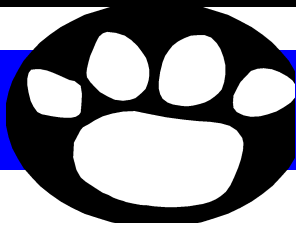


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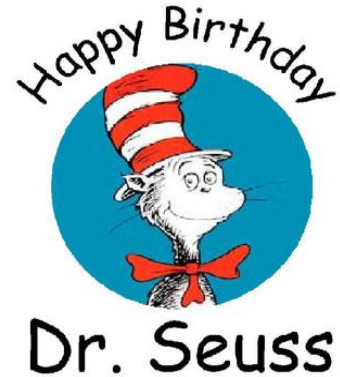
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March 2024

Important Upcoming Events

March 1 – 31	Kindergarten Registration
March 4	Dr. Seuss Readers from UW
March 12	PTO Meeting in Library @ 5:30 pm
March 14	5th Grade Band & Choir / 4th Grade Choir Concert in DES cafe @ 6 pm
March 15	End of the 3rd Quarter
March 18	Grades 3-5 PBIS B.A.R.K. Day (<i>"Respectful"</i>)
March 19	2nd Grade Music Program
March 22	End of the Nine Weeks
March 25 - 29	NO SCHOOL- Spring Break



Looking Ahead

April 8	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Work Day
April 9 - 11	Kindergarten Screening
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



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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.

Solar Eclipse: Our district, following the advice of the Solar Eclipse Task Force of Defiance County, will not be in session on Monday, April 8. Teachers will report for a work day; however, students will not be in attendance.

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 print one from our school website. However, requests will not be accepted.

Guidance Department: The character word for March is *patient*, which means you are able to accept or tolerate delays, problems, or suffering without becoming annoyed or anxious.

K - 2 Information

Kindergarten Registration: If you have a child that will be five years of age on or before September 30, please call the K-2 office during the month of March to register for Kindergarten. Defiance City Schools offers two kindergarten aged programs, KinderStart (early five program) and regular kindergarten. Students must meet the age requirement for both programs.

Our registration will run throughout the month of March with the actual screening taking place April 9-11. Parents with students *currently* enrolled in our KinderStart program will NOT need to register or go through the screening process again. Our KS students will automatically be placed in a regular Kindergarten classroom next school year.

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.



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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 information check the Ohio Department of Education web page at the following link: <http://education.ohio.gov>

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

- **March 18:** Theme is "Respectful"
- **May 20:** Theme is "Kind"

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.



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