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Principal

Lovejoy Discovery PS 43

Weekly Update: October 13, 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.

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

Our first Saturday Academy of the year is just around the corner! Join us on Saturday, October 24th from 9 am - 12 pm for our annual Halloween Bash! Join us for free breakfast and lunch and educational activities for the whole family in between. As a reminder- all students in 8th grade and younger must be accompanied by an adult to attend. See you there!

Important Dates

October 13 - SBMT, 8:00AM - 9:00AM

October 20 - E.L.T Begins

October 21 - Picture Day

October 24 - Saturday Academy, 9:00AM-12:00AM

October 26 - **Red Ribbon** Week Begins

November 3 - Voting Day, No School

November 11 - Veterans Day, No School



Eagles in the News!

Cacey - a 3rd grade student demonstrated respect every day in all areas of the building, especially at dismissal!

Jazell - an 8th grade student had perfect attendance last week. AWESOME!

Ms. Kimble's class for having perfect attendance 4 out of 5 days and being the winner of extra recess time this week

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

When children experience big emotions, it can be difficult for them to think clearly or solve problems. Encourage your child to pause, take a few slow breaths, or take a short break when feeling overwhelmed.

Naming emotions, such as frustration, worry, or disappointment, can help children better understand what they are experiencing. Practicing these strategies during calm moments can make them easier to use when emotions run high.

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SATURDAY ACADEMY:

HALLOWEEN BASH

**OCT
24**

9 am - 12 pm
161 Benzinger St.

Free and Open to ALL!

Free Hot Breakfast & Lunch,
Community Resources,
Activities For All Ages

**Costumes
Welcome!**

Basketball, STEM Activities, Chess,
Tae Kwon Do, Pumpkin Decorating,
Photobooth, AND LOTS MORE!

ALL STUDENTS IN 8TH GRADE AND YOUNGER MUST
BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT



COLLABORATIVE CENTER
FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION

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PS 043 LOVEJOY 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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161 Benzinger Street
Buffalo, NY 14206



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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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OCTOBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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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