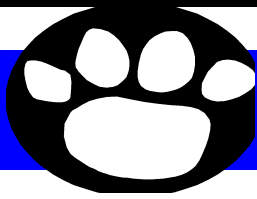


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April 2024

Important Upcoming Events

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| April 8 | NO SCHOOL - Teacher Work Day |
| April 9 - 11 | Kindergarten Screening |
| April 9 | PTO Meeting @ 5:30 pm in library |
| April 16 & 17 | Grades 3-5 ELA Ohio State testing |
| April 23 & 24 | Grades 3-5 Math Ohio State testing |
| April 30 & May 1 | Grade 5 Science Ohio State testing |
| May 6 - 10 | “Teacher Appreciation Week”
“Right to Read Week” |
| May 10 | Grade 5 D.A.R.E. Graduation & Activities
(1:30-2:30) |
| May 14 | Grade 5-7 Band Concert w/ MS Jazz
Ensemble in HS gym @ 7:00 pm |
| May 17 | Grade 5 Science Day @ the park |
| May 20 | Grades 3-5 PBIS B.A.R.K. Day
(Theme: <i>Kind</i>) |
| May 22 | Grade 4 to Grand Rapids (Canal boat)
Grade 5 to Planetarium |
| May 23 | Grade 5 to Planetarium
Grade 2 to Camp
Kindergarten to Zoo |



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- May 24 3rd Grade to Sauder's Village
 Grade 4 to Grand Rapids (Canal boat)
 Grade 2 to Camp
- May 27 **NO SCHOOL** - Memorial Day
- May 28 KinderStart to the Park
- May 29 Last Day of School - **Early Dismissal @ 2:45**



DES Information

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.

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 2024-2025 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 or visit our school website <https://www.defiancecityschools.org> and download the form.

Guidance Department: The character word for April is **INTEGRITY**. Having the quality of being honest with strong moral principles. We like to talk to our DES students about "doing what's right, even when no one is watching."

3 - 5 Information

Check Us Out on Twitter:

Check us out [@3_5DefianceElem](https://twitter.com/3_5DefianceElem)! Not only do we feature items from Grades 3-5 but also from school-wide activities and PTO events.

Ohio State Spring 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 (see dates in 'Looking Ahead' section). 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



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information check the Ohio Department of Education web page at the following link:
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Upcoming 3-5 PBIS B.A.R.K. Days

- **May 20:** Theme is “Kind,” and all activities will be planned by our 5th grade team.

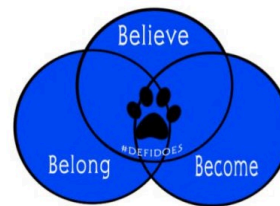
DES Promise

The DES promise, part of PBIS, is recited together each morning. Ask your student what it means to be accountable, respectful and kind at school.

I promise to:

- o BE Accountable,
- o BE Respectful,
- o BE Kind.

BARK like a Bulldog!



**Be
Accountable
Respectful
Kind**

