

Defiance Middle School

“Excellence with a Purpose”

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Parent Newsletter

January/February 2011

On the horizon:

Jan. 27 AR reward
bowling trip 12:30-
2:30 p.m.

Feb. 1 Grades 5-8
Band Concert 6:00
p.m.

Feb. 4 7th Grade
Africa Assembly
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Feb. 18 3rd qtr.
interim

Feb. 21 President's
Day- No School

Feb. 22 Civic Oration
Contest 1:20 p.m.

March 7 PEAK mtg.
7:00 p.m.

March 11 Spring
pictures

March 18 End of 3rd
qtr. grading period

March 21/22 8th grade
Four Co. Career
Center visits

March 24 Night of
the Arts gr. 6-12 @HS
5:30 p.m.

March 28-April
Spring Break

A Note from the Principal: The third quarter of the year can be a hard time to keep students motivated academically. It is very common for grades to dip slightly during this time of the school year. Try to add some extra incentives at home for your child to keep their grades up during the winter months. (If your child's grade card is missing, it is because we have no record that the \$52 class fee has been paid. If you have any questions, please contact the office.)

Yearbooks go on sale Feb. 1 for \$17: Lifetouch will be accepting 2010-11 yearbook orders from Feb. 1-Feb. 28. Order forms are available in the office. Cost is \$17; checks payable to Lifetouch. Yearbooks will be delivered to students in May.

Artsonia: Artsonia is the world's largest online art museum for showcasing student artwork from kindergarten to high school. The website is a great way for parents, family and friends to become involved in and share their student's talents and masterpieces through a personal art gallery online! Parents, you can invite family and friends to view the grand opening and join your child's official Artsonia Fan Club. You can even post positive comments about your child's artwork in their guest book and purchase customized art keepsakes from Artsonia featuring your child's art. This is the second year Defiance has been participating in Artsonia with great success. We have had the opportunity to earn money towards our art program and nominate students as "Artsonia Artist of the Week." If you would like to register your child in Artsonia a parental permission form may be picked up in the school office.

Free Homework Help/Tutoring: There is free tutoring offered by Defiance College students at the YMCA on Mondays & Wednesdays from 4-5:30 for grades 6-8. You can contact Rich Seward at 419.784.4747 for more info. The United Way also funds a tutoring program at the Skylark Youth Center, 320 Jackson Ave., on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 3:30-5:50. Adult supervision is provided at all times; you can call 419.784.9408 if you have any questions.

Def. Co. Health Department Request: The Defiance County Health Department is asking for our help. In order to have a better understanding of the circulating illnesses and trends of disease in our schools, the health department is asking parents to voluntarily report the child's symptoms when calling in a child's absence due to sickness. This information will be reported to the health department and remain anonymous. If you have any questions about this, please call the health department at 419-784-3818.

8th Grade Four Co. Visits: On March 21st(8W) and on March 22nd(8B) 8th grade students will have the opportunity to visit Four County Career Center to explore possible future career options and assist in high school course selections. Further details about the visit to come...

