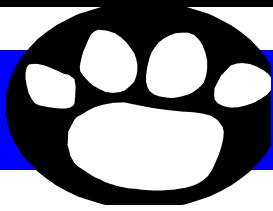


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May 2024

Important Upcoming Events

- April 30 & May 1 Grade 5 **Science** Ohio State testing
- May 6 - 10 “Teacher Appreciation Week”
 “Right to Read Week”
- May 7 Family Literacy Night 5:30-6:30 pm
- May 10 Grade 5 D.A.R.E. Graduation
- 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: *Kind*)
- May 22 Grade 4 (front) to Grand Rapids (Canal boat)
 Grade 5 (back) to Planetarium
- May 23 Grade 5 (front) to Planetarium
 Grade 2 to Camp
 Kindergarten to Zoo
- May 24 Grade 3 to Sauder’s Village
 Grade 4 (back) 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**



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Morning Drop Off: As the weather becomes nicer, we have noticed an increase in the number of students being dropped off before 8:45 a.m. This has been a longstanding policy in our school handbook. It is also noted at each front entrance. No student should be on school grounds before 8:45 a.m. unless they are supervised by their parent or guardian. Our building is time locked and will not be open until that time. Thank you for your cooperation.

Kindergarten Screening: If your child will be five years of age by September 30, 2024, please call the K-2 Office to register for kindergarten for the 2024-25 school year. When you call, we will gather basic information about your son/daughter. In addition, a screening appointment will be made for May 21 or 22.

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 well distributed based on boy/girl ratio, as well as behavior and academic needs of our students. We will follow this same policy for the 2024-2025 school year. If you have a teacher you would like to exempt your child from having, please see the office secretary for a form or visit our elementary school website <https://www.defiancecityschools.org> and download the form. These are due by June 7, 2024.

Family Literacy Night: On Tuesday, May 7 at 5:30 p.m., all Defiance Elementary students and their families are invited to our Family Literacy Night. Join us for games with special guests from the public library, United Way, and DHS student athletes. We will snack on some treats and take part in various fun activities centered around the summer olympics and reading. There will also be drawings for some lucky families to win prizes! Each student will leave with a book. Bring the family and join in the fun!
Reminder: The School Book Fair will be open from 5:30-6:30 on May 7th as well!

Guidance Department: The character word for the month of May is **orderliness**, which means being organized in a neat, careful and logical way. Wonder what those desks and lockers look like?!?!?!?

School Webpage: Please be sure to visit www.defiancecityschools.org and select the elementary school link to remain up to date on school events and activities throughout the summer. You'll also be able to find school supply lists for next year.

Right to Read Week: Our annual Right to Read Week will take place May 6-10. Our theme this year is "Go For The Gold - Read like an Olympian." This year, families are invited to celebrate with us at Family Literacy Night on Tuesday, May 7th from 5:30-6:30 in the DES gym.



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Along with Book Fair, special visitors and events throughout the week, we will celebrate each day accordingly. Check our Right to Read website for more information.
<https://sites.google.com/defianceschools.net/desr2r/home>:

Monday, May 6 - **One Team, One Dream** - Wear bulldog blue.

Tuesday, May 7 - **Party in the USA** - Wear red, white, and blue.

Wednesday, May 8 - **Get in the Game!** - Wear a jersey or shirt from your favorite team/sport.

Thursday, May 9 - **Go for the Gold!** - Wear yellow or gold.

Friday, May 10 - **Flag Day** - Each grade level will wear a color of the Olympic Flag. KS/K- Red, 1st-Black, 2nd-Yellow, 3rd-Green, 4th-Blue, 5th-White

3 - 5 Information

Check Us Out on Twitter:

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

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.

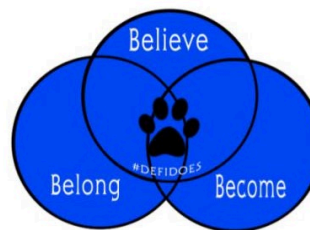
DES Promise

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**

