

Defiance Elementary School News

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November 2018

Important Upcoming Events

October 29-Nov. 1	PTO Book Fair
November 1	Parent Teacher Conferences (3:45-8:15), Book Fair Open
November 6	Parent Teacher Conferences (3:45-5:45)
November 9	Veterans' Breakfast 7:30-9:00 a.m.
November 9	Veterans' Day Assembly @ 2:00 p.m.
November 13	PTO @ 6:00 p.m.
November 15	3rd Grade Music Program @ 6:00 p.m. and @ 7:00 p.m.
November 20	Mega Event
November 21-23	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break
November 27	Scheduled Two-Hour Delay - Doors unlock at 10:30 a.m.

Looking Ahead

December 3	5 th Grade Band Concert @ 6:00 p.m.
December 13	DES Choir Concert @ 6:30 p.m.
December 20	Early Dismissal @ 2:45 p.m.
December 21	NO SCHOOL – Christmas Break
January 3	Return to School
January 21	NO SCHOOL - MLK Day
January 29	Scheduled Two-Hour Delay - Doors unlock at 10:30 a.m.

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DES Information

Winter Weather. Please keep in mind that our winter weather will be fast approaching. It is very important that you dress your child appropriately for school. **A coat is necessary every day.** Most of our children go outside for recess at least twice a day and need to be properly clothed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parent Teacher Conferences. Parent Teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, November 1 and Tuesday, November 6. If you have not returned your form to your child's classroom teacher, please do so as soon as possible.

Lost & Found. Our lost and found is overflowing. Please take a few minutes to check this area the next time you are in the building. The lost and found is located inside the cafeteria doors directly to your right. Conferences would be a great time to check for any lost items your child may have.

Report Cards. Report cards will be given to you during conferences. Our grading period ended on Friday, October 26.

Young Audience Series: The Defiance Community Cultural Council, along with the Defiance Public Library System, is presenting the Young Audience Series—concerts geared toward elementary aged students. These concerts are FREE and open to everyone! The second concert of the series is Friday, November 30 featuring the Madcap Puppets. They will be presenting “A Madcap Christmas Carol”. It is at 7:00 p.m. at the Stroede Center for the Arts (319 Wayne Avenue, Defiance). Watch the giant puppets bring Dickens' favorite characters to life.

The 3rd event of the Young Audience Series will be on Saturday, December 8 at 2:00 p.m. 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 or call 419-784-3401.

CAR RIDER PROCEDURE

Parents, if you are picking your child up after school, here are a few reminders of the proper procedure.

1. **Pick Up Lane-** If using the pick up lane, remain in your car and stay in the lane until you reach your child's grade pick up area. Older children are to all go stand with the youngest child in the family.
2. **Parked Car-** If you are parking your car, **you must get out and come get your child.** PLEASE use the crossing guard section. Safety first!
3. **Speed-** Please use posted correct speed and be alert at all times, not on your cell phone.
4. **Rain-** in the event of rain, the students will go under the overhang in front of the school. 1st grade will come out main doors by library. 2nd grade normal doors.
5. **Changes-** If you have a change in the normal pick up procedure (someone else picking up, i.e. Aunt, Grandma, etc.), please send a written note to school to notify us. We may question who the person is, and verify if they are on your personal information sheet.
6. **Dismissal time-** Children are dismissed at 3:20. Please wait until the students have gotten outside and in their designated spots before greeting them. Please do not have the children run to you.
7. **Missing child-** If you cannot locate your child, please see Mrs. Wank. She will use the radio to locate the child.

Guidance

K-2 Character Word. The K-2 Guidance Department is introducing a new character word for November. The word of the month is **ambition**. This means knowing what you want and finding a way to get it. A strong desire to get or become

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something; goal setting. Habit 3: Put First Things First from The Leader in Me will also be discussed along with R1: Press Pause. Slow down to think and focus on what you want to accomplish.

Backpack Buddy Program. If you are interested in receiving the food supplement, please call the school office and request that a form be sent home. As a reminder, to qualify for the program, your child needs to receive free or reduced lunches. Backpacks are sent home every Friday.

PTO

Book Fair. Our PTO sponsored book fair will run from October 29 - November 1. Your child will have an opportunity to purchase books during their library special time. We will also have evening hours on Thursday, November 1, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. during conferences.

Meeting. Our next PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13, at 6:00 p.m. in the library. We will begin planning the father/daughter and mother/son events. All are welcome!!!

3 – 5 Information

December Music Program: Our fifth grade choir students, under the direction of Jennifer Long, will be performing on Tuesday, 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.

