



## Discovery Science Fair and Invention Convention Winners

### 4TH GRADE

Hannah Kaitharath - Whata Save  
 Giselle Colon - Shower Chandelier  
 Tyler Caban - Dresser Extender 3000  
 Mason Servino - Snow Stopper  
 Alessa Ferreira - Save Your Pups  
 Kaliyah Frasier - Zip-Away  
 Gabriella Devellis - Carbella  
 Yash Verma - Por-Table  
 Honorable Mentions:  
 Ayden Gravina - The Fire Case  
 Cameron Zapanta - Skeeter Beater



### 5TH GRADE

1st: Lila Fabian  
 2nd: Samantha Buttress  
 3rd: Eva Ortiz  
 Honorable Mentions:  
 Sophia Vallejo  
 Sophia Gripp

## CONGRATULATIONS!

### 6TH GRADE

Nyana Torres - Trash on the Go  
 Ariana Gjonbalaj - Apron Buddy  
 Brianna Nguyen -  
 Jump Rope Jumper  
 Steven Philogene - Pack Ripper  
 Laurianna Dicks -  
 Twirlnado Electric Spaghetti Fork  
 Amelia Bragg-Phillips -  
 Forget Me Notes  
 Jeorie Brockenberry - Cushion Clean up  
 Honorable Mentions:  
 Giaan Nguyen - Recyclable Gardening Trowel  
 Chris Kusick - Heat Hat



### 7TH GRADE

1st: Julianna Patterson - Fat & Cookies  
 2nd: Zoe Curtin, Emily Burgos, Kaitlin  
 Gilbertie - Chicken & Colored Rice  
 3rd: Nataly Valencia, Kaya Indyk -  
 Seeing Double  
 Honorable Mentions:  
 Amanda Medeiros - Hovercraft Mania  
 Nicholas Roman - Stain Remover

### 8TH GRADE

Evan Rosa - Speedy Spreader  
 Nyla Lopez - Light Saver  
 Ashley Oatman - Health Helper  
 Alani Quiones - Stay Away Dolphins  
 Daniel Alabre - Dry Bin  
 Tatum Drake - Bright Light Leash  
 Mariel Fernandez - Clean & Sweep  
 Honorable Mentions:  
 Terrance Miller - Removable Hoodie  
 Vincent Cavalier - Electric Car  
 Seat Scooter



Invention Convention  
 Regionals on March 18  
 @ Hamden High School

Finals on April 28  
 @ UCONN

## Discovery Excels in IXL

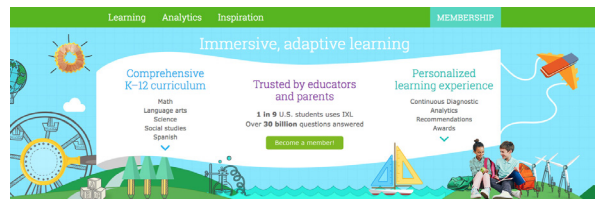
by Mrs. Careen Derise



Our students are off to a great start with IXL! Recognizing the need to strengthen math skills, Principal Bella has renewed our IXL registration for math study, and our students are working hard, demonstrating proficiency in mathematical strands, such as number operations, measurement and data, algebraic thinking skills and problem solving. Thank you, parents and families, for your support to make IXL possible at Discovery.

Over 55% of Discovery students are practicing IXL math skills! We want to recognize Ms. Jamie Eisenberg, Mrs. Nancy Lopez-Peralta, Ms. Marielle Musso and Mrs. Deana Landeen's classes for achieving excellence in math skills practiced as of January 8, 2018! Ms. Eisenberg's 7th grade class has achieved excellence in 400 7th grade math skills. Mrs. Lopez-Peralta's kindergarten class has achieved excellence in 100 kindergarten math skills. Ms. Musso's kindergarten class has mastered 232 math skills. Mrs. Landeen's 6th grade class has achieved excellence in 5 6th grade math skills. Congratulations!

IXL is a web-based learning tool that offers approximately 6,000 topics in math, from pre-k level to trigonometry. According to Ms. Eisenberg, 7th and 8th math teacher, IXL provides reinforcement through skill-based practice and strengthens specific skills that will enable students to successfully solve multi-step problems. IXL motivates students to master math skills with online medals for successful completion and is a great tool for all learners. Keep it up, Discovery!



Logo, image source: IXL website

## Survival of the Species May Depend on Kindness

by Ms. Ellen Rosoff, School Counselor

We are always talking to students about kindness, but this past fall the PBIS team placed a special focus on kindness by inviting classes in to the cafeteria to read books about kindness and to discuss the significance it holds for us as a community. Some experts will even tell you that our brains are actually wired for kindness as kindness and compassion were tribal necessities to ensure the survival of the species. Seriously, google it!

