



DISCOVERY RIDGE ELEMENTARY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Week of October 13, 2025

Save the Date!

Oct. 16

Great Shakeout: Statewide Earthquake Drill

Oct. 17

Early Release, Student Dismissal 1:35 p.m.

Preschool Classes Not In Session

1st Quarter Ends

Oct. 23

Fall Picture Retakes

Oct. 24

Fall Costume Parade, 1:50-2:20 p.m.

Class Parties 2:20-3:20 p.m.

DRE PTO Trunk or Treat, 6 p.m.

Oct. 27

Red Ribbon Week Begins

Oct. 29

Student Led Conferences PreK - Fifth Grade

Oct. 30

No School: Student Led Conferences PreK - Fifth Grade



Oct. 31-Nov. 4

No School

Nov. 5

Classes Resume

Nov. 11

Veterans Day Celebration

[DRE Family Calendar Link \(Google\)](#)

[2025-2026 Academic Calendar](#)

[DRE Family Handbook](#)

Special Area Schedule

Monday

Day 4

Tuesday

Day 5

Wednesday

Day 1

Thursday

Day 2

Friday

Day 3



2025-2026 Lunch Times by Grade Level

Preschool-10:35 a.m.

Kindergarten-11:10 a.m.

First Grade-11:25 a.m.

Second Grade-10:50 a.m.

Third Grade-12:30 p.m.

Fourth Grade-12:10 p.m.

Fifth Grade-11:50 a.m.

Breakfast & Lunch Menu

Wentzville WOW Factor Award

Has your child's teacher made a significant impact on their education and life? Do you want to recognize a staff member who goes above and beyond? Let them know with a [Wentzville Wow Factor Award](#); you can submit one at anytime throughout the school year to show them know they are making a difference!

[Click to Recognize a Staff Memeber](#)

View Your Child's Fall i-Ready Results

i-Ready is an integral part of our curriculum for reading and mathematics. It enables your student's teacher(s) to identify their specific needs, personalize their learning, and track their progress throughout the school year. By meeting your student exactly where they are, i-Ready empowers your teacher(s) to enhance your student's learning gains. [How to access my students' results](#).

Now Accepting Snow Day Video Applications

Submit your snow day video for a chance to be featured as this year's official snow day announcement! Open to all students, staff, teams, clubs, classrooms, and groups within the district. Videos will be reviewed, and finalists will be announced on our social media pages. [Snow Day Announcement Video Contest Form](#); submissions are due by Oct. 24, 2025.

Red Ribbon Week

Life is a puzzle- Solve it Drug Free!

Let's Celebrate **Red Ribbon Week** with puzzles and fun!

- Monday, Oct. 27**- WAKE UP DRUG FREE! Wear your pajamas!
- Tuesday, Oct. 28**- PUZZLE DAY! Create a grade level jigsaw puzzle!
- Wednesday, Oct. 29**- WE'RE TOO SMART TO START! Come dressed in your best, ready for success!
- It's Socktober!**- Bring New Socks to donate to our DRE sock drive to help families in our community!



Socktober

Socktober flyer- Give back to your wonderful community by donating new pairs of socks during the month of October. Drop off location: DRE School, A donation basket will be located in the main hallway near the cafeteria. All donations benefit: The Christmas Shoppe Program at Morningstar Church.

For more information please contact: Jane Douglas Ext. 48244, Leslie May Ext. 48112, Stacy Browning Ext. 48240.

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Veterans Day

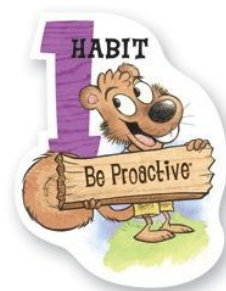
This Veterans Day, we're learning all about the brave veterans—the amazing people who served in the United States military to keep us safe and free! Each year we honor the veterans in our community with a photo presentation during our assembly. Please use the link provided or scan the QR code to add your veteran's photo. This year we would love to have photos of your student(s) with the veteran you are honoring. ***Please note: this form is only for photo submissions. An RSVP to attend our event will be coming soon.***



Click to Submit Your Veterans Photo

Leader In Me: Habit 1, Be Proactive

When we are proactive, we are responsible for our own life and the choices we make. We understand that we have the freedom to choose based on principles rather than on moods or conditions.



