program is designed to encourage students to improve on their math fundamentals in an enjoyable way. Students will complete math activities or play math games at home for an amount of time according to their grade level. Students will log their hours and turn them in every Friday for three weeks and every student that completes the program will receive a small prize. Our school goal is to reach a combined 100,000 minutes in the three-week period.

Instructions and log sheets will be handed out the Friday before it starts. We look forward to an exciting three weeks and participation.

Lisa Vik                        Michelle Simmons
Co-Chairperson              Co-Chairperson

Walk-A-Thon 2010 – Double your Dollars!

Please don’t forget to help us double your WAT contribution!

You can:

• Return your Matching Gift form in your student’s WAT Permission Envelope
• Drop your Matching Gift form off at the school office; or
• Go online yourself to register your Gift with your employer

Let us know if we can help.
Maribeth Thomas
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www.discoveryptsa.org

Visit our website to stay up to date with all the information you need to feel connected!
The Reflections Program is a National PTA and Washington State PTA cultural arts competition. The purpose of this program is to provide an opportunity for students to use their creative talents by expressing themselves through their own original works.

Each year, Reflections challenges students to create art that supports a specific theme. Themes are selected from thousands of ideas submitted by students to National PTA’s Reflections Theme Search.

Young artists get involved in Reflections through their local PTA or PTSA. A student may submit an entry in any of six arts areas. Only original works of art are accepted. The six art areas are: Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts, Film/Video and Choreography/Dance.

**Deadline for entries for Discovery Elementary is November 10th.**

Student entry forms with the rules and guidelines are available in the school office. Each student must fill out an entry form for his or her work to be judged.

A total of 3 entries per child are permitted.

If you have questions contact Deb Evdemon, devdemon@rocketmail.com

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**Discovery Runs a Marathon!**

**Who:** Everyone interested in running a marathon (K-5)

**What:** Run 25 miles at school (lunch recess & Thursday morning sessions) or at home. Run 1.2 miles at the Seattle Kid’s marathon on Saturday, Nov 27.

**When:** Program starts Sept 27 and race is in Seattle on Nov 27.

**How:** Fill out the District permission form & fill out an online registration ($16.50)

Forms and details can be found on Discovery Website under Upcoming Events (Sept 27 Discovery Runs A Marathon) link.

**Questions:** Email Miss Yamamoto yamamotor@issaquah.wednet.edu)
Did you see it?

*Calling for Kids* letters and remit forms should reach your mailbox early this month. Look for the smiling faces on the bright yellow envelope then open, read carefully and reply. Your response, received before October 25, will allow the Foundation to allocate more of your dollars to student-centered programs and less to administrative costs (including the care and feeding of our hungry student callers). “Our goal this year is to raise $300,000,” says campaign co-chair Deborah Parsons. “We would love to secure 75% of this amount before the calling begins. Many donors find it convenient to give online or to send in their remit form in advance rather than having to worry about missing our students’ calls.”

You can do your part to help the Foundation reach its goals by going to [www.isfdn.org](http://www.isfdn.org) to learn more about the *Calling for Kids* Annual Fund campaign and to make your donation today. *Remember*… the Foundation wants to recognize your school community’s support. Be sure to fill in the name of your student(s)’ schools on your printed or online donation form.

**Run for Healthy Kids and a Healthy Community**

Planning to visit Salmon Days? Why not add the Issaquah Rotary Run to your plans. This year, the Rotary is donating a portion of every entry fee to the Foundation. The October 3rd event offers something for exercise enthusiasts at all levels. For the athlete, there’s a 10K race—and for the rest of us—a 5K Fun Run/Walk/Crawl. There’s even a 1K Kid’s Dash. It’s a great event for families, sports teams, friends, neighbors, book groups … everyone. Go to [www.IssaquahRun.com](http://www.IssaquahRun.com) for more information and to register your team.

**Welcome PTSA/ISF Representatives**

The Foundation is pleased to welcome the 2010-2011 class of PTSA/ISF Representatives. These dedicated volunteers spread the word about Foundation programs and activities throughout the school year. They are the enthusiastic ladies you’ll find making presentations at PTSA meetings, hanging *Calling for Kids* posters in your school, encouraging teachers to apply for Academic Enrichment Grants and securing attendees for the annual *Nourish Every Mind* Luncheon. They are also your source for questions and information about the Foundation. Please join us in giving these dedicated ladies a round of applause. [Click here](http://www.isfdn.org) to find the name or your PTSA/ISF Representative.

**The Chemistry Curriculum is here**

Donors, you did it. Thanks to your generous contributions, the Foundation was able to make a $120,000 grant to the District. This year’s chemistry students are using from new books and cutting-edge equipment. Bravo to you!
Fundraising

Office Depot
Office Depot will give Discovery 10% of the purchases you make. All you need to do is ask when checking out to have your 10% put toward Discovery Elementary. They will look up the # and enter it into their system. It is as easy as that.

E-Labels for Education
E-labels for Education- Go to www.elabelsforeducation.com and register your QFC, Fred Meyer and Safeway card and purchase Labels for Education (Campbells, Pepperidge Farms etc.) eligible brands products, schools can earn FREE educational merchandise, such as computers, software, sports equipment, musical instruments, library books and even a minivan. The school redeems the points collected for FREE merchandise from the e-Labels for Education catalog.

Safeway
Please remember to register your Safeway Club Cards at www.escrip.com or you can email me at rooneyshawna@hotmail.com and I’ll do it for you! Even if you registered in years past, you need to go to escrip.com and renew. It’s completely free and it’s so beneficial to our school! Encourage your friends, neighbors, and relatives to register their cards too.

Box Tops
An easy way to earn money for Discovery Elementary!!!! Simply cut, collect and turn into the school. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents. Believe it or not, these really do add up. We earned over $1000 last year. Kids love looking out for these on packages.

Questions?
Please email Shawna Rooney at rooneyshawna@hotmail.com
The PTSA would like to thank Shawn and Michelle Simmons for their generous donation of four pounds of Starbuck’s coffee for use at PTSA functions!