

Defiance Elementary School News

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December 2020

Important Upcoming Events

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| December 14 | Don We Now Our Plaid Apparel!...Wear Plaid or Flannel |
| December 15 | Going For a Ride in Santa's Sleigh..Wear a warm winter hat! |
| December 16 | Let Us See Your Happy Feet!.. Wear warm and fuzzy socks for a special treat! |
| December 17 | Don't be a Grinch..be Cindy Lou-Who!.. Wear your green with a big smile too!! |
| December 18 | Rudolph's Nose Was So Bright!.. Wear your red to show we are out of sight! |
| December 21 | Nothing Looks Better Than a Fun Christmas Sweater |
| December 22 | It's the Last Day.. We Don't Need Drama! Come to school in warm pajamas! |
| December 23 | Christmas Vacation until January 4, 2021 |

Looking Ahead

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| January 4 | School Resumes |
| January 4 | MAP Testing Window Opens |
| January 8 | End of Nine Weeks |
| January 18 | Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL |



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DES Information

Winter Weather

Please keep in mind that our winter weather has arrived. 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, we have outside recess.** Thank you for your cooperation.

Spirit Days

Staff and students are welcome to participate in Holiday Spirit Days as noted above. This is always a fun time for us and we love seeing the creativity our students exhibit on those days! And it's a great way to kick off our holiday break

Veterans Day Observance

Since we were unable to hold our normal Veterans Day Assembly, DES did the next best thing and provided our students with a website where they could watch some of our traditional events. From Kindergarten to Fifth grade, many students were involved. Songs were recorded. Books were read. Music was played. Thanks to Mrs. Hiltner, Mrs. Blank and Mrs. Wendell for making the day a Virtual Success.

Socktober

At the beginning of October, DES Student Council sent a letter home to each student in grades PK-5 explaining we would be holding a sock drive this year as our fall fundraiser. Students were asked to bring in pairs of unused or unopened socks so we could donate them to those in need within our community. During this month-long fundraiser, Taytum Markins and Ava Sweinhagen took it upon themselves to ask H.E. Rudy Trucking for socks and for monetary donations which were used to buy more socks. By the end of the month, we ended up with more than 3,400 pairs of socks to distribute to the Defiance community! We were overwhelmed with the positive turn out we had for this fundraiser, and are so glad we could share a part of our donations with the Clothes for Kids program!



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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

As you are aware, our Guidance Department has a character word each month for our K-2 students. Teachers try to 'catch' their students using this character word and reward them for their behavior. The character word for December is **Reliable**. Being reliable means a person can be trusted, most likely because they give a consistently good performance or have a high quality character. Are you reliable? The student who demonstrates the character word **best** in their classroom is given the *Tail Waggin' Behavior Award*. This award winner's picture is then posted on the bulletin board outside the café. Habit 4: Think Win-Win is also being introduced this month, as the two tie together.

PTO News

With so many changes happening this year, the PTO was excited to keep the tradition of the 5th grade t-shirt design contest. This year's winner is Addison Roth. All students and staff at DES will be receiving a shirt as a gift from the PTO. We are so thankful for our PTO and can't wait to wear our new shirts.

