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Principal

Lovejoy Discovery PS 43

Weekly Update: October 20, 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

Saturday Academy is back this weekend! Bring the family and join us Saturday at 9am for a morning packed with fun activities, community resources, breakfast, lunch, and more. Saturday Academy is open to the entire community, so invite your family, friends, and neighbors to come along too! Reminder: All students in 8th grade and younger must be accompanied by an adult throughout the event.



Important Dates

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 10 - SBMT. 8:00am

November 11 - Veterans Day, No School



Eagles in the News!

- Let's recognize 5th grader, Precieuse, for demonstrating Respect every day in all areas of the building especially in the classroom.
- SHOUT OUT TO OUR 8th Graders with 41 students having perfect attendance last week!
- Congrats to Mrs. Baldwin's class for having perfect attendance 2 out of 4 days!

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

Next week is Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco, smoking, and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign observed annually in October in the United States. It began as a tribute to fallen DEA special agent Enrique Camerena in 1985.

Red Ribbon Week is the nation's largest and longest-running drug awareness and prevention program. Throughout the week, students will have a chance to participate in awareness activities

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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!

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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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Parent Portal Email Update Link



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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!



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 Red Ribbon Spirit Week 26th-30th City Honors Exam Orientation	26	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



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



NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK
★ OCT 12TH-16TH ★ 2026 ★

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Students must take 3 full items including a 1/2 cup fruit or vegetables</p>				
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	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
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	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
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	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
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	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
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			

The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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