

# DISCOVERY LAB

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## DLS Students, Friends and Families

As I write this note, the realization that we are rapidly approaching the end of the year comes over me and almost instantly I start to miss our students, their energy and their smiles. I wanted to take this opportunity to touch on two topics that might be of interest to our students and families. First topic, the “Hazy Lazy Days of Summer”. If we let our students “laze” away the days of summer without using their minds, they can lose up to a month of learning, especially in reading and math. You can reduce the impact of “summer brain” by keeping your child engaged using brain-friendly summer activities. First of all, devise a plan, tell your child that reading and learning activities are an important part of their summer. Remind them that they will have lots of time for play. Second topic, the YSD cell phone policy.

To tackle “summer brain”, here are a few suggestions you might want to try out. 1. Teach mini-lessons to transform everyday activities into learning opportunities. Children can count change, read directions for a trip, write a shopping list or calculate a recipe’s measurement. Shoot, these days, have them calculate the tax on your fast food meal. It’s never too soon to create some tax awareness these days, Lol! 2. Gather up some activity books. Give children their own activity book with crossword puzzles or number games customized for their specific age group. Set a “Due Date”, to keep them “on-track”, but let them work at their own pace. Sudoku is a good option. 3. Initiate a writing project. Have your child keep a summer journal, write letters to family members or friends, or craft a play to perform with siblings or neighbors. Or, start a family cookbook with your favorite family recipes, instructions and shopping lists. 4. A few more ideas: Strategize screen time, don’t just allow the screen to dictate how time gets used up, designate a daily reading block, 30 minutes a day is always a good minimum and sneak learning into family trips and don’t forget to “get moving”. Physical activity is extremely important these days with all the electronic options available to our students. Keep our kids moving and playing. Play is an excellent way our kids can learn to work with each other and negotiate solutions that works for all.

This has been a great year and I want to thank all our DLS students and parents for your help improving attendance and support during parent nights and special events. We could not do it without you! Thank you!

Phil Vasquez, Principal

Discovery Lab School

## SUMMER NEWSLETTER

### June



- 4 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip
- 7 MS Academic Achievers
- 10 Switcheroo morning
- 10 MS Capture the Flag Game
- 11 Field Day
- 12 Awards Assembly 9-10 am
- 13 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion 7:00 pm
- 14 8<sup>th</sup> grade Breakfast 8:45 am
- 14 Last Day of School-Noon release

## WORD OF THE MONTH

MARCH- KIND

APRIL-ACCOUNTABLE

MAY -HONORABLE

JUNE- INTEGRITY



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## Discovery Promotion Ceremony



Come celebrate our eighth grade students as they prepare to move on to high school. **On June 13 at 5:00 PM**, we will say our farewells with teachers' tributes and tears, students' speeches and songs. There will be refreshments and more. Be sure to wish our "Bigs" well!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

First and second grade are still looking for volunteers for June 13<sup>th</sup> at 9-11:15 to help with Social/Emotional activity.

A more in detail description of the planned events went home with the students. If you did not receive one please call teachers to get another one. **If you are able to volunteer your time or expertise please call 1<sup>st</sup> grade at 573 5435 or second grade at 763 5434.**

## Students and Personal Electronic Devices

Students in possession of personal electronic devices including but not limited to: smart devices (e.g. smart phones, smartwatches, tablets, MP3 players, gaming systems), communication devices, cameras, video cameras, digital media players etc., while on school property or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activities shall observe Yakima School District Operational Procedure regarding their use (RCW 28A.320.135).



This procedure extends to devices which emit audible signals, vibrate, display a message, or otherwise summon or deliver a communication to the student during the instructional day at any Yakima School.

The district does not permit the use of personal electronic devices (including cell phones) during the school hours for students in grades P-12. If a parent or guardian wishes his/her child to have a cell phone, it must remain out of sight and turned OFF. It may be turned on and operated only before and after the regular school day unless an emergency situation exists that involves imminent physical danger or a school administrator authorizes the student to use the device.

**\*One exception to the procedure for students in grades 9-12 may be during their assigned lunch period. (each school will make this determination)**

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## The McKinney-Vento Act



The McKinney-Vento Act: If you lost your housing and now live in a shelter, motel, vehicle, camping ground, or temporary trailer; on the street; doubled-up with family or friends; or in another type of temporary or inadequate housing, your child might be able to receive help through a federal law called the McKinney-Vento Act. For information, contact your school counselor or call Javier @ 573-7142.

## Middle School Honors Tea

Our Spring Honors Tea will be held **May 31 at 2:30, outside by the butterfly garden**. Students who have completed optional projects in areas of individual interest will describe their efforts and enjoy refreshments with family and friends.

# Field Day



## Volunteers Needed

If you are interested please contact Mrs. DeLozier at 509-5735442 or [DeLozier.Christi@yakimaschools.org](mailto:DeLozier.Christi@yakimaschools.org)



## REMINDER:

- *Classes Resume August 28th 2019 Early Release 12:00 Noon*
- *Welcome Back Newsletter will be mail out mid August, please be sure to update address and student demographics if needed.*

## 1st Grade Meet and Greet

August

22nd @ 6-7 pm

