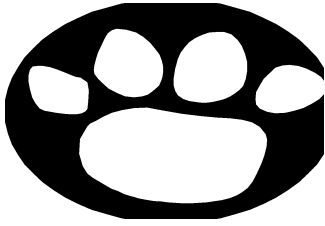


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January 2019

Important Upcoming Events

January 3	School Resumes
January 7	MAP Testing Begins
January 8	PTO Meeting @ 6:00 Library
January 10	Sign Choir Sings at Girls Varsity basketball game
January 11	End of Nine Weeks
January 15	WATCH D.O.G.S. Launch Party @ 6:00 Cafeteria
January 19	Sign Choir Sings at Boys Varsity basketball game
January 21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL
January 25	PTO Father Daughter Dance
January 29	Scheduled Two-Hour Delay

Looking Ahead

February 15	Teacher Inservice - NO SCHOOL
February 18	President's Day – NO SCHOOL
February 26	Scheduled Two-Hour Delay
March 1-31	Kindergarten Registration
March 7	Night of the Arts
March 25-29	Spring Break – NO SCHOOL



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DES Information

Winter Weather

Just a reminder to parents, if the temperature is 20 degrees (regular or wind chill), our students go outside for recess. Please have your child dress appropriately for the winter weather. Coats, hats, gloves are a necessity! Boots are also encouraged when snow arrives. If your child wears boots to school, please send an extra pair of shoes for the classroom, especially if it's gym day.

Kindergarten Registration & Screening

The month of March will be Kindergarten Registration time at DES. If you have a child that will be five years of age on or before September 30, 2019, please call the school during the month of March to register for kindergarten. We will set up a screening time for you during the week of April 8th. We will screen during the school day on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday with evening hours on Tuesday, April 9. Please note: Children currently enrolled in our KinderStart program will automatically be placed in a kindergarten classroom next year. They will not need to go through the screening process again.

Preschool Screening

Is your child on track with their growth & development? Screenings can tell you. Early Childhood Screenings are designed for children ages 1 month through 5 years (screenings are not for children who will be entering kindergarten). Defiance screenings will be held on Monday, March 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Family Christian Center, 1834 East Second Street. Please call "Help Me Grow—Northwest Ohio" at 567-444-4818 to schedule an appointment or for more information. Please take advantage of this FREE SERVICE!

DES PTO News

The next scheduled PTO meeting will be on Tuesday, January 8 in the elementary library at 6:00 p.m.. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend!

- **Father/Daughter and Mother/Son events will be discussed and planned during this meeting. Please come and give your input!**

Guidance News

January's Character Word for K-2 is **Patience**. Having patience involves waiting until later for what you want. Being able to deal with hardships, trouble and/or problems without complaints also exhibits patience.

Young Audience Series

The 4th event of the Young Audience Series, hosted by the Defiance Community Cultural Council, will be on Saturday, February 2 featuring The Children's Theatre of Cincinnati. They will have an acting workshop at



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4:00 p.m. followed by a performance of “Rumpelstiltskin” at 7:00 p.m. The recommended age for the workshop is grades 4-8. Both **FREE** events are at the Stroede Center for the Arts at 319 Wayne Avenue, Defiance, Ohio. For more information, visit us on the web at www.defiancearts.org or call 419-784-3401.

3-5 Information

The Bulldog Way

Our monthly house meeting was held on December 18. The topic of the meeting continued to focus on the R Factor. R Factor 2 was highlighted, which discussed Get Your Mind Right. This month’s top point winners in each house are as follows: Determination: Emma Lucas, Ambition: Natalie Kost, Welcoming: Sofia Hernandez and Noveah Chavez, Generosity: Beckett Meyers and Sincerity: Caydence Rosebrock. House total updates are available at the following link: <https://sites.google.com/a/defianceschools.net/the-bulldog-way/home>

Spelling Bee

Our fourth and fifth graders have been given the opportunity to qualify for the Defiance County Spelling Bee to be held in January. Recently, a fifth grade representative was chosen through a tough elimination. One student from each homeroom competed in front of their peers. Those students were Christopher Brinkman, Mason Renn, Lilly Worline, Brynn Harvey, Leondre Jackson, Drew Allegretti, Alyssa Heller, Fia Butler, and Isabella Rodriguez. After several rounds, Christopher was the winner. He will advance to the Defiance County Spelling Bee, held later this month. Fourth graders will be selecting their winner January 10.

WATCH D.O.G.S.

We are pleased to share that the WATCH D.O.G.S. program, in cooperation with Defiance Dream Center, is coming to DES 3-5 beginning in February. WATCH D.O.G.S., which stands for Dads (or any male figure) of Great Students, aims to have an adult male role model in our building every single day. These D.O.G.S. will be visible throughout the day beginning with drop off and ending with pick up. During the school day, they will be seen working with students one-on-one, eating lunch with students, helping to supervise playground time and generally being a visible part of the school day. A Launch Party/Informational Night will be held on Tuesday, January 15 at 6pm in the DES cafeteria. Look for a flier to come home very soon detailing this event. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please call Mrs. Myers at 419-785-2260.

