

# Discovery Canyon Campus

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Dear DCC Middle School Families,

I am so excited to welcome you to the start of the 2017-18 school year. I also want to welcome all new families to the DCC Community. In this letter, there is important information and dates to help you get started for this coming year.

I also want to invite the entire DCC Community to our Community Connection Social which will be held on August 19, 2017 from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM on the middle school PE field. It will be fantastic to welcome our entire K-12 DCC Community to this event to celebrate a new school year.

It is my honor to serve you as the principal of Discovery Canyon Middle School. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. You can contact me at (719) 234-1810, or on my cell phone at (719) 510-5895.

## **A number of staff members new to DCC middle level will be joining us this school year, including:**

- Tanya Evans, Assistant Principal
- Diana Good, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Language and Literature
- Emily Heinrich, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science
- Jacqueline Honold, Middle School Drama
- Katelyn Nishimoto, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science
- Jill Qualters, Middle School Counselor
- Kathy Trautner, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Individuals and Societies/Language & Literature
- Paula Kavalec, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Individuals and Societies
- TBA, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Individuals and Societies

## **Student Class Schedules**

When the middle level counselors return to school on July 31, 2017, they will begin their work to finalize student schedules. **Once middle level student schedules are finalized, parents/guardians will be notified via 20 Alert and instructions will be provided for accessing and printing the “easiest to read” version of the schedule. Please be so kind as to not print your student’s schedule until receiving notification that the schedules have been finalized.** Finalized student schedules will be available prior to the DCC PK-8 Open House, held on August 10, 2017.

## **Bell Schedules**

The school day begins at 8:15 AM and concludes at 3:15 PM. The bell schedules for purple, silver, assembly, black, and late start days may be accessed at [17-18 Bell Schedule](#). Please feel welcome to make a printout of the bell schedules to use as a reference throughout the school year.

## **Before School Study Time (BeSST)**

Students in grades six through eight are able to enter the DCC middle level building starting at 7:35 AM. Students who are in the building before 7:35 must stay in the area located in front of the attendance office. Supervision for students will begin at 7:35 in the middle school gym. Students will be required to stay in the middle school gym until the first bell rings at 8:05 AM. Breakfast will be served every morning in front of the DCC Thunderstore in the main hallway.

*“One common campus, one common purpose, one common goal – student success!”*

This year, we will also be offering BESST (Before School Study Time) in a separate location. Students who attend BESST may do so from 7:35 AM to 8:05 AM. Students who attend BESST will need to stay in this location until the bell rings at 8:05. More information will be given in a future 20 Alert about the location of the BESST program.

### **Upcoming Events at DCC**

Please mark your calendar for the following upcoming school year start-up events. As the dates approach, specific information regarding each event will be sent via 20 Alert as needed.

- Registration for The Digital Learning Program for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. All students coming into 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade will need to have their devices registered to the network. The registration dates are August 10<sup>th</sup> and August 11<sup>th</sup> in the Cafetorium. August 10<sup>th</sup> will be from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. August 11<sup>th</sup> will be from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Sixth Grade students will not participate in this program until January. There is no need to register a device for a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student at this time.
- DCC PK-8 Open House (Opportunity for students and parents to visit classrooms, meet teachers, etc.) Discoveries Teachers will be serving root beer floats in the Proto Plaza (plaza in front of the middle school library).  
Thursday, August 10, 2017  
3:30 PM - 6:00 PM
- DCC 6<sup>th</sup> Grade High Trails Information Night  
Thursday, August 17, 2017  
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM in the Middle School Cafetorium
- DCC Community Connections Social  
Saturday, August 19, 2017  
3-6 PM on the Lower Soccer Field
- DCC 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Back to School Night (Opportunity for parents to follow their student's class schedule and meet teachers.)  
Wednesday, August 23, 2017  
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
- DCC 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Academy (6<sup>th</sup> Grade Back to School Night)  
Wednesday, August 30, 2017  
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
- DCC PK-12 International Baccalaureate (IB) Information Night  
Date and time TBA

### **School Supplies**

We will have school supply lists for the 2017-2018 school year for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. The school supplies list for each grade level is located on the front page of the middle school website.

There will be also be a consumable fee for students at each grade level. The consumable fee will not be accessible to be paid in the PayForIt system until August. I will send a 20 Alert to notify parents when this option becomes available. The consumable fee will cover the following items and the fee will be the following cost for each grade level:

\$16.00 consumable fee (6<sup>th</sup> grade) for the Student Planner, Math's Mate workbook, and community supplies of tissues/wipes/paper towels/hand sanitizer

\$16.00 consumable fee (7<sup>th</sup> grade) for the Student Planner, Math's Mate workbook, and community supplies of tissues/wipes/paper towels/hand sanitizer

\$21.00 consumable fee (8<sup>th</sup> grade) for the Student Planner, Careers workbook, and community supplies of tissues/wipes/paper towels/hand sanitizer

### ***First Several Days of School***

- **Monday, August 14, 2017** is the first day of school for **sixth grade students only**. When they arrive to school in the morning, sixth grade students should report to the Middle Level Gym. Staff and students in the Bringing Our Level Together (BOLT) Crew will be available to assist sixth grade students. From there, sixth grade students will be guided through a special schedule that allows them to visit each of their classes. On this day, students only need to bring to school a pen or pencil; their planner; a copy of their class schedule; and a lunch, if they will not be purchasing lunch in the Cafetorium. All 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students will be receiving a DCC T-shirt the first day of school.
- **Tuesday, August 15, 2017** is the first day that **all sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students** will report to DCC. The schedule for the day is a **Black Day with Silver Discoveries**.
- **Wednesday, August 16, 2017** will be a **Purple Day**.
- **Thursday, August 17, 2017** will be a **Silver Day**.
- **Friday, August 18, 2017** will be a **Purple Assembly Day**. From this day forward, the Purple / Silver “every other day” rotation will continue.

### ***DCC Community Connection Social***

This year, we will be celebrating an annual tradition to kick off our school year. We will be having **the Discovery Canyon Community Connection Social** on **Saturday, August 19, 2017** from **3:00 PM to 6:00 PM** on the middle school PE field. This is an event the whole DCC K-12 community can attend for free. We will have carnival games, bounce houses, ice cream, music, and a dunk tank. Please RSVP to this event at [Social Signup](#).

There is a scrimmage for our high school football team that same day on the high school football field at 3:00 PM. It would be great to have all our students, parents, and community support the football team at the scrimmage before the Community Connection Social. We will have more information about this event in a separate 20 Alert during the first week of school.

### ***This year's Middle School Theme***

This year's theme at DCC Middle is “Embracing the Challenge Together.” I know we have the team to make sure our students realize their potential and embody the words in this year's theme.

### ***Student Planners***

Students will receive their planners in the Bridges Class during the first week of school. The consumable fee for each grade level will cover the cost of the student planners.

### ***“Whites of Eyes” Count***

It is very important that your student attend school each day during the week of August 14, 2017 as we conduct the “Whites of Eyes” count. This will confirm your student's enrollment and attendance at DCC for the 2017-2018 school year. **If there are circumstances that prevent your student from attending school during the week of August 14, 2017, please contact DCC at (719) 234-1800.**

Throughout the school year, information will continue to be shared with you via the 20 Alert e-mail system. DCC Middle School 20 Alerts will be sent on Wednesday afternoons. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact DCC at (719) 234-1800, or on my cell phone at (719) 510-5895.

I can't wait to see all our students and families for the start of this school year. I look forward to a wonderful school year at the best school in the state. GO THUNDER!!

Sincerely,

Mario Romero  
Principal  
Discovery Canyon Campus Middle School