



Discovery Receives Institutional Award of Merit for Pollinator Garden

Discovery is the recipient of the 2017 Institutional Award of Merit from The Connecticut Green Building Council! Mrs. Servino secured a grant and Aris Land Studio volunteered their services to transform 2,000 square feet of turf area located at the entrance of the school into a pollinator garden to welcome the public and to provide educational opportunities for students. Congratulations!



New Bottle Filling Station

What's new at Discovery? This bi-level filtered water fountain with a bottle filling station! Staff and students can refill their water bottles right outside of our cafeterium. It's clean and green, helping to reduce plastic bottle waste in the environment.

Special thanks to Mrs. Servino for securing the grant and to Mrs. Romatzick's dad for the installation!



Awards Assembly Update

During the First Marking Period Awards Assembly, Mrs. Bella announced that it will be the last assembly for student recognition.

Starting with the Second Marking Period, awarding of certificates (honors, perfect attendance, PBIS, etc.) will be done in individual classrooms at the teachers' discretion.

Mrs. Bella believes that moving the ceremony into the classrooms will help reduce disruption of instruction time while still recognizing our students' stellar academic and behavioral achievements.

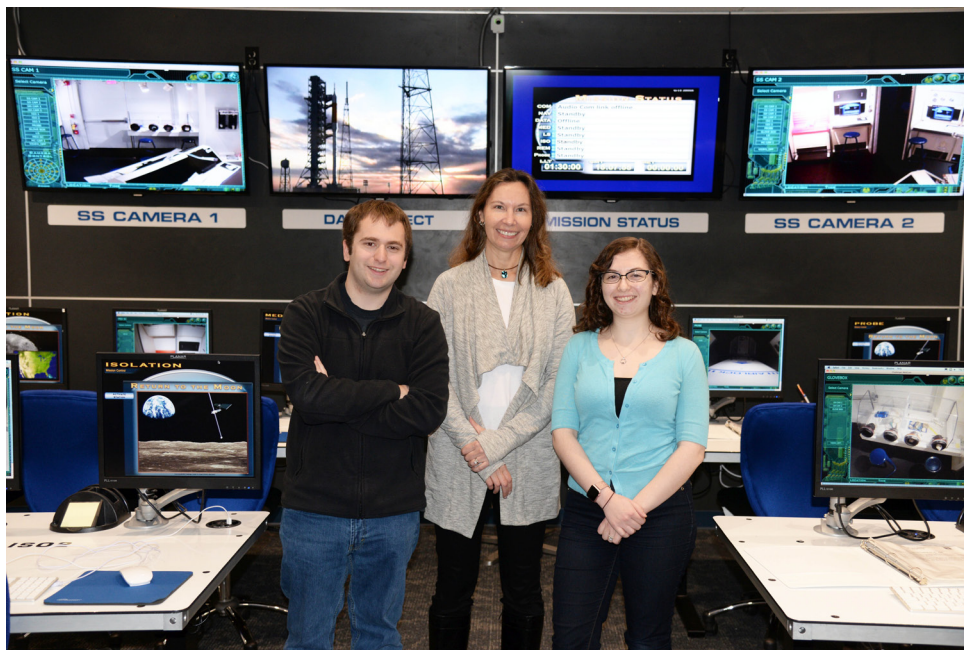
Discovery Represents at the Vicki Soto 5K

Staff, parents, and students represented Discovery Magnet School at the 5th annual Vicki Soto Memorial 5K Run/Walk. The event, held on November 4th in Stratford, drew in a crowd of almost 4,000 participants. Congratulations to all Discovery runners and walkers. Special congratulations to student Eva Ortiz, who won first place in her age division.



Get to Know Our NASA Teachers

Thanks to the generosity of the Discovery Museum and Planetarium, Discovery students are learning about the science of air and space and all things NASA from Miss Sarah, Mr. Elliot, and Miss Erika. Get to know the teachers here.



Sarah Tropp-Pacelli (right; grades K-2)

Sarah Tropp-Pacelli is manager of STEM Learning Programs at the Discovery Museum. A passionate museum enthusiast, Sarah has worked at museums throughout the state, including in the Education Department at Stepping Stones Museum for Children and in the Science Department at the Bruce Museum of Arts and Science. She has been with The Discovery Museum since graduating from Brown University in 2015 and is currently studying at Fairfield University for her Master's degree. In her spare time, Sarah loves playing board games and trying her hand at escape rooms. She is also an avid mystery novel reader and baker.

Elliot Severn (left; grades 3-5)

Elliot Severn is an educator for STEM Learning Programs at the Discovery Museum, as well as a space and aviation photo-journalist. He attended the Trumbull High School Agriscience program and Alfred University, earning a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science. Since the end of the Space Shuttle program, he has documented NASA, military, and commercial space missions, specializing in remote launch photography. He also has a passion for amateur astronomy and enjoys building and flying radio-controlled aircraft.

Erika Kiley (center; grades 6-8)

Erika Kiley is a CT state-certified educator who began her teaching career in Weston, where she first developed her interest in teaching science. After taking some time off after the birth of her two children she longed to return to the classroom in a part-time manner. Prior to joining the Discovery Museum, Erika developed and taught science programming for after-school programs in Weston and Fairfield, the Fairfield Public Library, and CT Audubon as a trained teacher-naturalist. Currently, she works for the museum as curriculum writer and educator for the Discover NASA program. Erika enjoys being outdoors with her camera; loves to read and travel with her family; and especially loves to pamper her cat, George.

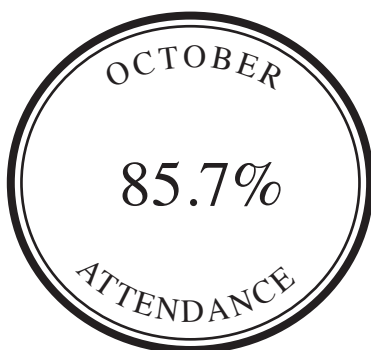
Delayed School Opening Start Times

Winter is almost here. And with that comes unexpected school closings and delays.

Please take note of the following start times when you receive a phone or email blast about a delayed school opening.

Please note that, in the event of a delayed school opening, breakfast will not be served and there will be no Early Lighthouse.

1-HOUR DELAY	—————>	9:40 AM
90-MINUTE DELAY	—————>	10:10 AM
2-HOUR DELAY	—————>	10:40 AM



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Save the Date

12/13
EARLY
DISMISSAL
(12:40)

12/13
STEAM NIGHT
(5-7 PM)

12/15
GRADE 1
THE SNOW ANGEL
@ SHU

12/15
SCIENCE FAIR
& INVENTION
CONVENTION

12/20
INNOVATION/
STEM SHOWCASE
EVENT W/ ALTICE

10/21
WINTER
CONCERT
PK-4 - 9:30AM
5-8 - 1:30PM

10/22
UGLY SWEATER
DRESS DOWN DAY
\$1.00

12/22
GRADE 1
GINGERBREAD
HOUSES

