



Expectations are for students with a school start date of **October 27, 2014.**

Days in School	15	20
Date	11/14	11/21
Expected Progress	8%	11%
Expected Progress History 1.5 year course	5%	7%
4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Attendance hours	75hrs	100hrs

Expectations are for students with a school start date of **November 17, 2014.**

Days in School		5
Date		11/21
Expected Progress		2%
Expected Progress History 1.5 year course		1%
4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Attendance hours		25 hrs



Mrs. Lisa Frost has created a short video to get you started in Discovery Education.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aOz2tgRRkrU&feature=youtu.be&hd=1>

**To log into Discovery Education:**

1. Go to website  
discoveryeducation.com
2. Click on student log in
3. **Username is:** student id number
4. **Password is:** IDVA2014-15
5. **Email associated with account:** LC email

*Notes: \*Please check your email for more information and file it in a safe place*

*\*Write Mrs. Frost at [lfrost@idahova.org](mailto:lfrost@idahova.org) if you need help logging in*

*\*please do not change your username it will make it hard for you to get help if you need it if you change it*



**To Login:**

**Web Address:** Typingweb.com

**Username:** your student id #

**Password:** last name (with first initial capitalized)

*\*this will work for most to log in*

*To watch a 3 minute video on how to login and use typing web.com click on the link.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HcWkuNs4LSc&feature=youtu.be&hd=1>

Dear IDVA student,

Did you know that you have access to an amazing teaching and learning resource called Discovery Education? YOU DO! The state of Idaho has purchased access to Discovery Education for all schools and students in Idaho.

IDVA has worked hard to make new accounts so that you can start using this tool. Discovery Education is **a safe and secure** website that you can use to look for information about Science, Math, History, Grammar, and more. It can be better than a web search where you won't know what hits you will be given.

IDVA has not made any requirements that you HAVE TO use Discovery Education. One or more of your IDVA teachers may use for class.

**Suggestions for use:**

- **BEFORE** a unit of study (any subject) to introduce topic and build interest
- **DURING** a unit of study (any subject) to support you if the OLS/LMS was not enough support
- **AFTER** a unit of study (any subject) to learn more about a topic that you enjoyed.



## MS Help Sessions

Math and ELA Help Sessions on **Fridays at 1:00 MT to 3:00 MT (12:00 PT to 2:00 PT)**.

<http://tinyurl.com/Middle-School-Help-Session>

**Special Note from Your MS Teachers:** Please remember that these sessions are for YOUR benefit - it will not be an open time for visiting and chatting. So, please come prepared with questions so the TAs can assist you in a timely manner.

### **WEBSITES TO EXPLORE**



*Abigail Spence*

<http://kids.usa.gov/teens/play-games/history/index.shtml>

“History games for teens” on Kids.gov is a fun and engaging history resource for anyone who wants to learn history... the fun way! The site includes cool games, trustworthy government websites for in-depth learning, and even a few history videos for those who want more. *The Digging for Answers* game; *Fin, Fur, and Feather Bureau of Investigation* game; and *Citizenship Quiz* were especially engaging and entertaining. In addition, the link to *Smithsonian Education* titled “History and Culture,” was very informative. Feel free to explore, and I hope that you have as much pleasure learning as I did!



*Braeden Wilson*

<http://sciencespot.net/>  
<http://science-class.net/>

Science can be a bit of a pain at times, and if you're not understanding how things work, then I recommend these two sites. They both have helpful hints and fun ideas for middle school students/teachers. Plus, if one of your teachers happens to use one of the two sites, you can use it to get an extra edge.



*Caitlin Klaeui*

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/02/>  
<http://www.easybib.com/>

*Purdue Owl* is an online writing lab that is a wonderful tool for easily accessing directions on citations, formatting, punctuation, works cited pages, and much more. It's a helpful site to have on hand for writing essays and documents correctly. Another website that can be beneficial in conjunction to *Purdue Owl* is *Easybib*. *Easybib* allows you to input information for a resource and receive it correctly formatted as an MLA citation. This is a fantastic assistance to those who are learning to correctly format citations, and is a good way to organize a works cited page. Good luck with your writing!



*Deanna Farnes*

<http://www.mathsisfun.com/>  
<http://www.math-aids.com/>

*Math is Fun* and *Math-Aids* are two great websites to get help in math. Both sites offer games, math definitions, and extra math worksheets that you can use to better understand and get practice in math. Even if you do not need help with math, these games are fun and give you something to do.



