

Defiance Middle School

“A.S.P.I.R.E.”

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On the horizon:

Nov. 8 Parent/Teacher conferences: 4:30-7:30 p.m.

PEAK Luncheon

Nov. 9 Veteran's Day Assembly-1:25 pm. The Public is welcome to attend.

Nov. 21-23
Thanksgiving Break
Regular dismissal on 11/20 for grades 6-12

Nov. 26 B.O.E mtg.
7:00 in Comm. Rm.

Nov. 27 2 hr. Delayed Start

Dec. 17 MS Choral Concert 7:00

Dec. 21-Jan. 2
Christmas Break-No School. Early dismissal on Dec. 20-2:00 pm

Jan. 3 School resumes

Jan. 11 End of 2nd quarter

Jan. 21 MLK day-
No School

Parent Newsletter

November/December 2018

A Note from the Principal: Hopefully after one nine weeks, your child's nightly routine is well established. Predictable homework and bedtimes are helpful for mental and physical well-being. It is important that adequate nutrition, study time in a quiet space, and rest be part of his/her life during the school year. The more structure and stability the child has at home, the easier it is for us to work with him/her here at school. Thanks for your support.

Happy Holidays! With the holidays quickly approaching, DMS would like to wish all of you a happy, healthy holiday season. It's a great time of year to spend time together, and also to help others in need. So remember to celebrate the true meaning of the season by giving of yourself and your time. Those are the most important gifts you can give or receive.

Success, Nothing Less Program (SNL): We are continuing to utilize our academic support system, SNL. Each student completing all assignments is the foundation of this program. It is crucial that parents, teachers, and administrators are on the same page and convey the same message that **“All students will complete all assignments and do quality work.”** If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office at 419-782-0050.

It's Conference Time: Nov. 8, 4:30-7:30 pm No appointment is necessary-just stop by. Our second round of parent/teacher conferences is Nov. 8 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. If your child's grade card is not what you had hoped or you simply want to talk to a teacher, just stop in. No need to call for an appointment. Conferences will be held in the MS cafeteria and library. Please bring your child with you. It is important for parents to attend conferences with their children.

Class Fee reminder: Your child's class fee of \$52 was due Sept. 28. In the near future if your fees are not paid and aren't waived, you will no longer have online access to grade information. If you need to set up a payment plan for fees, please contact the MS office and we will assist you. Interim reports and grade cards will start to be withheld.

Eligibility/G.P.A. Reminder for Winter Sports: All students who wish to participate in a winter sport such as wrestling, basketball, or cheerleading need to have a grade point average of 1.5 on their first nine weeks grade card and pass 5 classes in order to be eligible in accordance with Board policy and OHSAA guidelines. Eligibility is based upon grades earned at the end of each quarter.

Criteria to pass to the next grade: In order to be promoted to the next grade level, students **must pass each** core class for the year (language arts, math, science, & social studies). **SUMMER SCHOOL will be offered to earn placement to the next grade level for students that do not meet the criteria.** Please watch your child's grades closely.

Daily Homework Assignments-Your child's daily homework assignments can be found on the Middle School's website (www.defiancecityschools.org).

Veterans Day Assembly: We will be having our Veterans Day assembly in the High School Gym on November 9th at 1:25 pm. The assembly will last approximately forty-five minutes and the public is invited to attend.

A.S.P.I.R.E: Congratulations to TEAM ACHIEVE for winning the 1st quarter A.S.P.I.R.E reward! These students will receive a trip to the YMCA on Wednesday, November 7. The reward is part of our positive behavior intervention system and is based on behavior and attendance.