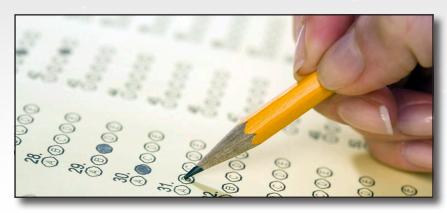
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TESTING UPDATE

DMS students have participated in a variety of assessments designed to drive classroom instruction. All ELA and Math students have completed the i-Ready Diagnostic and Growth Monitor 1 for Reading and Mathematics. (Math students do not include those enrolled in Algebra I and Geometry.) All 8th grade students participated in the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) on Wednesday, October 11. This is an annual district initiative. Many students have also participated in Progress Monitoring Assessments (PMAs) for 8th grade Science, Algebra I, Geometry, and Civics. DMS Writes takes place Monday, November 13, for 8th graders (online) and Tuesday, November 14, for 6th and 7th graders (paper/pencil). Common Final Exams (CFEs) will take place in December, as will the i-Ready Mid-term Diagnostic.

Please contact your student's teacher regarding the results of these assessments.



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CALENDAR

November 17

November 20

November 21-24

November 27-28

November 30

December 8

December 12

December 14

December 19

December 19

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December 22

Progress Reports Go Home

BMI/Scoliosis Screening

Thanksgiving Break

Beta Conference

6th Grade Field Trip to a Jazz Performance

Hearing Screening

Winter Jazz Concert

Winter Band Concert

Branes & Noble Book Fair

Winter Chorus Concert

8th Grade Fun Spot Field Trip

Student Holiday







ART SHOW AT THE RONALD BLOCKER EDUCATIONAL BUILDING

This is a selection of art that will be exhibited at the Ronald Blocker Education Building during November. Discovery students will have almost 40 pieces on exhibit. Come by and see our students' works of art!



Hope Ugwuoke



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VOLLEYBALL NEWS

For the last couple of years, Lake Nona and Avalon were such big schools (2000 students) that we (850) didn't have much of a chance. But, Avalon split in half with the opening of Timber Springs. Wedgefield and Orange County Prep have joined our cluster as well. So, we are hoping that Discovery has been given a chance at good competition again. The Girls Soccer Championship is a good sign that things have changed.

So here's the way our season stacks up. We are confident about winning Legacy, OCPA, and Union Park, our first 3 matches. We will have to see how things go against Timber Springs and Avalon. Then we finish the season with Corner Lake and Wedgefield.

Last year, we had weaknesses right from the start. This year, we have the talent to sweep everyone. We just have to pull it together on the floor and really work as a team. There isn't much time to get it together. By the time this article is printed, the season will be ending and the results will be in, so, I hope it was a great season! ~ Coach Murray





BETA CLUB NEWS

Discovery BETA Students will be competing at the Florida BETA convention November 27-28. Additionally, BETA will be taking part in RELAY for LIFE of East Orange County on Friday, May 11, 2018.

BETA will be accepting new members in December. More information will be coming soon.







YMCA AFTERSCHOOL ZONE ANNUAL

When: Friday, December 15, 2017 from

4:00-6:00pm

Where: DMS Cafeteria

If you would like pizza please bring \$2 no later than December 14 - \$3 at party





Sign up prior to party and receive free tickets for drinks and snacks!

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*You must be a current member of the After School Zone in order to attend. Applications are available in the Main Office or YMCA Office.





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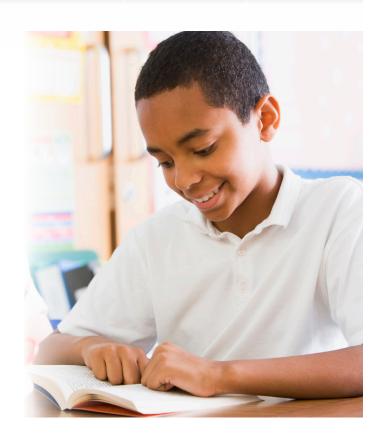
ELA NEWS

English Language Arts classes are helping to lead the way in new programs and expectations for the 2017 – 2018 school year. Our students have completed the online Digital Citizenship course in Canvas and are making strides with our SpringBoard and i-Ready standards-based programs.

All ELA classes are implementing our new standards-based Reading Logs for both literary and informational texts. These Reading Logs are uniform throughout all three grades and scaffolded to align to grade level expectations. Students complete one of each (Literary or Informational) per grading period with the third being teacher or student choice. Our teachers control flexibility as to the number of items and can manipulate as necessary as long as each standard is sufficiently addressed.

It is the Discovery expectation that students meet the reading requirement of three books per grading period; however, our teachers now have the opportunity to track that reading in a method of their choosing. The Reading Counts program is no longer being used, but, for those students reading the Sunshine State selections, Mrs. La Sala, Media Specialist, has created guizzes for students to complete.

Keep reading as we continue to prevail in excellence!







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Timber Creek High School Advanced Placement Choice +

Informational Night

When: November 29th at 6:00 PM Where: Timber Creek High School Performing Arts Center



The AP Choice+ Program is open to rising 8th graders who meet the admission criteria. We would like to invite you and your child to attend a presentation on the program requirements for this accelerated academic opportunity. The APC+ program places students in challenging courses and gives them the opportunity to earn college credits while in high school. The AP Choice+ Program offers a rigorous course curriculum equivalent to magnet programs like the International Baccalaureate Program. Please note, the AP Choice+ program is not a magnet program and your child must be zoned for Timber Creek in order to be considered for the program.

The AP Choice Program is now the AP Choice+ Program, to give our students more opportunities to advance their education and excel. Come to the meeting to find out about the exciting additions to the program.

Initial Eligibility Requirements:

- Passed Algebra I Honors (before entering 9th grade)
- 3.5 GPA unweighted
- · Completed Application- more details at the meeting
- *FSA scores will be taken into consideration

Please note that meeting these eligibility requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

Please visit the APC+ website for more information:

tchsapchoiceprogram.weebly.com

If you are interested in attending the parent night, please RSVP using the following link: tinyurl.com/APCinfonight2017





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