

# Defiance Elementary School News

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## April 2019

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

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| April 8-11    | Kindergarten Screening                                       |
| April 8-May 3 | Ohio State Testing -- Grades 3, 4 and 5                      |
| April 9       | PTO Meeting @6:00 p.m.                                       |
| April 19      | No School - Good Friday                                      |
| April 23      | Scheduled Two-Hour Delay - Doors open at 10:30 a.m.          |
| April 24      | TinCaps Game -- Grades 1 and 2                               |
| May 4         | Claire's Day @ Defiance Public Library                       |
| May 6-10      | Right to Read Week   |
| May 10        | Outstanding Bulldog Bash/Overnighter - Grades 3, 4, and 5    |
| May 16 & 17   | The State Bank Amazing Shake for 4th & 5th graders           |
| May 21        | Scheduled Two-Hour Delay - Doors open at 10:30 a.m.          |
| May 23        | Defiance County Amazing Shake Competition @ Defiance College |
| May 23-24     | Grade 2 to Camp Lakota Overnight                             |
| May 27        | <b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Memorial Day                              |
| May 29        | Last Day of School - Early Dismissal @ 2:45 p.m.             |



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## **DES Information**

### ***Change In Contact Information:***

You are reminded that if your phone number changes, you need to notify BOTH the appropriate DES offices. If your student is a bus rider, the bus garage should also be contacted. There is an occasional need to contact parents from the bus garage; therefore, please remember to also call the bus garage at 419.782.7091.

### ***Teacher Requests:***

It's hard to believe that we are planning for next school year already, but we are! We have a "no request" policy for teachers. This has worked well for our district and our classrooms are very well distributed based on boy/girl ratio, as well as behavior and academic needs of our children. We will follow this same policy for the 2019-2020 school year. If you have a teacher that you would like to exempt your child from having, please see the office secretary for a form or view our elementary website to download the form yourself.

### ***TinCap Games:***

Grades 1 and 2 will be attending a Ft. Wayne TinCap baseball game as a reading reward on Wednesday, April 24.

### ***Young Audience Series***

The 5th concert of the Young Audience Series, hosted by the Defiance Community Cultural Council and the Defiance Public Library System, will feature *The Great Kaplan*. The show is on Saturday, April 6 at 7:00 pm at the Stroede Center for the Arts (319 Wayne Avenue, Defiance). Illusion, music, juggling and comedy collide in this spectacle. Watch award winning magician David Kaplan as he levitates a rogue bowling ball, juggles furniture, performs feats of prestidigitation, and plays music on a concert balloon, turkey baster, and ukulele. Spectators young and old will enjoy *The Great Kaplan's* wacky world of magic. This event is FREE for everyone! For more information, visit us on the web at [www.defiancearts.org](http://www.defiancearts.org).

The final event of the Young Audience Series, hosted by the Defiance Community Cultural Council and the Defiance Public Library System, is presented by The Children's Theatre of Cincinnati. They will perform "*Rumpelstiltskin*" on Saturday, May 4 at the Stroede Center for the Arts (319 Wayne Avenue, Defiance).

Is your name Harry? Or Sam? Or could it be Rumpelstiltskin? TCT retells this classic tale of the miller's daughter, her boastful father, a handsome prince, and the ability to spin straw into gold. Discover the magic and wonder of one of the world's best fairy tales. TCT will present an acting workshop (recommended for grades 4-8) at 4:00 pm and a performance at 7:00 pm. Both events are FREE for everyone! For more information, visit us on the web at [www.defiancearts.org](http://www.defiancearts.org).



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## ***April Character Trait:***

The character word for April is Persistent. If you continue firmly in a course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition, you are being persistent.

## ***Car Pick Up:***

Please use caution when dropping off or picking up your child. The warm weather usually increases the number of students using this method. Reminder, the pick up lane is a continuously moving lane. Please do not attempt to cut into that lane for the safety of everyone. Wait patiently in line in the curb lane.

## ***Grade 3-5 Ohio Tests:***

Now that we have returned to school after Spring Break, your child will take the Ohio Tests in Reading, Math, and Science (grade 5). We already know that your child is committed to doing their very best on these assessments and we know that you, as their parent, are also giving them all of the support they need to have a successful test day. Please be advised that it is important that your child attend school regularly in order to have the best chance of success on these assessments. Please avoid vacations and doctors appointments, if at all possible, during the month of April. While makeups are possible, research says that students have a greater chance of success when testing with their class and their classroom teacher. Thank you for your support.

## ***DES Field Trips:***

The following field trips have been scheduled for Grades K-5. Teachers will contact parents when chaperones are needed. Please dress your child appropriately for the weather and provide a sack lunch that can be thrown away.

Kindergarten	May 23	Fort Wayne Zoo
First Grade	May 23	Science Central
Second Grade	May 23/24	Camp Lakota
Third Grade	May 24	Sauder's Museum
Fourth Grade	May 23/24	Grand Rapids Canal
Fifth Grade	May 22	Visit to Middle School
Fifth Grade	May 15	Auglaize Village

## ***Wear Blue:***

Wear Blue is a statewide awareness campaign that takes place on the second Wednesday of every April, Child Abuse Prevention Month. Ohioans are encouraged to wear blue that day – to work, to school, to a community event – to show support for preventing child abuse and neglect. The year's Wear Blue day will be April 10, 2019.



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