1. Pause and respond: In any situation you face, you can choose to be proactive.

2. *Proactive language* gives us control. ***Reactive language*** gives the control to others.

3. Circle of Influence: When you're facing a problem or an opportunity, ask yourself: What's in my Circle of Concern? What's in my Circle of Influence? What actions will I take that will make a difference?

4. We can model positive behaviors to others.

Vision & Hearing Screenings

Within the Wentzville School District, the well-being and success of your children are of utmost importance to us. To ensure their overall health and academic performance, we are pleased to inform you of our upcoming hearing and vision screening program.

Between Oct. 1 and Nov. 22, we will be conducting hearing and vision screenings in grades pre-K through third grade. These screenings are a crucial part of our commitment to providing a safe and supportive learning environment for all students.

Details of the screenings are as follows:

- Hearing Screenings: These screenings will check for any hearing issues that may affect your child's ability to fully engage in their education.
- Vision Screenings: These screenings will assess your child's vision, helping to identify any potential visual impairments that might hinder their academic progress.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the hearing and vision screenings, please do not hesitate to contact your child's school nurse. They will be more than happy to provide you with additional information and address any inquiries you may have.

We appreciate your partnership in maintaining the health and well-being of our students. Together, we can ensure that every child in our district has the opportunity to thrive.

Annual Turkey Trot

All third, fourth, and fifth grade students received Turkey Trot forms. If you plan to participate this year, please wear a Discovery Ridge shirt during the race. This will help us capture more pictures and celebrate all participants. The race is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 22 at Holt High School.



If you have any questions, please email janelmathison@wsdr4.org or the event coordinator at edwardjurotich@wsdr4.org.

Turkey Trot Information

DRE FUN RUN UPDATE!

Congratulations Stars! We have reached our goal! We raised \$24,379!! We will celebrate next week, and we will plan a special assembly! Thank you for your support!



DRE PTO Trunk-or-Treat

Discovery Ridge is hosting its annual Trunk-or-Treat event on October 24, 2025 6:00-8:00 p.m. Set up begins at 5 pm. There will be Food Trucks, Live DJ, Candy, and Costumes! [Sign up](#) using the registration bar below or by scanning the QR code in the flyer.

Trunk or Treat Sign Up

Parent Teacher Organization 'PTO' News

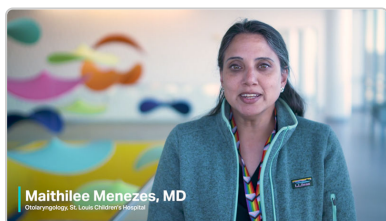


Please consider partnering with our school by joining PTO! Our Parent Teacher Organization supports our school community in many ways, made possible by YOU! Each family membership is \$10 annually.

[Join PTO](#)

[DRE Spirit Wear Store](#)

Tips from Nurse Rosemarie



Does my child have sleep apnea?

If your child is a restless sleeper and snores, does that mean they have sleep apnea? Not necessarily, but there are certain signs to look for.

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Dental Hygienist Consent Forms

Hello!

My name is Abra Fatora and I am the Mobile/Outreach Hygienist for Compass Health - Eastern Region. Erika Berhorst is my colleague, and she has been providing dental screenings and fluoride applications with the [Preventive Services Program \(PSP\)](#), [Oral Health](#) | [Health & Senior Services](#) for Wentzville School District for the past 8 years. After much consideration, Erika has requested that I take on the PSP services for your district. I'm excited to be working with you and I hope to continue providing the exceptional care that Erika has given to your kids!

