

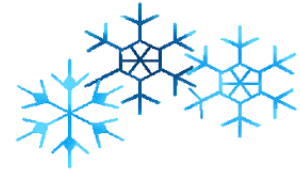
Defiance Elementary School News

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January 2024



Important Upcoming Events

January 1	New Year's Day
January 3	School Resumes; i-Ready Testing Window Opens
January 9	PTO meeting @ 5:30 pm in library
January 12	End of the Quarter
January 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL
January 22	2nd B.A.R.K. Day for Grades 3-5: Theme is Accountable



Looking Ahead

February 12	K-2 Spring Pictures
February 13	3-5 Spring Pictures
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 16	Teacher Inservice - NO SCHOOL
February 19	President's Day – NO SCHOOL



March 1	Kindergarten Registration Begins
March 15	End of the Quarter
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 18	3rd B.A.R.K. Day for Grades 3-5: Theme is Respectful
March 25-29	Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
March 29	Good Friday
March 31	Easter



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DES Information

Winter Weather

Please keep in mind that winter weather has arrived. **Shorts are not appropriate to wear during these cold months.** Most of our children go outside for recess at least twice a day and need to be properly clothed. **A coat is necessary every day.** In the event of snow, all-weather boots are required to play in the wet snow. Children without **snow boots** will remain on the blacktop areas. **Please note, if the wind chill is above 20°F, we have outside recess.** Thank you for your cooperation.

Title I Information

As a parent, you have the right to know about the teaching qualifications of your child's classroom teacher in a school receiving Title I funds. Federal regulations require that any local school district receiving Title I funds must notify parents that they may ask about the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher.

These qualifications include:

1. Whether the teacher has met the Ohio teacher licensing criteria for the grade level and subject areas in which the teacher provides your child instruction.
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or temporary status that waives state licensing requirements.
3. The undergraduate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate degree or certification (such as National Board Certification) held by the teacher and the field of discipline of certification or degree.
4. Whether your child is provided services by instructional paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

If you are interested in this information, please call 419-782-0070 or email Sheri Steyer at ssteyer@defianceschools.net



Guidance News

January's Character Word is **Initiative**. The power or opportunity to act/take charge before others do. Our guidance lessons will also focus on the Leader in Me Habit #5: Seek first to understand, then to be understood.



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3-5 Information

3-5 Twitter (X)

Be sure to check out our Twitter (X) page [@3_DefianceElem](#) to see what we are up to!

3-5 PBIS B.A.R.K. Days

Our 3rd Grade Team has been very busy preparing for our 2nd B.A.R.K. Day which will be on January 22. The theme is **'accountable'** so we will be focusing on how we can be accountable for our future selves. Bryn Lehman and some of the members of the Defiance High School Boys Basketball team will be our guest speakers for the day.

Upcoming 3-5 PBIS B.A.R.K. Days

- **March 18:** Theme is "Respectful" (4th Grade Team will plan.)
- **May 20:** Theme is "Kind" (5th Grade Team will plan.)

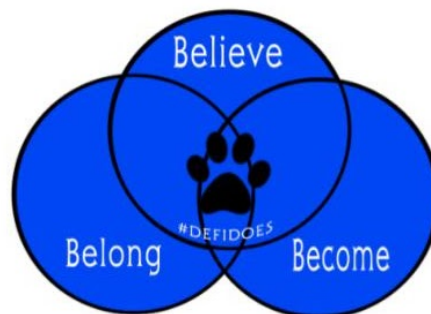
DES Promise

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**