*Mr. Zamora*

IDVA Parents,

Recently I came across a few recorded webinars with some very valuable information. One I'd like to share was a presentation offered by Idaho Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, featuring Dr. Alex Reed who presented on ADHD and ODD. This webinar offers definitions and some ideas on addressing/assisting youth who have Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and/or Oppositional Defiance Disorder. Dr. Reed is a psychologist and the Director of Behavioral Science, Mental Health, and Research at Family Medicine Residency of Idaho. Please note, when you are watching this recording, there are some sound issues a few minutes into the presentation; around minute 4 issues are resolved. Watch the recorded webinar here:

<http://connectpro13457445.adobeconnect.com/p5wqfxuu4id/>

This week's resource highlight is The Salvation Army. They have different program sites around Idaho, and many of them offer support over the holiday season (Toys for Tots, food baskets, etc.). If you or family/friends are in need of holiday support, contacting your local Salvation Army branch may be a good first start. To find your local site, go to <http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/>. At the top right, enter your zip code and your local site information will be populated.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to email me ([azamora@idahova.org](mailto:azamora@idahova.org)) or kmail me.

Sincerely,

Mr. Zamora  
School Social Worker



# Holiday Support

[www.salvationarmyusa.org](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org)

# Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 27, 2014

12:00 – 2:00

Elks Lodge

640 E. Elva

Idaho Falls



Contact:

Salvation Army

Major Eileen Halverson

208-522-7200

26<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Day Meal

## *Safety Announcements*



**Please note:** As you are helping your student prepare for live presentations this school year, please, keep in mind that we are a public school and weapons or dangerous objects of any kind cannot be allowed at our in-person events. If your student would like to do a project based on, or include a weapon or dangerous object, please, work with him/her to find a way to include the weapon/object via a video or pictures. For example, a student who would like to make a presentation on archery can film him/herself shooting a bow and arrow and then play that clip during the face to face presentation. Staff may ask to preview any clip that a student will be using in a presentation and if it contains inappropriate content, ask the student to make a new clip or revise the existing clip. If a student brings a weapon or dangerous object to a face to face event he/she will be asked to take it off the premises. **There are no exceptions to this.**



Bookmark these sites!

<http://idva.k12start.com/>

<http://help.k12.com/>

# MATH REFRESHER

*For learning coaches*

Fractions: <http://tinyurl.com/mlazl9>

Order of Operations/Number Properties: <http://tinyurl.com/kgqk6w2>

Decimals: <http://tinyurl.com/omb4pgk>

# ELA REFRESHER

*For learning coaches*

Parts of speech: Nouns and Pronouns

<http://tinyurl.com/pm5gasg>

Parts of speech: Verbs and Complements

<http://tinyurl.com/omb4pgk>

Parts of speech: Adjectives and Adverbs

<http://tinyurl.com/nu3f7hr>

Parts of speech: Prepositions, Conjunctions, and Interjections

Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 MT / 10:00 PT

<http://tinyurl.com/m5c22kt>



Follow this link to learn how to remove ads in your OLS!

<http://tinyurl.com/kf5vcx7>

## WEBSITE OF THE WEEK!



[www.wonderopolis.org](http://www.wonderopolis.org)

Explore

Imagine

Laugh

Share

Create

Learn

Smile

Grow



## **Idaho Falls IDVA Community National Guard and Card Event**

**Date and Time: 11/14/2014 - 1:00pm - 3:15pm**

Location: Idaho Falls Activity Center near Airport

Address: 1575 N Skyline Drive, Idaho Falls, ID 83402

Join the IDVA Community and Representatives from the Idaho National Guard as we pay tribute to Veteran's Day and create Thank You cards for those serving our nation.

Information about the Idaho Virtual Academy will be available for those who come to see our vibrant community and would like to know more about our online school.

Please register for this event [here](#).



## **Pocatello IDVA Community National Guard and Card Event**

**Date and Time: 11/14/2014 - 1:00pm - 3:00pm**

Location: Marshall Public Library Community Room

Address: 113 S Garfield Ave, Pocatello, ID 83204

Join the IDVA Community and Representatives from the Idaho National Guard as we pay tribute to Veteran's Day and create Thank You cards for those serving our nation.

Information about the Idaho Virtual Academy will be available for those who come to see our vibrant community and would like to know more about our online school.

