

PARK TUDOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

DISCOVERY WEEK

2026

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Discovery Week is a new Middle School experience that gives students the time and space to immerse themselves in deep, hands-on learning.

Taking place each fall, this five-day program allows students to explore a variety of interdisciplinary courses designed and led by Park Tudor faculty who bring their passions and expertise to life in creative ways. Courses blend science, humanities, the arts, wellness, engineering, and community engagement, offering authentic, real-world experiences that spark curiosity and develop complex problem-solving skills. Mixed-grade groupings encourage students to learn alongside peers of different ages, strengthening the Middle School community and building collaboration and connection.

November 30 – December 4, 2026

Students and teachers will follow the regular Middle School start and end times each day.



The Why of Discovery Week

Meaningful learning happens when students explore, create, and connect their learning to the world around them. By choosing topics that are interesting and relevant, students take ownership of their education, building engagement and purpose. Through hands-on experiences, open-ended challenges, and questions without a single right answer, students apply knowledge, analyze information, generate ideas, and solve problems—strengthening **critical and creative thinking**.

Working across grades and disciplines, students build **collaboration** and **communication skills** by listening, leading, contributing, and working effectively with others. Discovery Week also builds **resilience** and reflection as students test ideas, work through challenges, consider different perspectives, and think about what they might do differently.

Structure and Format

Students will rank five course selections and be placed in one of their choices. Led by one or more faculty members, groups of approximately 14 students will generally span grades 6–8. Courses will include guest experts and off-campus experiences, culminating in an exhibition, performance, presentation, or tangible product that showcases student learning.

2026 Course Offerings

- Arcade Lab: Pinball Engineers*
- Breaking Point: The Great Bridge Challenge
- Behind the Exhibit: The Curator's Challenge
- Echoes and Stages: Culture, Stories, and Performance
- Entomology Explorers
- Fast & Purr-ious: The Art of Rodent-Powered Engineering
- Biotech Investigators: Genes, Gadgets, & Genetic Engineering
- Global Art Studio
- Hollywood and History: Fact, Fiction, & Film
- Ladies and Gentlemen... Start Your Engines. The Parts & Pieces of the Indy 500
- Fuel and Flavor: Nutrition and Culinary Arts
- PEAK: The Performance Project — Train. Measure. Recover. Discover.*
- The Secret Life of the Forest

**Some courses will have multiple sections.*

Discovery Week is an exciting opportunity for our students and teachers and a key element of the inaugural year of **Health Horizons**. It puts Health Horizons' commitment to experiential learning into practice by creating space for students to pursue interests, take on meaningful challenges, and learn beyond the classroom.



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