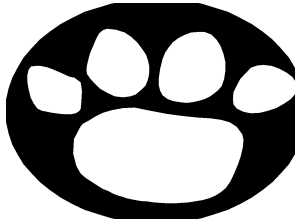


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## December 2018

### Important Upcoming Events

December 3	5 <sup>th</sup> grade Band Concert 6:00 p.m.
December 7	Interims
December 13	5 <sup>th</sup> grade Choir and Sign Choir concert 6:30 p.m.
December 17	Grinch Green Day (Wear Green)
December 18	Rudolph Red Day (Wear Red)
December 19	Crazy Christmas Day (Wear your wackiest Christmas gear)
December 20	Pajama Day, <b>Early Dismissal @ 2:45 p.m.</b>
December 21	Christmas Vacation until January 3, 2019

### Looking Ahead

January 3	School Resumes
January 7	MAP Testing Window Begins
January 8	PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m.
January 11	End of Nine Weeks
January 21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
January 29	Scheduled <b>Two-Hour Delay</b> (Doors open at 10:30 a.m.)
February 15	Teacher Inservice - <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
February 18	Presidents' Day – <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
February 26	Scheduled <b>Two-Hour Delay</b>



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## DES Information

### *Winter Weather*

Please keep in mind that our winter weather has arrived. Most of our children go outside for recess at least twice a day and need to be properly clothed. **A coat is necessary every day.** In the event of snow, all weather boots are required to play in the wet snow. Children without **snow boots** will remain on the blacktop areas. **Please note, if the wind chill is above 20, we have outside recess.** Thank you for your cooperation.

### *Veterans Day Assembly*

On November 9, all DES staff and students took time to honor those who have served. The day started with a breakfast for students and their veteran families. A program was held in the afternoon and several students participated in various ways. Master of Ceremonies were 5<sup>th</sup> graders Drew Allgeretti and Lillian Worline. VFW Post 3360 Color Guard participated, as did the DES 5<sup>th</sup> grade choir. Three fourth grade students had the opportunity to share essays they had written. Chloe Michaels, Natalie Ordway and Lauren Walz read us their thoughts on what Veterans' Day means to them. Third graders gave us a preview of their upcoming music program, singing Yankee Doodle Medley. All students sang along to the Armed Forces Salute while kindergarteners held up signs representing each branch of the service. Second graders led the assembly in The Pledge of Allegiance and First graders sang a wonderful song telling our veterans that they are our Heros. DES was especially excited to welcome Mr. Rogelio Rubio as our guest speaker. He shared a wonderful message about Veterans' Day and sacrifice.

### *Title I Information*

As a parent, you have the right to know about the teaching qualifications of your child's classroom teacher in a school receiving Title I funds. Federal regulations require that any local school district receiving Title I funds must notify parents that they may ask about the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher.

These qualifications include:

1. Whether the teacher has met the Ohio teacher licensing criteria for the grade level and subject areas in which the teacher provides your child instruction.
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or temporary status that waives state licensing requirements.
3. The undergraduate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate degree or certification (such as National Board Certification) held by the teacher and the field of discipline of certification or degree.
4. Whether your child is provided services by instructional paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

If you are interested in this information, please call 419-782-0070 or email Sheri Steyer at [ssteyer@defianceschools.net](mailto:ssteyer@defianceschools.net)



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## Guidance News

As you are aware, our Guidance department has a character word each month for our K-2 students. Teachers try to ‘catch’ their students using this character word and reward them for their behavior. The character word for December is **KINDNESS**. Showing kindness means letting others know they are valuable by how you treat them.

Encourage your child to use a caring word, a thoughtful action or to help those in need. The student who demonstrates the character word **best** in their classroom is given the *Tail Waggin’ Behavior Award*. This award winner’s picture is then posted on the bulletin board outside the café. Habit 4: Think Win-Win is also being introduced this month, as the two tie together.

## PTO News

The PTO will not formerly meet in December. We will offer a holiday shop again this year during the week of December 10-14. The shop will be located in room 908. Teachers will select a time for a visit to the Penguin Shop sometime during that week. If you would like to volunteer to help with the holiday shop, please contact presidents Celena Frederick or Brenda Lucas. You may email [elemPTO@defcity.org](mailto:elemPTO@defcity.org) to contact the PTO at any time.

The PTO is holding a Breakfast with Santa prior to the opening of the holiday shop on Saturday, December 8. Click on the link below for details and registration.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1s7TUpWUT9epzB6m0QITDdLxC9q\\_LVVtL/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1s7TUpWUT9epzB6m0QITDdLxC9q_LVVtL/view?usp=sharing)

During our January meeting, we will plan our Father/Daughter and Mother/Son events. Some new ideas are in the works! We will also discuss other fundraising opportunities. More detail will come home with your child after the first of the year.

To receive updates from the DES PTO, please join the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Defiance.Elementary.PTO/> You can also join the Remind app by texting the number 81010 with the message @defianceel

Our next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, January 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the elementary library. All are welcome!



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## **3 – 5 Information**

### ***Music Department Information***

Our fifth grade choir students, under the direction of Jennifer Long, will be performing on Thursday, December 13. In addition, the DES Sign Choir, under the direction of Kristin Wendell and Susan Blank, will also participate. The program begins at 6:30 p.m.

On Monday, December 3, the fifth grade band will have a chance to share some music as well. The band, under the direction of Kevin Heidbreder, begins their performance at 6:00. Come and enjoy the beautiful sounds of the season!

The 3rd event of the Young Audience Series, hosted by the Defiance Community Cultural Council and Defiance Public Library System, will be on Saturday, December 8 at 2:00 pm at the Stroede Center for the Arts (319 Wayne Avenue, Defiance). We will be showing the movie “Elf” (rated PG). Dress in your best elf costume and join us as we watch the movie, talk with Santa and have some tasty treats and fun crafts. For more information, visit us on the web at [www.defiancearts.org](http://www.defiancearts.org) or call 419-784-3401.

### ***The Bulldog Way.***

Our third house meeting was held on November 27. The topic of the meeting was R-1, Press Pause. Students learned that it is always a good idea to press pause when faced with an event before responding. Remember, what gets our attention doesn't always deserve our attention. Students are well into earning points individually and for their houses. This month's top point winners in each house are as follows: Determination: John Kissner 44, Ambition: Trig Tingle 58, Welcoming: Madelyn Shull 45, Generosity: Erin Walz 68, and Sincerity: Addison Roth 61. House total updates are available at the following link: <https://sites.google.com/a/defianceschools.net/the-bulldog-way/home>

