Lovejoy Discovery PS 43

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Principal

Weekly Update: October 27, 2026

School Office Hours

8:30AM - 4:00PM
Monday - Friday

716-816-3260
www.buffaloschools.org/o/ps43

School Calendar

The district calendar is available here: 2026-2027 calendar. You can also visit our school's webpage for additional important dates.

Go to www.buffaloschools.org/o/ps43

Parent & Family Resources

Our school's Parent and Family Engagement Office is seeking a part-time Parent Engagement Liaison! See the attached flyer for details.
Email: JPetko@buffaloschools.org
We are also looking for parents to participate on our School Based Management Team (SBMT). See flyer for details.

Parent Engagement Liaison
Jessica Wild
jwild@buffaloschools.org

Student Transportation

Transportation Hotline: 716-816-4895

Parents are encouraged to download the bus tracking app, FirstView, to receive information about possible bus delays.

Community Schools

Thank you so much to everyone who attended our Halloween Bash Saturday Academy!

Mark your calendars for next month's Friendsgiving Celebration on November 21st.

Important Dates

October 26 - **Red Ribbon** Week Begins
November 3 - Voting Day, No School
November 10 - SBMT. 8:00am
November 11 - Veterans Day, No School
November 24 - No After School Program
Novembver 25-27, Thanksgiving, No School

Eagles in the News!

Thank you to Aziz, Hoover, and Iomii for helping Miss Duke set up for Saturday Academy!

Several classrooms had perfect attendance last week!

8th grader - Robert - has demonstrated academic excellent the past several weeks- *way to go!*

School Nurse

October is time for illness prevention. Parents, please focus on proper hand hygiene (washing hands before eating and after using the restroom), and keep your child home when they are sick.

Call me at 816-1121 with any questions.

Student Support Services

Healthy Red Ribbon Week Habits: Healthy habits support physical growth, prevent chronic diseases, improve focus and academic performance, and build confidence and resilience.

This week's tip:
Healthy Eating: Provide fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins, and dairy. Avoid junk and sugary foods; teach kids why these are unhealthy. Encourage drinking water instead of sugary drinks. Make meals appealing and involve kids in cooking to build interest.

Have a question about this newsletter? Email: JPetko@buffaloschools.org

RED RIBBON SPIRIT WEEK

26 - 30 October

Make a Difference
Be a Hero
Stay Drug Free

MON
26 OCTOBER

Superhero Cape
Make or wear your favorite super hero cape to fight drugs.

TUE
27 OCTOBER

Wear Red
To promote solidarity and awareness against drugs.

WED
28 OCTOBER

Get Fit and Team Up
Wear your favorite exercise clothing or sports team shirt.

THU
29 OCTOBER

Dress for Success
Wear your most professional clothing to successfully avoid drugs.

FRI
30 OCTOBER

Fall Costumes
Dress festive for fall and celebrate drug-free choices.

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS EVERY DAY!

We Want YOU Here for Learning!

- Build stronger reading and math skills
- Stay on track with learning
- Make and keep friends
- Gain confidence
- Be prepared for a brighter future

When students are in school every day, they have more opportunities to learn, grow, and reach their goals.

We are stronger when you are here — EVERY DAY!

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School Based Management Team (SBMT) Meetings

The focus of the school-based management team will be to seek broad-based agreement among school stakeholders, including students, parents, and community members, on programs, practices, or policies that impact and improve student achievement.

2026 - 2027 MEETING DATES

September	15	January	12	May	11
October	13	February	9	June	8
November	10	March	9	July	13
December	8	April	13	August	10

MEETING LOCATION
Lovejoy Discovery School #43 Library

Please Join Us!

MEETING TIME
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

SCAN TO JOIN

Join via Microsoft TEAMs.
Use the QR code to access the meeting virtually.

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DISCOVERY SCHOOL

PARENT ENGAGEMENT LIAISON (PEL)

We are looking for ♡

a caring, community-minded parent or caregiver to help strengthen connections between our school, our families, and our Lovejoy community.

TIME COMMITMENT
20 HOURS PER MONTH
(Up to 5 hours per day)

Schedule based on school needs and approved by administration.

COMPENSATION
$16.00 PER HOUR

Support and supervision provided by the school and BPS FACE office.

