

DISCOVERY MIDDLE

SCHOOL

ARCHERS AIM

HIGH



May 19th, 2025

Principal Elizabeth Cunha





StarBuddies Coffee Baristas

Commons Area:



Cole Smith
Chase Huhtasaari
Giri Vinay
Jonathan Weng
Juno Brownwell
Brendon Burruss

Orchestra Ensemble/Pianists

Commons Area:

Cello Quintet performs "Bagatelle"

Sophia Gerschoffer
Avery Wagner
Vincent Butler
Chris Dieringer
Kai Connelly



Pianists in Commons Area:

Viosa Hernandez (8th), Catherine Hastings (7th), Leah Knapick (7th), Drexler Gensic (6th)



StarBuddies



Starbuddies was founded in 2021. It has become a cornerstone of Discovery Middle School by providing employability skills to all students in a co-operative atmosphere. Staff and patrons of Starbuddies are now offered free coffee daily around breakfast and lunch times.

Students sign up to “work” a shift and make connections with staff and students around the building that they might not otherwise get to know.

Peers also work alongside each other in a positive and enriching environment.



DMS Music Department Awards and Recognitions



Band:

Solo and Ensemble: 72 events earning 117 gold medals , 9 silver medals with 3 perfect scores

Discovery Band earned the ISSMA J.M.E. All-Music Award for 2024-2025

Past 10 years the Discovery bands have earned 41 Gold ratings and 17 With Distinctions

The Discovery Honors Band was selected to perform at the IMEA State Convention in 2024





DMS Music Department Awards and Recognitions Continued

Orchestra:

Solo and Ensemble: 41 events earning 67 gold medals, 3 silver medals with 7 perfect scores.

Three students qualified for State Solo and Ensemble, of which all 3 received gold medals at the state level, with one receiving a perfect score at the state level.

Past 10 years the Discovery Orchestras have earned 36 Gold ratings and 18 with Distinctions

Choir:

For ISSMA Vocal and Piano Solo and Ensemble...

7 piano soloists all received gold medals with one perfect score

21 vocal soloists with 20 gold medals, 1 silver medal, and 5 perfect scores

2 ensembles earned gold medals, one perfect score





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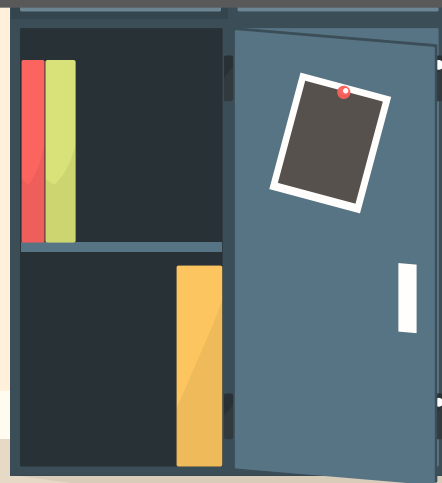
STUDENT SHOWCASE

Clubs/Extracurricular - MathCounts

Mathcounts is a national mathematics competition that includes individual and team-based components, which encourage a creative problem solving approach to unique math problems. Sixth through eighth grades students compete at a local, state, and national level. A highlight of the Mathcounts program at Discovery is the ongoing coaching from Penn High School students who participated in previous years and continue to mentor our young students.

Students Pictured: Eli Sanders-Field (8th), Julie Zhang (8th), Alice Zhang (8th), and Jeffery Zhang (7th).

[National Mathcounts Website](#)





2025 Archer

Conference Championships:

- 2024 7th Grade Girls' Track and Field Conference Champions
- 2024 8th Grade Girls' Track and Field Conference Champions
- Cheerleading Conference Competition Champions
- Boys' Cross Country Regular Season Champions
- Boys' Cross Country JV Conference Meet Champions
- Girls' Cross Country Regular Season Champion
- Girls' Cross Country Conference Meet Champions
- Girls' Cross Country JV Conference Meet Champions
- 8th Grade Girls' Volleyball Regular Season Champions
- 8th Grade Girls' Volleyball Conference Tournament Runner Up.
- 8th Grade Football Western Division
- 8th Grade Football Conference Runner-up
- 7th Grade Girls' Basketball Regular Season Champion
- 8th Grade Girls' Basketball Regular Season Champion
- Wrestling Individual Champions (3) Bo Budzielek, Caleb Devault, and Corbin Relias

Number of Participants:

Fall: 236 for 8 Teams

Winter: 147 for 7 Teams

Spring: 131 for 4 Teams





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Academic Showcase

National History Day Competition

**Annual Competition that is Project Based on
a National Theme**

**This Year's Theme: Rights and
Responsibilities**

Abhijay Masetty – 1st Place at State –
headed to Nationals in June 2025 for his topic focusing
on the Bonus Army Marchers of 1932, WWI Veterans,
who protested for their early bonuses promised during
the Great Depression





Thank you Dr. Thacker!

WE
Appreciate
All your
Years of
Service!

On Behalf of the Discovery Middle School's Ambassador and Student Government Leadership Groups, we present Dr. Thacker with this bundle of student-made cards to show our appreciation to him and his 19 years as the Superintendent of PHM Schools! Thank you and you will be missed!



Thank You!

