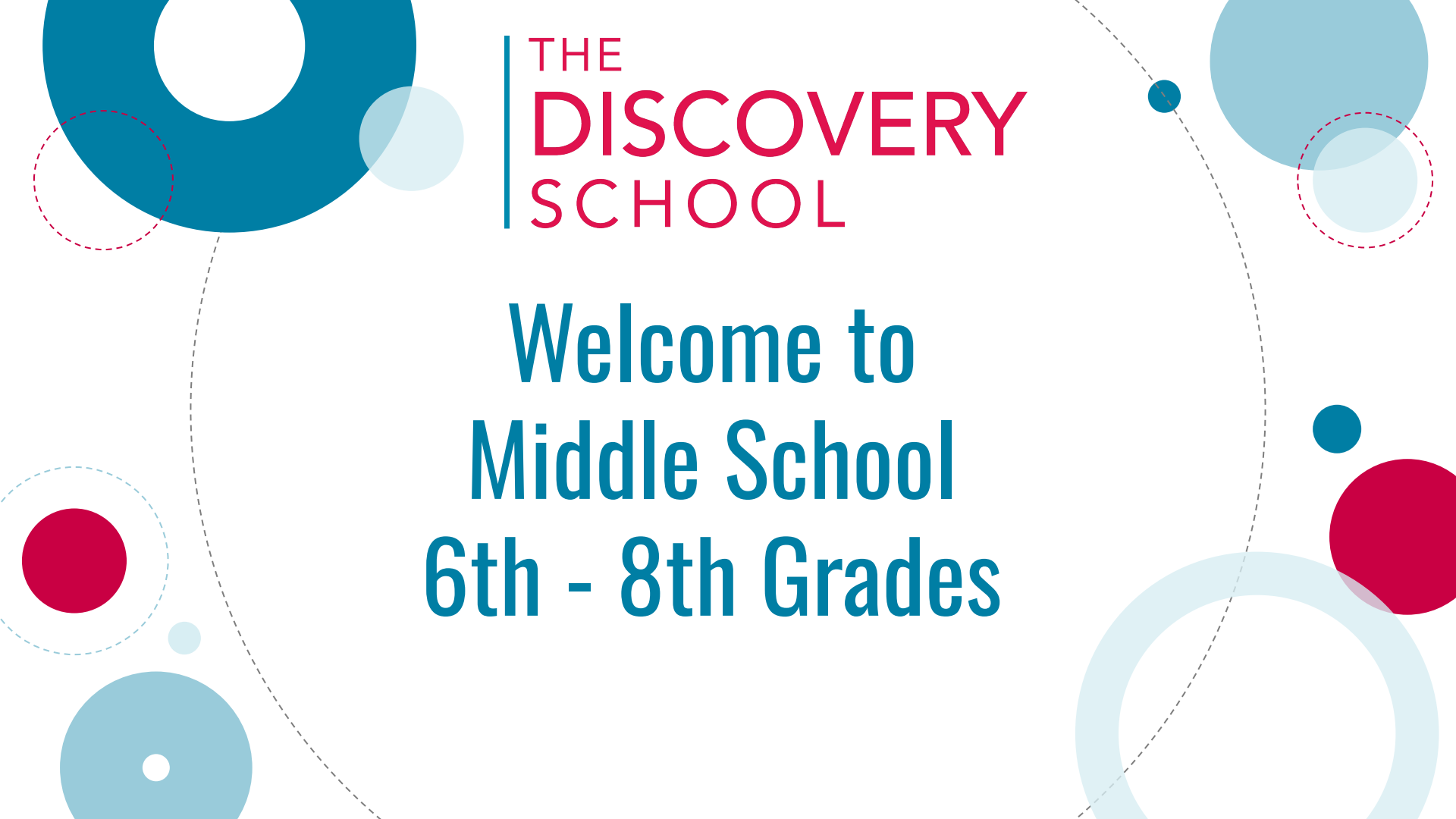




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**Welcome to
Middle School
6th - 8th Grades**

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“We open our minds and hearts so we can
discover the knowledge and ideals to build
a better world.”

Mission Statement

Our MS Team



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Spanish & Cinemundo

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Middle school is an important transition from childhood to adolescence. While middle schoolers certainly grow taller, you will also grow cognitively, emotionally, socially, and morally.

We are excited to guide you through this important stage of development—and have a little fun along the way!

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Here are some of the new and exciting things you will experience next year:

Different
teachers for all
subjects

New
Elective
Classes

Socials

Letter Grades

Lockers

Graduation Week
Activities

Daily Independent
Study

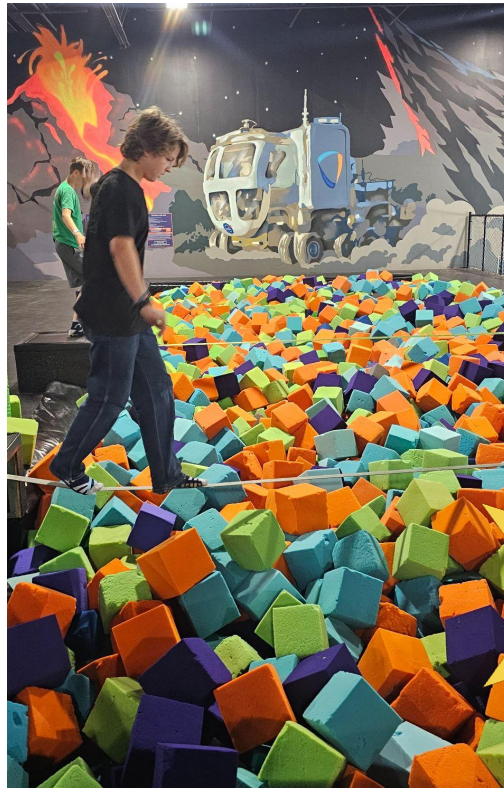
Student
Lounge

MarineLab Field Trip



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Socials/Activities Each Trimester



