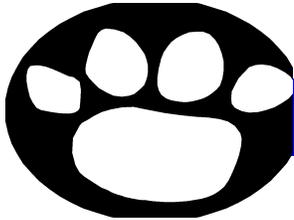


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## OCTOBER 2018

### Important Upcoming Events

October 3	Picture Retakes
October 8	Pint Size Heroes Blood Drive, 1:00-7:00 p.m. DES gym
October 8-12	Grade 5 to Camp Storer
October 9	PTO @ 6:00 p.m. DES Library
October 12	Kindergarten Immunizations Due to Office
October 15	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Teacher In-Service
October 16 & 18	Third Grade Parent Teacher Conferences
October 22	Book Fair Preview Week for Students
October 22-26	Red Ribbon Week
October 23	PTO Fundraiser Product Delivery in Cafe @ 3:00-6:00 p.m.
October 26	Blazing the Trails to Literacy Fire Truck Parade @ 9:15 a.m.
October 30	<b>Scheduled Two-Hour Delay</b> – Teacher In-service (School begins at 11:00 a.m.)
October 30	PTO Grand Event - Book Fair @ 6:00-7:30 p.m.

### Looking Ahead

November 1	KS-5 Parent Teacher Conferences (3:45 - 8:00 p.m.), Book Fair Open
November 3	PTO Fall Festival/Halloween Party @ 6:00-8:00 p.m.
November 6	KS-5 Parent Teacher Conferences (3:45 - 5:45 p.m.)
November 9	Veteran's Day Breakfast and Program
November 21-23	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Thanksgiving Break
November 27	<b>Scheduled Two-Hour Delay</b> – Teacher In-service (School begins at 11:00 a.m.)



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## DES Information

**Red Ribbon Week:** Defiance Elementary School will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week, October 23-27. Students are encouraged to dress up following the themes for each day:

Monday - “Reach for the Stars in a Life Drug Free” - Wear space, Star Wars, NASA attire

Tuesday - “All Aboard -- Cruising with Good Choices” - Nautical theme, Swimming attire

Wednesday - “Take a Hike Toward Your Future”- Hiking gear, Camping attire

Thursday - “Vacation/Destination Day” - Wear your favorite vacation shirt.

Friday - “Travel to Your Future Day” - Career Day, Dress to Impress

**Fall Weather:** As the weather changes and the air turns cooler, please make sure you are sending your child to school in a jacket or sweatshirt. All students go outside for recess daily.

**PTO Information:** The first Parent Teacher Organization meeting of the year was held in the DES Library on September 11. Officers for the new school year were introduced.

President	Celena Frederick/Brenda Lucas
Secretary	Brittany Custard
Treasurer	Jamie Huber

The next PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 9, at 6:00 p.m. in the elementary library. All are welcome! We will be looking for volunteers for our Book Fair, Grand Event, and for our upcoming Halloween/Harvest Moon Party. We hope to see you there.

**Fundraiser:** Just a reminder that all fundraiser money should have been turned in for grades KS-5. Delivery for all students is expected on October 23 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. in our cafeteria. More specific information from PTO will be forthcoming.

**Book Fair:** The Defiance Elementary PTO Book Fair will be held October 22 - November 2. The preview week for students will happen during the first week. Students will have the opportunity to purchase books during library time the second week. The book fair will be open in the evening on Tuesday, October 30 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. for the Grand Event. Students can ask grandparents or other 'grand' people to attend this event with them. We will have free games, candy, and other giveaways! We will also have evening hours on



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Thursday, November 1, from 4:00-8:00 p.m., during parent teacher conferences. The profits raised during the book fair will be used to buy books for every classroom and for the school library.

**Bully Prevention Month:** National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month is October. Defiance Elementary will support this cause throughout the month. Students are encouraged to:

## **Week of October 1 - Homecoming Week/Stand up and be a NO Bully Bulldog!**

Monday - Pajama Day! Enjoy a comfy day in your PJ's!

