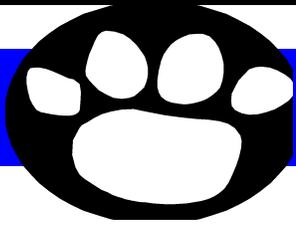


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## March 2019

### Important Upcoming Events

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| March 1 – 31  | Kindergarten Registration (Call 419-785-2260 to Register)     |
| March 1       | K-2 Dr. Seuss Day   |
| March 1       | Grade 3 Donuts for Dads 7:30-8:30 a.m.                        |
| March 7       | Night of the Arts @ DES 6:00-7:30 p.m.                        |
| March 8       | Grade 4 Donuts for Dads 7:30-8:30 a.m.                        |
| March 12      | PTO – 6:00 p.m.   |
| March 15      | Grade 5 Donuts for Dads 7:30-8:30 a.m.                        |
| March 16      | PTO Mother-Son Event  |
| March 21      | 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraiser Kickoff                      |
| March 21      | Camp Storer Informational Meeting - Grade 4 Parents 6:00 p.m. |
| March 22      | End of Third Nine Weeks                                       |
| March 25 – 29 | Spring Break  |

### Looking Ahead

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| April 1    | School Resumes         |
| April 8-11 | Kindergarten Screening |



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## DES Information

**Kindergarten Registration:** If you have a child that will be five years of age on or before September 30, 2019, please call the K-2 office during the month of March and register for Kindergarten. Our registration will run throughout the month of March with an actual screening taking place the second week of April. Begin locating your child's birth certificate, shot record, social security number, proof of residency and any applicable custody papers. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the K-2 office.

**Young Audience Series:** The 4<sup>th</sup> concert of the Young Audience Series, hosted by the Defiance Community Cultural Council and the Defiance Public Library System, will be on Saturday, March 30 at the Stroede Center for the Arts (319 Wayne Avenue, Defiance). Have you ever wondered how a marimba fits into a car? How can you get three flutes in one backpack? Lawler & Fadoul "*Break It Down!*" answers these questions and more as flutist Zara Lawler and marimba player Paul Fadoul dissect music and musical instruments for curious concert goers. Lawler & Fadoul will present a workshop at 4:00 p.m. and a performance at 7:00 p.m. Both events are FREE for everyone! For more information, visit us on the web at [www.defiancearts.org](http://www.defiancearts.org).

**Night of the Arts:** Come join us for our Elementary Night of the Arts on Thursday, March 7. Your child's artwork can be viewed anytime during 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Art will be displayed by grade in each of the wings. The band and choir will perform beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria, as well as the Sign Choir. Stop by to see the show. It should be an enjoyable evening for all!

**Youth Art Month and Music in our Schools Month:** We would like to show some ARTS SPIRIT by having dress up days on Thursdays for the month of March. Here are the themes for the month:

Thursday, March 7	Color Wars(below)
Thursday, March 14	Mismatch Day
Thursday, March 21	Crazy Socks

Which grade will HAVE the MOST spirit?

K/KS (Red); 1st (Orange); 2nd (Yellow); 3rd (Green); 4th (Blue); 5th (Purple); Staff (Rainbow or choose a grade to follow).

**Cinderella:** Defiance High School presents "Cinderella" at the Defiance Community Auditorium beginning Thursday, March 14. Additional shows will run Saturday, March 16 at 7:30 pm. and Sunday, March 17 at 2:00 pm. There is NO FRIDAY SHOW. Defiance Elementary students will get a short play preview Wednesday morning, March 13. I bet they beg you to take them to see the rest ... so be prepared!

**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. However, requests will not be accepted.



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**Guidance Department:** The Character word for March is Serenity. Serenity is having the ability to be calm, peaceful and untroubled. We will also discuss The Leader in Me Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw and The R Factor Step 5 - Make a Difference. Help your child to be a culture builder this month. Make someone else experience *serenity*.

**TinCaps Game:** Grades 1 and 2 will be attending a Ft. Wayne TinCap baseball game as a reading reward on Wednesday, April 24. Due to all available dates conflicting with the Ohio AIR test, third, fourth and fifth grade students will be given the opportunity to earn a voucher to attend a May 5 game with their families. Classroom teachers have set individual goals for each student to achieve in reading. Please encourage your child to read so they can participate in this fun day.

**Student Vacations:** At DES, our commitment to providing the best education possible is based upon your students' attendance at school. While we understand that there are unavoidable circumstances where students must miss school, we ask that you limit these absences and try to schedule time off during our scheduled breaks. Thank you for your understanding.

## **3 – 5 Information**

**The Bulldog Way:** The February house meeting was held on February 26. Students continued to learn about the R Factor and R-3, Get Your Mind Right. Outstanding Bulldogs for the 2nd quarter

were recognized and given a small reward. Students continue earning points for themselves and their houses and those updates are available at the following link:

<https://sites.google.com/a/defianceschools.net/the-bulldog-way/home> February leaders were Determination-Olivia Hernandez, Ambition-Gabe Williams, Welcoming-Brayden Weaver and Louie Zimmerman, Generosity-Noah Hohenbrink, and Sincerity-Kaylee Muncy.

### ***Performance Based Assessments:***

As you know, the way that student achievement is being measured throughout the state of Ohio has changed. Rather than a testing week, students have the opportunity to show what they know over the course of several weeks. Ohio's Tests in English Language Arts, Math, and Science will be given in April and May. Your child's teacher will inform you of the exact days your child will be assessed. While the number of assessments varies per grade level, 3-5 students will be assessed in Language Arts and Math. In addition, the fifth graders have a Science assessment. Classroom teachers continue to focus on content to help prepare our students for these assessments. For further information check the Ohio Department of Education web page at the following link:

<http://education.ohio.gov>