WHO CAN APPLY?
Parents, caregivers, or community members who care about our students and want to make a positive impact at PS 43!

WHAT A PEL DOES

- Build strong, respectful relationships with families
- Share information about school programs, events, and resources
- Encourage and support parent participation in school activities
- Connect families to helpful community services and resources
- Support teachers and school staff with family engagement
- Promote a welcoming, inclusive, and family-friendly school environment

QUALIFICATIONS

- High school diploma or GED
- Strong communication and people skills
- Familiarity with community resources
- Pass a NYS fingerprint clearance
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and work independently
- Must complete training provided by BPS FACE (monthly requirement)

INTERESTED?
Contact our school to learn more about this exciting opportunity!

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Buffalo, NY 14206

OCTOBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Indigenous Peoples' Day - No school	13 SBMT Meeting- 8:00 am	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 E.L.T BEGINS	21 Picture Day	22	23	24 Saturday Academy: Halloween Bash 9 am - 12 pm
25	26 Red Ribbon Spirit Week 26th-30th City Honors Exam Orientation	27 Grade 5 Field Trip to BPO City Honors Testing	28 City Honors Testing	29	30 PBIS Celebration- Trunk or Treat	31

OCTOBER 2026

Menu subjecttochange

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Students must take 3 full items including a 1/2 cup fruit or vegetables			1 **Turkey Bacon Cheeseburger** WG Burger Bun NY Onion Rings Cahoon Grape Juice NY Sweet Peas	2 BBQ Chicken Wings **Pizza Crunchers** **Caesar Salad** Garlic Knot Bleu Cheese Cup
5 Cheese Pizza Green Beans Twister Taters NY Grape Slushy	6 **French Toast Sticks** Sausage Links Hashbrown Triangles Orange Slices Maple Syrup Blueberry Mini Loaf	7 Beef Taco Meat Shredded Cheddar Cilantro Rice WG Wheat Tortilla Esquites (Corn Salad) Salsa lettuce & tomato Tostitos	8 NY Beef Hot Dog On WG Bun Baked Lay's NY Garden Salad Cahoon Apple Juice	9 **Chicken Tenders** Macaroni & Cheese Bowl Carrot Coins NY Grapes
12 No School! Indigenous People's Day & Italian Heritage Day	13 Magician Mozzarella Stick Marinara Cup French Fries Celery & Carrot Sticks Ranch Dressing	14 **Big Top Popcorn Chicken Bowl** Mashed Potatoes Turkey Gravy Sweet Corn Texas Toast Popcorn	15 Ring Master Mini Corn Dogs **Cheeseburger** Waffle Fries WG Burger Bun Cahoon Grape Juice Animal Cracker	16 **Tightrope Chicken Wings** **Pizza Crunchers** NY Kale Caesar Salad Soft Pretzel Bleu Cheese Cup
19 Cheese Pizza Green Beans Twister Taters Cheez It	20 **French Toast Sticks** Sausage Links Hashbrown Triangles Orange Slices Maple Syrup Educational Snacks	21 Beef Taco Meat Cilantro Rice WG Wheat Tortilla Sweet Corn lettuce & tomato Tostitos	22 NY Beef Hot Dog On WG Bun Baked Beans NY Pickle NY Garden Salad Cahoon Apple Juice	23 **Chicken Tenders** Macaroni & Cheese Carrot Coins NY Roasted Brussel Sprouts
26 Mozzarella Stick Marinara Cup French Fries Celery & Carrot Sticks Ranch Dressing	27 **Breaded Chicken leg** Twister Taters Alfredo Sauce Roasted Broccoli	28 **Popcorn Chicken** Mashed Potatoes Turkey Gravy Sweet Corn Texas Toast Shredded Cheddar	29 **Turkey Bacon Cheeseburger** WG Burger Bun NY Onion Rings Cahoon Grape Juice NY Butternut Squash	30 BBQ Chicken Wings **Pizza Crunchers** **Caesar Salad** Garlic Knot Halloween Graham Cracker

OFFERED DAILY:
NYS MILK - 1%, Chocolate, Fat Free
4 oz. Juice
Assorted Fresh & Canned Fruit

CAFETERIA CIRCUS
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK
OCT 12TH-16TH 2026

The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

*** BPS Child Nurtition Program offers Halal permissible menu options. However, BPS kitchens are not certified Halal ***