Tuesday - Team Day! Cheer on your favorite team by wearing their colors or a jersey!

Wednesday - Neon Day! Highlight the school with your brightest colors-- green, pink, yellow, orange!

Thursday - Mismatch Day! Mismatch your whole outfit -- socks, shoes, shirts, and pants!

Friday - Bulldog Spirit Day! Show your school spirit by wearing your Bulldog gear or blue and white!

- **Week of October 8 - Challenge others to be kind. Pay it forward week.**
  - Bulldogs help one another at home and at school.
- **Week of October 15 - Stand up for Others week. Help a friend in a difficult situation.**
  - Bulldogs stand up for friends who are alone or being bullied.
- **Week of October 22 - No one eats alone week. Invite others to join you.**
  - A Bulldog looks for opportunities to be with others, including sitting with those who are alone at lunch, on the playground and in class.

**Coats for Christmas:** The annual Coats for Christmas drive is approaching. Barrels will be located in our halls. If you have clean, gently used coats that your children have outgrown, please consider donating them to those in need.

**There's an App For That:** Defiance City Schools now has a Mobile App that is ready to download and install. It is available in both the Google and Apple App stores by searching for Defiance City Schools. Download it today to stay up to date on events at DCS!

**Parent Teacher Conferences:** Our annual parent teacher conferences for grades KS-2 and 4-5 will be held on Thursday, November 1, and Tuesday, November 6. Third grade conferences have been scheduled for October 16 and 18. Teachers will begin scheduling appointments this month. More information will be coming home with your child soon.



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**OnLine Student Registration/InfoSnap:** By now you should be aware that Defiance City Schools has implemented an online Returning Student Registration system. This online form replaces the EMA that has been sent home in the past for parents to complete. If you have not completed this task, it is imperative that you do so IMMEDIATELY. Follow the directions below:

- Visit <http://www.defiancecityschools.org> and click on “Central Registration”.
- When the “Central Registration” page opens please click on the link “Click here for the RETURNING STUDENT REGISTRATION”.
- Use the “snapcode” that was previously supplied to you, as it is specific to each individual student. If you have lost this, you may call the office for assistance
- If you do not have internet access at your residence which is necessary to complete this process, may we suggest you visit the local library, go to a local business that provides Wi-Fi or finally, you may call the office to make arrangements to receive assistance there.

## K – 2 Information

**Monthly Character Word:** The Character word for October for K-2 students is **Leader**. A leader is a person who leads or commands a group, organization or country. We will focus on The Leader in Me Habit 2 - Begin with the end in mind. We will also discuss the R Factor step two - Get your mind right! Your inner work determines the quality of your outer work. Ask your child about their guidance lesson!

**Vision Screenings:** Vision screenings took place by our nurse aides during the week of September 17. All first grade students, and the kindergarten students that either failed or missed this test during kindergarten screening were checked. If any problems were found during the screenings, parents will be notified.

**Kindergarten Immunizations:** As a reminder, our final report to the State is due October 15. Any kindergarten student that is not current or “in process” with their immunizations will be exempt from school. This will result in an unexcused absence. Please take the necessary steps now to have your child’s shot record current. Call the Health Department at (419)784-3818 to schedule your kindergarten boosters or visit your family physician.



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## 3 – 5 Information

**Camp Storer:** Fifth grade students are gearing up for their annual week at Camp Storer. Camp is a unique opportunity and is connected to the 5th grade content standards. It is also a privilege and students have done a great job in keeping that privilege theirs. All monies and forms should have been completed. Students, staff, and counselors will be leaving DES on Monday, October 8 and will return on Friday, October 12.

**Online Grade Check for Parents:** To set up an account to access your children's grades online:  
<http://www.defiancecityschools.org>

Click on Grade Check. Click the blue button that says "Create Account". Fill in the information requested, including your own unique username and password. For each of your children you will also fill out the information requested: Student Name (first and last), Access ID (This is your child's 6 or 5-digit student ID which can be found on your child's schedule or ask him/her for their lunch number), Access Password (This is your child's birthdate) Examples: 5/12/04 or 10/3/14 or 3/7/01. After pressing submit you will be returned to the login screen to enter the username and password you just created.