She informed me that you prefer to schedule these events for your school. Is it correct to say your last PSP event was 10/10/24? I have some available dates listed below that I will be offering to the schools. I'd love to schedule both events for Fall 2025 (1st round screenings w/ fluoride application) and Spring 2026 (2nd round just fluoride application). These events can be anytime between 3-6 months apart.

Dates Available for 1st Round Fall/Winter 2025:

9/4, 9/16, 9/22, 10/1, 10/7, 10/16, 10/20, 10/30, 11/3, 11/6, 11/12, 12/3, 12/9, 12/17

Dates Available for 2nd Round Winter/Spring 2026:

1/14, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/4, 2/5, 2/11, 2/18, 2/19, 2/26, 3/2, 3/3, 3/11, 3/19, 4/1, 4/7, 4/13, 4/16, 4/23, 5/13

Please let me know what dates work for you! Feel free to reply via email or call/text my work cell @ 636.245.9291. I noticed Erika would send/ collect paperwork about a month to 3 weeks ahead of time. The Health & Senior Service's has asked that we not order supplies for our events until we know how many we will need due to the tightening of funds for this program.

I look forward to hearing from you and I hope you are having a nice summer!

Abra Fatora, RDH

Registered Dental Hygienist, East Region

Molar Express Mobile Dental Team

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Community Partnership Presentation Information

Dear Discovery Ridge Elementary Families:

Throughout the duration of the academic year, the Wentzville School District partners with community agencies that specialize in providing students, families, and educators with preventative education. Agency presenters are credentialed, coordinated through the District, and under the supervision of building administrators. Presentation topics are targeted toward specific grade levels. All students will participate in each program unless you choose to opt your child out of the lesson(s). If you are interested in opting your student(s) out of the presentation(s), please click the appropriate link(s) below.

[Kindergarten Opt-Out Form](#)

[First Grade Opt-Out Form](#)

[Second Grade Opt-Out Form](#)

[Third Grade Opt-Out Form](#)

[Fourth Grade Opt-Out Form](#)

[Fifth Grade Opt-Out Form](#)

If you have additional questions, please reach out directly to your student's guidance counselor.

Thank you,

Mrs. Kelly Stratman, Principal
Mr. Ben Tracy, Assistant Principal
Mrs. Stacy Browning, 1-3 Counselor
Mrs. Jane Douglas, K, 4-5 Counselor
Mrs. Sarah Holcomb, Education Support Counselor

Each new school year brings opportunities for academic growth and growth in all areas of development. Although children must be knowledgeable when they graduate, they must also be healthy, engaged, responsible, and caring people.

We're grateful you're here at our school and we're excited to partner with you and your child. As a *Leader in Me* School, we believe that every member of your family has greatness and we can't wait to learn and grow from you! *Leader in Me* (LiM) is an evidence-based, comprehensive school-improvement model—developed in partnership with educators and FranklinCovey—that empowers students with the leadership and life skills they need to thrive in a global community.

Our school has chosen to operate through a uniquely different lens. *Leader in Me* is about empowering your child to reach their full potential while ultimately finding their voice. As a school, the staff in this building have made five core commitments to your child. We call these our Core Paradigms. In these paradigms you will find the belief and way we view all students. At this school we see that:

- Everyone is a leader.
- Everyone has genius.
- Change starts with me.
- We empower students to lead their own learning.
- Educators and families partner to develop the whole person.

Not only do these paradigms apply to your student, they apply to all of us!

Leader in Me provides our school with the vision and language to lead the school in a way that addresses all areas of development. As each child discovers and develops their unique gifts and talents, they are given opportunities to lead.

As leaders, they become active, engaged partners in their own education, and their self-confidence, responsibility, and initiative grows. The children quickly understand the benefits of different gifts and talents; they learn to listen to new ideas, work together to achieve results, and motivate one another to be the best.

We hope your school enjoys sharing these new opportunities. Together, we will see each child grow throughout the year.

Mrs. Kelly J. Stratman, Principal
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