

January 1st, 2024

Dear Families of a Child Eligible for Kindergarten in September 2024:

It's an exciting time of the year as you start thinking about kindergarten for your child next fall! You are receiving this letter if you reside in the Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose school district and your child's birth date indicates eligibility to start kindergarten in September. **We are excited to provide you with information about Discovery Elementary School, a Minnesota School of Excellence, as a school of choice within the BHM School District!**

Discovery Elementary is a small school of choice based on the philosophy of multi-age, looping education. **On Monday, January 22nd at 6:30, Discovery Principal, Dr. Mathew Nelson, will host an informational presentation (attendance is optional) in Commons B in Discovery Elementary.** During this optional presentation, additional information about Discovery Elementary School will be presented along with the opportunity for question/answer time.

Discovery Elementary is a school of choice available for children from *all* attendance areas (transportation is provided) and offers:

- **“Whole Child”** approach to education within a **positive “Together We’re Better” school culture** (focus on **social, emotional, and intellectual development** to help students reach their limitless potential).
- **Looping** allows students to collaborate with a teacher for two or three years to develop deeper, meaningful, **Positive Teacher – Student Relationships**, Focus on Community Collaboration
- **Multi-Age Instruction** in grades 1-2 (Primary) and 3-4-5 (Intermediate)
- **Community “C’s” Character and Social Skills Infused:** Integrated into a **small school setting**
- Proven record of academic success, **Student Achievement, Authentic, and Personalized Learning**, validated and named a **Minnesota School of Excellence**
- **Family based enrollment** – siblings are guaranteed enrollment opportunity

Please Note: *The enclosed application can be returned to the Discovery Elementary Office or emailed to [Discovery-Lottery@bhmschools.org](mailto:Discovery-Lottery@bhmschools.org)* to enter your child in the lottery for available kindergarten openings at Discovery Elementary. If you email your application, you will receive a receipt confirmation message.

**Lottery applications must be received in the Discovery office by: Monday, January 29th, 2024.**

**The Discovery Kindergarten Lottery will be held on Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. All families who apply will receive a notification of the lottery results via postal mail, whether they were selected in the lottery or not.**

If you any questions about Discovery Elementary or would like a tour of the school, please call us at 763-682-8426. We look forward to the potential to collaborate with you and your child!

**“Together We’re Better!”**