**The Bulldog Way (3-5):** Year 4 of the *The Bulldog Way* has begun. For grade 3-5 students new to DES, here is a rundown of what the Bulldog Way means. Since school started, teachers have been introducing *The Bulldog Essentials*, which are the rules and procedures we expect our students to follow. Students and staff are divided into five groups, or "houses". These house groups are where students can connect with other students and staff members to review and practice the *Essentials*, share successes, and work on character development. In addition, students already have the opportunity to earn points for their houses, based mostly on *The Bulldog Essentials*. Houses with the most points each quarter will be rewarded. A lot of the focus will be on *The Bulldog Way* and *The Bulldog Essentials*. In other words, what does a Defiance Bulldog do and say? Our goal is to help students become model citizens both in and out of school. A copy of these *Essentials* were sent home with your student. Third graders were given a colored wristband with a character trait on it, which will identify their house. These include Determination, Ambition, Welcoming, Generosity and Sincerity. Note that the acronym for the houses spells DAWGS. Your student is responsible for keeping this bracelet all year and wearing it to school every day. They have been told that lost bracelets can be replaced, but they will have to be "earned" back via a point system. Ask your student to explain *The Bulldog Way* and ask to see their bracelet. It's The Bulldog Way. The first house meeting was held on September 26th. House meetings this year will focus on the R Factor. Point totals were announced for the first month of school as follows Determination 1016, Ambition 1225, Welcoming 1090, Generosity 1115 and Sincerity 891. A point leader from each house was also recognized. They included Determination-Drew Allegretti and Rory Bright 45, Ambition-Emiliano Roehrig 51, Welcoming-Laela Keller 46, Generosity-Spencer Sheppard and Tessa Yeary 48 and Sincerity-Ava Tracy 49. Keep up the good work, Bulldogs!



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**DES Sign Choir:** The DES Sign Choir will begin practices at DES each Thursday morning before school beginning October 4. Last year, over 90 3rd and 4th grade students participated! It's not too late to join. There are several performances throughout the year that students will be participating in, including a Christmas concert, Night of the Arts and signing the National Anthem at some DHS basketball games.

**Neighbors in Need:** It is that time of the year again when our focus turns to giving back and helping others. In order to foster these charitable qualities in our students we are participating in 105.7 the Bull's annual Neighbors in Need food Drive. The food drive focuses on helping to provide non-perishable food items to local food pantries that service so many individuals and families in our community that are in need. We are asking students to help out by bringing in as many non-perishable food items as possible from Monday October 1<sup>st</sup> until Friday November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Students can drop off their items to the cafeteria each morning where their contribution will be added to their Bulldog Way House's can donation total. At the end of the food drive the House with the most items will earn a deserving reward. So let's show Defiance what the Bulldog Way is all about and how much we support our community!

**Third Grade Reading Guarantee Information:** Third grade students have recently completed a reading assessment, MAP, to help teachers determine whether or not a student is on track in reading. Students will soon be taking the Ohio Test in Reading to further determine where a student is at this time. Reading Improvement and Monitoring Plans, also known as RIMPS, will be written for each student outlining what is being done in the classroom to help assure that your third grader is receiving the instruction needed to be successful this year. These will be shared with parents during conferences. Why is third grade reading so important? The ability to read is the foundation of learning. Research shows that children who are not reading at a third-grade level by the end of grade 3 are likely to have trouble learning in all classroom subjects in higher grades. Struggling readers greatly benefit from their families' involvement and help at home. The following links will give you the information you need about Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee.

- [Third Grade Reading Guarantee Parent RoadMaps](#)
- **Fact sheet:** [Third Grade Reading Guarantee](#)