Third Grade Music Programs: Third grade students will be presenting *Everyday Heroes* on

Thursday, November 15. The program will be presented twice. The first performance is at 6:00 p.m. featuring the classes of Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Houck/Mrs. Carnahan, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Windhorst. Performing at 7:00 p.m. will be the classes of Mrs. Robarge/Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Ashbaugh, Mrs. Hohenbrink, Mrs. Karnes, and Mrs. Knapp.

Fifth Grade Band Concert: The fifth grade band, under the direction of Kevin Heidbreder, will present their first ever concert on Monday, December 3. The program begins at 6:00 in the DES Auditoria.

The Bulldog Way. Our second meeting was held in October. All third, grade students were surprised with a special house t-shirt compliments of the DES PTO! All students are reminded to wear these shirts on house meeting days. The theme of this month's meeting continued with R Factor work, the highlight being The Culture Playbook. Ask your student about the hashtag #defidoes. Believe, Belong and Become are the pillars of our Culture Playbook. Students should be familiar with those terms. After recognizing First Quarter Outstanding Bulldogs, students learned which house was currently in the lead with points. Currently the house of Ambition leads with 2901 points! Individual students in each house were also recognized for being point leaders.

- Determination Emma Lucas
- Ambition Emiliano Roehrig
- Welcoming Noveah Chavez
- Generosity Ashton Shull
- Sincerity Kaylee Muncy

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Turn Markers



Into Energy!

I'm excited to tell you about a very special program I'm coordinating at Defiance Elementary School in conjunction with Crayola. It's called Crayola ColorCycle – an amazing new program devised to turn used markers into energy!

All around DES students and teachers will be collecting used markers that are ready to be discarded. The markers will be sent to a facility where they will be converted into clean fuel. This fuel can be used to power vehicles, heat homes, cook meals and more!

Please help support our efforts by sending your kids in with any used markers you may have around the house – even non-Crayola brands. **That includes dry erase markers and highlighters!**

Thank you in advance for participating! With the help of parents like you across the country, the Crayola ColorCycle program can keep tons of plastic out of landfills each year.

Remember, don't throw out that used marker—*ColorCycle it!*

Sincerely,

Jenny Warner

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Learn more at <http://www.crayola.com/colorcycle>

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Is It Bullying?

How can you tell if someone is being bullied? This chart can help you decide if it's bullying or something else.

Joking Around:

- Everyone is having fun.
- No one is getting hurt.
- Everyone is participating equally.

One Time Thing:

- Someone is being mean on purpose.
- It's a reaction to a strong emotion or feeling.
- It happens once and doesn't repeat itself.

Conflict:

- Two people with a balance of power that have a fight, argument, or disagreement.
- A solution can usually be found.

Bullying:

- Repeated, unwanted aggressive behavior towards someone.
- Someone is being hurt on purpose.
- Can be social, verbal, physical, or cyber.



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Download the [Ohio Child Passenger Safety brochure](#).

Ohio's Child Passenger Safety Law is defined in [Ohio Revised Code 4511.81](#).

As of Oct. 7, 2009, Ohio's children are required to use belt-positioning booster seats once they outgrow their child safety seats until they are 8 years old, unless they are at least 4 feet, 9 inches (57 inches) tall.

Ohio's child passenger safety law requires the following:

- Children less than 4 years old or 40 pounds must use a child safety seat meeting federal motor vehicle safety standards.
- Children less than 8 years old, unless they are at least 4 feet, 9 inches tall must use a booster seat.
- Children ages 8-15 must use a child safety seat or safety belt.

Fines will range from a minimum of \$25 to a maximum of \$75 per occurrence. A booster seat can be purchased for as little as \$15. **Don't wait for a ticket!**

Forward-Facing Car Seats. Once a child has outgrown the weight or height limits of the rear-facing seat, he or she can switch to a seat that faces forward. Infants must not face forward until they are at least 1 year old and weigh at least 20 pounds.

Child Passenger Safety - Nationwide Children's Hospital <https://www.nationwidechildrens.org>

Children should be in rear-facing seats for at least the first year and may stay in rear-facing seats up to 3 years of age. You should keep your child in the rear-facing seat until she reaches the top height and weight limits recommended by the manufacturer. Then it's time to switch to a forward-facing seat. Once your child reaches the height and weight limits for the forward-facing seat, it's time to transition to a booster seat. Your child should stay in the booster seat until she can wear a seat belt comfortably and properly. Remember that you're required by law to keep your kid in a booster seat until she turns 8 or reaches 4 feet, 9 inches tall.

Even when your child is big enough to fit a regular seat belt, she should ride in the back seat. It's always safer to be in the back seat in case of a crash.

<https://www.nationwidechildrens.org/research/areas-of-.../child-passenger-safety>