On February 26th, we are bringing in Scarlett Lewis, the mother of Jesse Lewis who was killed six years ago at the Sandy Hook School, to speak with our older students about choosing love. Scarlett is the founder of the Jesse Lewis Choose Love Movement. She wants to share what she learned about "having the courage to be grateful when life is



not easy, to forgive when the person who hurt you is not sorry, and to step outside your world to help someone else."

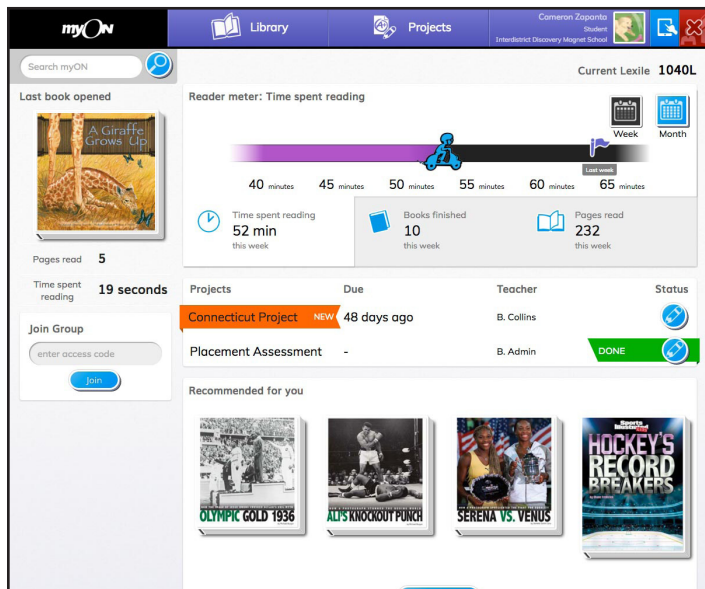
Our intended outcome for our choice of presentations is two-fold: First, that our impulses and reactions aren't the boss of us. Secondly, we hope that students will develop the skills necessary to build healthy relationships, such as listening, supporting and having compassion. We hope you will talk with your child about this learning experience to extend and magnify the lessons of this presentation.

Graphics source: The Jesse Lewis Choose Love Movement website

## Your Adventure Is Only a Click Away

by Mrs. Rebecca Feola

Are you tired of hearing, “I don’t know want to read! I don’t like reading!” “This is too difficult!” Are your shelves in your home cluttered with books galore? If you answered yes to any of the above then you need to invest into myOn!



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myON enables teachers and administrators to track students’ reading activity and growth at the student, class, building, and district level. Through a partnership with MetaMetrics, myON provides actionable data on: number and type of books opened and read; time spent reading; completion of book quizzes; results of regular benchmark assessments; and a report that forecasts long-term reading growth.

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1. Go to [bridgeportedu.net](http://bridgeportedu.net).
2. Select **Students Portal** from the **Students** drop-down box.
3. Select **Clever**.
4. User Name: Student’s school ID number.
5. Password: Student’s birthdate (YYYYMMDD).
6. Sign in, then select **myON**.

## Valentine's Lollipop Sale



The IDMS Community Service Club will be holding a Valentine's Lollipop Sale from February 5th to February 13th in the front lobby before and after school. You can also send tag requests to Mrs. Monteiro (Room 115).

We will be selling tags for \$1 each and lollipops will be delivered on February 14th to homerooms.

All money raised will go to the American Heart Association.



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## Save the Date

2/6  
PARENT MATH  
WORKSHOP & MOVIE  
NIGHT (5:30 PM)

2/7  
1ST GRADE  
PUPPET SHOW  
(1:45 PM)

2/9  
6TH GRADE  
ALICE STEM  
PRESENTATION

2/13  
REPORT CARD  
DISTRIBUTION

2/14-2/15  
7TH GRADE  
MARITIME  
DISCOVERY

2/16-2/20  
WINTER  
BREAK  
NO SCHOOL

2/23  
- DRESS DOWN  
DAY \$1.00  
- LAST DAY FOR  
KISS A PIG

2/26  
1ST GRADE BHM  
PRESENTATION  
AT BOE MEETING  
(6:30 PM)

2/27  
K-8 BLACK  
HISTORY MONTH  
PRESENTATION  
(9:30 AM)

2/28  
- SPELLING  
BEE (4TH-8TH)  
- 1ST GRADE  
TO MARITIME