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### **Service Opportunity- Lend A Hand!**

**Who:** Middle School Students, LC's, and Siblings of MS student

**What:** Volunteer to help Idaho Food Bank

**When:** November 17, 2014 from 1pm to 3 pm mt

**Where:** The Idaho Food Bank 3562 S. TK Avenue Boise, ID 83705  
(just off of Federal Way, between Broadway and Bergeson)

**How:** RSVP via email to Mrs. Lisa Frost [lfrost@idahva.org](mailto:lfrost@idahva.org)

**Hosted by:** Mrs. Lisa Frost IDVA MS Teacher

#### **Outing details:**

- Open only to the **first 30 RSVP's** – limited to 30 volunteers
- We will be helping with a project and stocking shelves
- **Sturdy closed toed shoes are required**
- We will meet in parking lot at 12:45 to be ready to start at 1pm
- The Idaho Food Bank website has a map on it- <http://idahofoodbank.org/contact-us/boise-southwestern-idaho/>



### **Boise IDVA Community Micron Bus Event**

[REGISTER »](#)

Date and Time: 12/01/2014 - 1:00pm - 3:30pm

Location: Boise First Nazarene Church and Community Center

Address: 3852 Eagle Road, Boise, ID 83713

Join IDVA families as we explore on the Micron Bus, a mobile lab, full of hands-on science experiments housed in a 60 foot bus renovated by the Micron Foundation to bring science to elementary and junior high students.

There is no cost for this event, and we invite you to bring your friends and family to attend. It should be a wonderful time to learn and explore the world of science.

Information about the Idaho Virtual Academy will be to new or interested families. This is a great event to see the interaction of our school community and meet our teachers and staff.



## **Boise IDVA Community Ice World Gingerbread House Event**

**Date and Time:** 12/12/2014 - 9:30am - 11:30am

Location: Idaho Ice World

Address: 7072 South Eisenman Road, Boise, ID 83716

Help us celebrate the winter season by joining IDVA families for a great morning of fun at Idaho Ice World. Ice Skating is \$5.50 per skater. There will be two rinks open, one for younger students, and one for high school students.

There will also be LOTS of other things to do that are FREE. We will have craft tables, a book exchange, and invite you to bring a gingerbread house to showcase in our Winterland of Gingerbread hall.

We will set up an exciting Scholastic Book Fair in time for your gift giving needs.

Bell photographers will be there for re-takes and school photos.

This is a must come event. New or interested families are invited. Bring your friends and family!

IDVA information will be available for those interested in learning more about how to join our vibrant school community.

Please register for this event [here](#).



## **Coeur d'Alene IDVA Community Eagle Watch Cruise Event**

[REGISTER »](#)

**Date and Time:** 12/05/2014 - 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Location: Coeur d'Alene Resort Boat Docks (far East side and on lake side of resort)

Address: 115 S 2nd St, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

Join IDVA families on our Annual Eagle Watch Cruise. You will be able to watch Bald Eagles dive into the water for fish and fly with their catch to their perch. This is an incredible sight! Please dress warmly, as it will be cold on the top deck of the ship, where you will have the best view.

Cost is \$6 per student, \$10 per adult ***CASH ONLY, paid at the gate***

The ship leaves the doc just after 1 pm, so arrive early.

Information about the Idaho Virtual Academy will be on board for new or interested families who wish to join our families and teaching staff for this amazing adventure.



## Coeur d'Alene IDVA Community Frontier Ice Arena Gingerbread House Event

**Date and Time:** 12/12/2014 - 10:30am - 1:00pm

Location: Frontier Ice Arena

Address: 3425 W Seltice Way, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

Help us celebrate the winter season by joining IDVA families for a great morning of fun at Frontier Arena. Ice Skating is \$4.00 per skater.

There will also be LOTS of other things to do that are FREE. We will have craft tables, a book exchange, stories, and invite you to bring a gingerbread house to showcase in our *Winterland of Gingerbread* hall.

This is a must come event!! Information about IDVA will be available for those families who are new or interested in learning more about our school and vibrant school community.

Please register for this event [here](#).

Click below for details and application!

<http://www.skiidaho.us/5th-grade-ski-or-ride-free-passport>

**6<sup>th</sup> graders can ski for free two times at each of the 15 participating Ski Idaho resorts!**

11 \*Bogus Basin, Pomerelle, and Schweitzer are excluded for 6<sup>th</sup> graders.