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Discovery Middle School students strive to be engaged, independent learners.
Some of the skills you will practice next year include:

- Following directions consistently
- Working independently
- Advocating for yourself when necessary
- Revising and editing your work
- Working cooperatively
- Engaging meaningfully in discussions
- Demonstrating respect for others
- Practicing self-control
- Taking responsibility
- Understanding consequences
- Negotiating disagreements
- Using technology responsibly



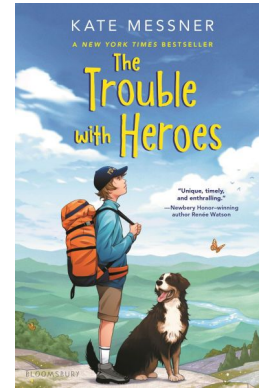
Summer Reading and Math Skills Review

To keep your math skills sharp over the summer, we recommend:

- Rising 6th graders complete the [Summer 2026 Rising 6th](#) Grade review in Delta Math
- Rising 7th graders complete the [Summer 2026 Rising 7th Grade](#) review
- Rising 8th graders complete the [Summer 2026 Rising 8th Grade](#) review
- Rising Geometry students complete the [Summer 2026 Rising Geometry Student](#) review.

You can email Ms. Deborah with questions.

(drobbins@thediscoveryschool.org)



All Middle School students will be required to read *The Trouble with Heroes* by Kate Messner, plus two additional choices from the [Summer Reading List](#). You should note key literary elements such as plot developments, characterization, conflict, and theme as you read. The novel will be the basis of a diagnostic writing assessment and several collaborative activities during the first week of school.

Middle School Supply List

Please label all items with your first and last name!

- Ballpoint pens, blue or black
- #2 pencils
- Pencil bag
- One 1.5-inch, three-ring binder (any color) with a front pocket and 10 dividers for Math
- One 2-inch three-ring binder (any color) with 5 dividers and a front pocket for Science
- 1 package of either college or wide-ruled lined notebook paper
- 2 packages of graph paper (one for Math, one for Science)
- One 12-pack of colored pencils for Science
- Fine-tip dry-erase markers
- Highlighters, multiple colors
- 1 composition notebook, 100 sheets, for English
- 1, 2-pocket blue plastic folder for English
- 1 pair of headphones



- Protective Chromebook sleeve/case
- Refillable water bottle
- A wristwatch that is NOT an Apple watch
- Deodorant to store in locker
- *Optional:* locker shelves



Dress Code

General information

Students enrolled in the Foundational Elementary program are required to wear uniforms.

- These uniforms may be purchased from [Lands' End](#) using school number **900064593**. Once you enter the school number, all approved items will be displayed for you to order.
- All tops (shirts, blouses, cardigans, sweaters, even dresses) must display the school logo.
- You may also request the school logo (admissions@thediscoveryschool.org) and add embroidery to tops you purchase.
- Bottoms (shorts, pants, and skirts) may be bought from anywhere as long as they are approved school colors.

Guidelines

- School colors for polo shirts are Blue, White, Maize, and Gray.
- School colors for pants, shorts, skirts, jumpers, etc. are khaki, navy, and gray.
- Outer garments such as jackets, sweaters, or sweatshirts that are worn in the classroom must be school colors. Any non-Discovery logo on the apparel must be smaller than a business card.
- **We strongly encourage you to label your attire with your first name and last initial.**

Sweatshirts, sweaters, and hoodies must be plain white, navy, or grey. School logo is required. Other logos are not allowed.



Polo colors include white, blue, maize, and heather gray. Rapid dry polo colors include blue, soapstone and white. School logo is required.



Tshirt colors include white and heather gray. School logo is required.



Shorts colors include navy, white, khaki, and grey. Shorts must be at least mid-thigh length. Shorts worn under dresses/skirts can be any color as long as they are not visible when the child is standing.



Skirts colors include navy, white, khaki, and grey. Skirts must be at least mid-thigh length and have shorts worn underneath.



Pants colors include navy, white, khaki, and grey. Sweatpants, joggers, yoga pants, gym shorts, and jeans are not permitted.



Leggings colors are navy, white, khaki, and grey. Students in 1st-8th grade may wear leggings or tights in instead of shorts when wearing dresses or skirts. Leggings or tights may not be worn as pants.



Several dress options are available on Land's End. Dresses must be at least mid-thigh length and have shorts worn underneath.



All shoes must be closed toe and cover the foot, with socks worn. Shoes should either tie or Velcro snugly. No flip-flops, thongs, jellies, or sandals



Other Important Information

Open House

- Open House will be on Tuesday, August 11th
- This time will allow you to visit our classroom, meet your teachers, and ask questions.
- You may place supplies in your locker at this time if you wish.

Absences

- Regular attendance is a must in Middle School!
- Only absences due to illness are considered excused.
- Students are required to follow up directly with teachers about make-up work. Work not made up will earn a 0.

Snack and Lunch

- You may bring a nutritious, low-sugar snack and lunch. You may keep the snack with you to eat at a designated time during the morning. Lunch boxes will be kept in lockers.
- You may choose to pre-purchase lunch from local restaurants through our lunch program.
- You may bring a reusable water bottle that you will carry throughout the day.

Arrival/Dismissal

- Arrival time for Middle School students is between **7:45 a.m.** and **8:00 a.m.**
- Advisory begins promptly at 8:00 am each day.
- You must arrive in time to go to your locker, gather materials for the day, and record assignments in your planner.



● Can't wait to see you next year!